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**Integrated implementation of SDGs  
enhanced by AgBF participation in  
policy-making.**

**Bragdon, Susan | International Institute for Sustainable Development**

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**Funding sought**  
**Project start/end**

**£9,625.00**  
**2 Jul 2018 - 3 Sep 2018**

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## 1. Contact Details

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### Q1. Lead applicant contact details

Please enter the contact details for the lead applicant. The lead applicant is the same as the Flexi-Grant account holder. Please note that the Flexi-Grant account holder will be the only contact point for the application.

Ms Susan Bragdon

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Primary Applicant

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### Q2. Lead organisation contact details

Please enter the applicant organisation details

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Please add any 'Committee Feedback' to the field below:

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Please add any 'Specific Ineligibility' feedback to the field below:

**Please add any 'Conditions' to the field below:**

**Please add any 'Positive Feedback' to the field below:**

## 2. Title & Location

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### Q3. Working title of the proposed Darwin project

Integrated implementation of SDGs enhanced by AgBF participation in policy-making.

### Q4a. Host country (of proposed Scoping trip)

Bolivia

### Q4b. Other collaborating country/ies

Nepal

### Q5. Is this a resubmission of a previous scoping application?

No

### 3. Scoping Principals & Lead Organisation Summary

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#### Q6. Principals in Scoping work i.e. the travellers

Please give the details of the individuals (up to 2) from the lead organisation who would be directly involved in the Scoping work - i.e. making a visit to a host country. One page CVs must be provided.

Details	Main traveller	Second traveller
Surname	Bragdon	Ruiz
Forename(s)	Susan	Manuel
Post held	Senior Advisor	Senior Advisor and Researcher
Department	Resilience/Knowledge	biodiversity
Telephone/Skype		
Email		
Country travelling from	United States	Costa Rica
Please attach the traveller's CV		

#### Q7a. About the lead applicant organisation

Briefly discuss your expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development. Please refer to recent track record you have in this field. You may be asked to provide evidence of this track record.

The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) is an independent think tank with a mission is to promote human development and environmental

sustainability. Susan Bragdon, the lead applicant and Senior Adviser to IISD, is a biological diversity specialist and has worked for Secretariat of the CBD and Bioversity International during which time she provided legal and technical advice to the negotiations for the ITPGRFA. For the last four years Susan developed and directed a new program area at QUNO on food and sustainability with a focus on increasing policy coherence amongst UN agencies and treaties of relevance to agricultural biological diversity. The entry point for that work was to raise awareness and build capacity of small-scale farming organizations in influencing policy making at all levels, in particular as it relates to biological diversity. Susan's expertise brings together aspects of IISD's resilience and knowledge work programmes. The lead applicant is also working closely with SPDA (Peruvian Society for Environmental Law) in developing the project proposal because of its extensive experience with biodiversity projects nationally and globally. ITPGRFA Secretariat has been consulted in the process of developing this proposal. The UN DESA Secretariat supports this proposal.

**Q7b. Would you like to include a letter of support from the lead applicant?**

Yes

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## 5. Project Partners

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### Q8. About the partner organisation(s)

Please list all the partners involved and explain their roles and responsibilities in the Scoping work. Briefly discuss your partner's expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development. Please refer to recent track record they have in this field. You may be asked to provide evidence of this track record. If there is more than 1 partner organisation, you can enter the details of more partners below. Please specify which of the partners is new to the partnership.

<b>1. Partner Name:</b>	Fundación Amigos de la Naturaleza (FAN)
<b>Website address:</b>	www.fan-bo.org
<b>Details of anticipated roles and responsibilities:</b>	Implementation of project activities at the national level, engaging and articulating actions with the government and farmers.
<b>Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development:</b>	FAN has extensive work over 25 years working on conservation of biodiversity and sustainable use projects throughout Bolivia: in its Andean, and Andean-Amazon regions. Their expertise includes working with small farmers and productive processes in developing scientific information to influence decision making, building capacities of farmers in sustainable management of agroecosystems and forests, development of indigenous peoples capacities to generate sustainable incomes from forest ecosystems, etc. FAN also has a tradition of working with government agencies at the local and national levels.
<b>Name of main contact point and post held:</b>	Verónica Ibernagaray, Director
<b>Would you like to include a letter of support from this organisation?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes

<b>Letter of Support:</b>	<p><b>The limit for any single file uploaded as supporting materials with your application is 6MB. Please ensure documents are saved in PDF form where possible in order to minimise size.</b></p>
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**Do you have more than one partner involved in the Scoping work?**

Yes

<b>2. Partner Name:</b>	USC-Nepal
<b>Website address:</b>	www.usc.org
<b>Details of anticipated roles and responsibilities:</b>	Implementation of project activities at the national level, engaging and articulating actions with the government and farmers.



<p><b>Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development:</b></p>	<p>USC has been active in Nepal since 1977, creating three local non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Today, USC in Nepal continues to work with local partners in the poor, remote, rural areas in Nepal. In total, more than 10,000 people are participating in the USC Seeds of Survival partnership in Nepal with another 5,000 households indirectly benefiting from the program. Through a dynamic collaboration between agrarian communities, indigenous peoples, scientists and policy makers, USC aims to rebuild and fortify seed saving and ecological farming traditions that work with nature and strengthen crucial crop genetic diversity.</p> <p>USC Nepal partners to support sustainable agricultural practices through organic farming, soil and watershed management, and biodiversity. The program also promotes the organization of farmers' groups and cooperatives to enhance farmers' livelihoods, as well as farmer-to-farmer exchanges. All programming in Nepal is geared towards the long-term enhancement of food security and food sovereignty, with a focus on seed supply and diversity of plant genetic resources. In addition to working with scientists, small-scale farmers, and indigenous peoples, USC Nepal has a history of working with government officials from the local to national level.</p>
<p><b>Name of main contact point and post held:</b></p>	<p>Pratap Shrestha  Program Specialist, Seed Systems and Plant Genetic Resources  PO Box 322, Pokhara, Kaski, Nepal  Tel: +977-61-539941</p>
<p><b>Would you like to include a letter of support from this organisation?</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p>
<p><b>Letter of Support:</b></p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 50px;"></div>

<b>3. Partner Name:</b>	Peruvian Society for Environmental Law
<b>Website address:</b>	www.spda.org
<b>Details of anticipated roles and responsibilities:</b>	Will support coordination in Bolivia, provide communication support and technical expertise.
<b>Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development:</b>	SPDA has extensive experience with biodiversity projects nationally and globally.
<b>Name of main contact point and post held:</b>	Manuel Ruiz, Senior Advisor and Researcher 506 8665 4776 mruiz@spda.org.pe
<b>Would you like to include a letter of support from this organisation?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Letter of Support:</b>	

<b>4. Partner Name:</b>	
<b>Website address:</b>	
<b>Details of anticipated roles and responsibilities:</b>	
<b>Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development:</b>	
<b>Name of main contact point and post held:</b>	
<b>Would you like to include a letter of support from this organisation?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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<b>5. Partner Name:</b>	
<b>Website address:</b>	
<b>Details of anticipated roles and responsibilities:</b>	
<b>Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development:</b>	
<b>Name of main contact point and post held:</b>	
<b>Would you like to include a letter of support from this organisation?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

<b>6. Partner Name:</b>	
<b>Website address:</b>	
<b>Details of anticipated roles and responsibilities:</b>	
<b>Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development:</b>	
<b>Name of main contact point and post held:</b>	
<b>Would you like to include a letter of support from this organisation?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

**Q9. Can you confirm that none of the partners (excluding the lead applicant) have led a Darwin Initiative Main Project before?**

Yes

## 6. Justification & Concept Notes

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### Q10. Justification of need for a Scoping Award

**Please provide written details of why alternative funding is not available from within your own organisation or from other sources. Will matched funding be provided?**

A Darwin project proposal submitted in September 2017 by QUNO in partnership with SPDA was rejected but with positive feedback and advice from the Darwin Expert Committee. The application was found to be: "of good quality, and with some alterations could have the potential to go further in future rounds of the Darwin Initiative."

Found needing improvement was more grounding in the national situations and better development of the partnerships needed with government. Both FAN and USC-Nepal have strong links to government and have been in contact and received positive feedback from their government contacts on this scoping proposal.

IISD has stepped in as the lead organization though the lead applicant remains the same. (QUNO is in the process of reviewing its work in this area and its future direction is unclear at present.) The scoping proposal would allow the lead investigators to travel to Nepal and to Bolivia to do a situational assessment and preliminary planning government officials. As a two-country project aiming to generate shared lessons, the proposal is to hold a workshop in Bolivia with a representative of the government in Nepal and government representatives in Bolivia together with FAN, USC Nepal and Susan Bragdon from IISD, Manuel Ruiz from SPDA. The output would be a robust work programme and log-frame that is grounded in the reality on the ground. We recognize this is not the typical travel plan. Eilidh Young indicated it was okay to proceed indicating why it was the preferred methodology and within budget.

### Q11. Concept note for the Scoping Award

**This question concentrates on the scoping study work and should demonstrate the objectives of the Award including:**

- objectives of the visit
  - what work (including research, remote communications or other collaborations) has been carried out prior to applying for this Award
  - what work will be carried out under the Award – please see the guidance for advice on what type of activity can be funded
  - evidence of the proposed partners' intentions to collaborate in your Scoping work
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- Objectives: Strengthen the relations between FAN, USC Nepal, IISD, SPDA and government officials, assess the national situations and develop the key elements and components of an improved Darwin proposal for submission in the fall of 2018.
  - Prior work: Partners (IISD, USC Nepal, FAN, SPDA) have been in continued contact through Skype, phone calls and e-mail to coordinate details and the main thrust of the

proposal. FAN and USC Nepal have reached out and identified government officials to participate in the development of the proposal and if successful the proposed project's implementation. While the individual from the Government of Nepal who would travel to Bolivia for the workshop should this proposal be successful cannot be submitted prior to a successful application, the Ministry and post of the person has been agreed upon with USC Nepal and the Government.

- Type of work to be undertaken:

- o Review of the prior proposal and to comments/suggestions made by Darwin for improvement.

- o Visits to Bolivia and Nepal for to undertake a rapid assessment of national contexts and identification of key national actors, in particular government actors, and undertake strategic planning based on national realities;

- o A 2-3 day workshop in Bolivia with FAN, USC Nepal and government officials from Bolivia and one from Nepal to develop a shared methodology and log-frame for the full project proposal.

- Evidence of commitment by partners: IISD, SPDA, FAN and USC Nepal have provided letters of support for this scoping proposal and for the main ideas behind the original project proposal. They have re confirmed their interest in the project and in participating in the Scoping Award in recent dates through e-mail.

## **Q12. Concept note for the resultant project**

**This question concentrates on the full Darwin application you intend to submit after the Scoping Award and should discuss:**

- the expected outcome and outputs of the resultant Darwin project
- how the resultant Darwin project would meet a need in the host country (and the wider region if applicable e.g. if the proposed project would be based in a UMIC)
- how the project would contribute to any or all of the following Conventions: the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD); the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS); the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA); the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- how the project will contribute to sustainable development in the country concerned
- briefly what the proposed partner's/s' expected role in the resultant Darwin project will be
- briefly the expected role of the Scoping travellers in the resultant Darwin project.

Expected outcome: Revised, new, better integrated policies supporting small-scale farmers working with agrobiodiversity (AgBF), reflecting essential role of both to livelihoods, health, climate resilience, as consequence of informed participation of AgBF, particularly women, in decision-making.

Outputs: 1) An "AgBF participation methodology" established to facilitate the participation and engagement of AgBF, and women in particular, in national policy making processes, raising awareness in Nepal and Bolivia; 2) Selected AgBF trained in policy and informed participation in national processes regarding institutional and legal connections between agricultural biodiversity to dietary diversity, health, climate

resilience and their key contribution to SDGs; 3) Policy tool developed for national and inter-governmental policy makers raising awareness critical interlinkages amongst AgBF and agricultural biodiversity and food and nutrition security, direct health benefits, rural livelihoods poverty alleviation, employment, climate resilience and connection to specific SDG targets and indicators.

Meeting needs in host countries: While Nepal's agriculture boasts immense genetic diversity and farmer knowledge, years of introduced farming practices coupled with the steep fragile land of the mountain and hill areas have left these areas vulnerable to land degradation, deforestation and erosion. Once self-sufficient in food production, Nepal has become increasingly dependent on imports to meet food demands, making it exceedingly vulnerable to price shocks.

Bolivia faces the deterioration and fragmentation of traditional lands, changing climatic patterns and soil depletion on steep mountain hillsides. The majority of Bolivia's rural women have little access to training or credit, and seasonal out-migration puts a strain on women and their households. As well, limited rural infrastructure and hard-to-access services contribute to rural poverty, food insecurity and social exclusion for many in Bolivia's high mountain dwellers

The project aims to provide the necessary foundation to change the situation by bringing aAgBf into the awareness of the public and policy makers. AgBF need skills in political literacy and the resources and ability to participate in policy-making. Alongside this, policy-makers need the tools to identify and engage with AgBF.

Contribution to other international agreements: The project contributes to implementation of ITPGRFA (particularly Articles 6 and 9), CBD Aichi Targets, the SDGs and to policy coherence as required by Agenda 2030 and SDG 17.14, using small-scale farmers and agrobiodiversity as living links connecting the SDGs.

Contribution to sustainable development in countries: AgBF are essential to food and nutrition security, climate resilience, rural livelihoods, the provision critical ecosystem services, yet these communities and resources are being displaced and eroded. In addition, these communities are often poor and food-insecure themselves even as they conserve and manage resources that are in the global public interest. Rebuilding and fortify seed saving and ecological farming traditions that work with nature and strengthen crucial crop genetic diversity, supporting decent rural livelihoods, must start by raising awareness, and bringing AgBF and policy-makers together to create effective and supportive policies.

Partners role in main project: FAN and USC Nepal will be responsible for the main national activities.

Role of scoping travellers: Scoping travellers will be involved in coordination and substantive activities in the main project.

## 7. Costs

### Q13. Costs

Provide a detailed breakdown of costs to be funded by the Darwin Initiative in GBP.

	Main traveller	Second traveller	Total
Airfare including travel to airport			3,810.00
Visas and other travel documents			50.00
Total daily subsistence claimed (please provide details below)			21.00 2,226
Workshop costs (please provide details below)			£5,644.00
Other costs (please provide details below)			£100.00
		<b>Total request from Darwin (must not exceed £10,000)</b>	9,625.00 11,830

### Additional details to support the figures above

	Main traveller	Second traveller
Daily subsistence rate per day	£106.00	£106.00
Number of days subsistence claimed (max 30 days per traveller)	11	10

### Workshop costs

Please provide further details on your workshops costs.

FAN will provide space and interpretation at their expense. As noted in section Q10,



our proposal is slightly different because it involves a workshop where two participants from Nepal, one from IISD, join the SPDA, FAN and Bolivian government representatives in Santa Cruz for a two to three-day workshop. The cost of travel for the Nepalese participants is 3500. DSA for non-local participants for the workshop is 1584. Lunches and local transportation for the workshop: 560

### **Other costs**

**Please provide further details on your other costs.**

There may be a 100 pounds in communications and material costs. The organizations involved are donating staff time and administrative costs (overhead).

## 8. Timetable & Activities

### Q14. Activities and timings

Please complete the Scoping Award Timetable to include your anticipated dates of travel (start and finish) and activities to be undertaken on your trip. **N.B.:** this question is specifically about your travel plans – your dates and specific milestones during travel – NOT your timetable to Stage 1 application. Your application will be considered ineligible if this section does not specifically cover your planned scoping trip.

Date	Milestone
02/07/2018	<b>START</b>
16/07/2018	Bragdon from IISD with Shrestha: Identification of key partners and establish schedule of meetings
23/07/2018	IISD/USC Nepal: Rapid assessment of national situation in Nepal in partnership with USC Nepal, government officials and farmers' organizations
02/07/2018	Preliminary work programme following goals of original Darwin grant proposal grounded now in reality of Nepal and with new and strengthened partnership with government.
23/07/2018	Ruiz SPDA with Ibernagaray from FAN: Identification of key partners and establish schedule of meetings
30/07/2018	Rapid assessment of national situation in Bolivia in partnership with FAN, government officials and farmers' organizations

13/08/2018	Preliminary work programme following goals of original Darwin grant proposal grounded now in reality of Bolivia and with new and strengthened partnership with government.
03/09/2018	Workshop in Bolivia and development of Darwin proposal and log-frame.
	FINISH Submit project proposal
03/09/2018	<b>FINISH</b>

**Q15. In what year would you expect to submit the full Darwin project application?**

Round 25

## 9. Certification

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### Q16. Certification

On behalf of the

company

of

IISD

I apply for a grant of

£9,624.00

in respect of all expenditure to be incurred during the lifetime of this project based on the activities and dates specified in the above application.

I certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the statements made by us in this application are true and the information provided is correct. I am aware that this application form will form the basis of the scoping schedule should this application be successful.

*(This form should be signed by an individual authorised by the applicant institution to submit applications and sign contracts on their behalf.)*

- I have uploaded CVs for project principals
- I have uploaded letters of support from the lead application organisation and the partner(s)



<b>Name</b>	Susan Bragdon
<b>Position in the organisation</b>	Senior Advisor
<b>Signature (please upload e-signature)</b>	

<b>Date</b>	01/02/2018
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**If this section is incomplete the entire application will be rejected.**

## 10. Submission Checklist

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### Checklist for submission

	Check
Have you provided anticipated start and end dates for your Scoping trip?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has your application been signed by a suitably authorised individual?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you read the Guidance documents for both <u>Main projects</u> and <u>Scoping awards</u> , and are you satisfied that your concept would be eligible for a main project application?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you read the current <u>Terms and Conditions</u> for this fund and can you confirm you are willing to be bound by these if your application is successful?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you uploaded 1 page CVs and letters of support as required?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you checked the <u>Darwin website</u> immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>