

Nature-Based Ecosystem Partner Search



Terms and Conditions

CGI is running a second annual search for UK ecosystem partners with digital technology solutions that address biodiversity loss and help to achieve net-zero. The successful partners will join our growing nature-based ecosystem. Read more about [CGI's sustainability programmes](#) and our digital capabilities that support [nature-based solutions](#).

PLEASE read the following information carefully. Non-compliant proposals may be rejected.

CGI will notify organisations whose proposals are shortlisted by Friday 9 September 2022. If you have not heard from CGI by 9 September 2022, your proposal has not been shortlisted.

CGI will inform the shortlisted organisations whether or not CGI wishes to take forward their shortlisted proposal by or on 30 September 2022.

We thank you for your interest in CGI's Nature-Based Digital Tech Ecosystem programme, and look forward to reading your proposals.

Selection Process:

- Organisations are invited to submit an application via CGI's website from Monday 4 July 2022 – Wednesday 7 September 2022 to be considered as a potential business partner in CGI's Nature-based ecosystem partner search. Apply here <https://www.cgi.com/uk/article/sustainability/nature-based-ecosystem-partner-search-2022>
- CGI will review submissions, shortlist and invite potential partner organisations to pitch during an event in Leeds on 21 September 2022, alongside the Leeds Digital Festival. The pitch sessions will be either in person or through supporting virtual technology, as required.
- Invitations and details of pitch requirements will be sent to the shortlisted organisations by Friday 9 September.
- Selected organisations will be notified by/on Friday 30 September 2022 and invited to participate in CGI's COP27 London-based expo day, outlined below.

1. To be considered, organisations must:
 - a. submit applications in one or more categories of: **Sea, Earth and Sky**
 - b. at the time of applying and at the time and for the duration of 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27) be an SME, according to the UK government definition
 - c. for at least the period referred to in b. above be an organisation registered with the UK relevant authorities and have its registered office in the UK
 - d. demonstrate its business plan and outcomes focus
 - e. be able to demonstrate a positive financial track record and financial viability through e.g. annual reports and/or forward projections

- f. demonstrate its commitment to ethical conduct (including but not limited to modern slavery, prompt payment of suppliers, bribery and corruption)
- 2 CGI will apply criteria (including the criteria in section 2.1 below) to consider and determine: i) which organisations will be shortlisted and invited to pitch to CGI in Leeds on 21 September 2022 and ii) from those who attend on 21 September 2022, which organisations (up to four) to invite to participate in CGI's client and member COP27 London-based expo, which will take place on Tuesday 8 November to coincide with COP27.
 - 2.1 Criteria (other factors and criteria may also be considered by CGI in making its selections)
 - a. joint proposition development opportunity
 - b. market opportunity for joint proposition
 - c. market focus and applicability of joint proposition to an appropriate market
 - d. financial viability of partner organisation
 - e. cultural fit of partner organisation and CGI
 - f. demonstrates commitment to being a responsible business, including diversity, equality and inclusion and environmental (DE&I) and environmental, social and governance (ESG) aims
 - 3 From the attendees at the event in Leeds on 21 September, CGI will select *up to* four partner organisations who will receive:
 - a. An invitation to join CGI's one day client and member COP27 London-based expo, which will take place on Tuesday 8 November to coincide with COP27.
 - 4 Each organisation shall bear its own costs in preparing for and participating in the selection process and the initiative/program. Except where CGI specifically agrees in writing to cover costs and expenses, CGI is not responsible for any costs whatsoever for applying or participating in the Nature-based ecosystem partner search programme
 - 5 Each organisation shall confirm that no CGI director, employee, customer, supplier or agent has or has had any financial interest in the organisation or any of its affiliated organisations or businesses, or any personal connection with any of their directors, partners, employees, customers, suppliers or agents
 - 6 CGI expects that participation in the CGI Nature-based ecosystem partner search programme, will provide an exciting and valuable experience for the selected organisations. However, CGI is unable to guarantee that participation in the program or attendance at the expo during COP27 shall lead to any specific opportunities or results for participating organisations
 - 7 If an organisation submits a proposal which is selected for a project or business opportunity with CGI and/or one of its clients, the organisation will be required to agree and execute appropriate commercial terms and conditions with CGI and/or its client
 - 8 CGI reserves the right (without incurring any liability of any kind to any organisation or person) to alter, suspend, or withdraw the Nature-based ecosystem partner search programme (including amending the process or criteria set out above) or to alter, suspend or terminate the application or participation of an organisation or organisations in the program. CGI will notify applicants and participants promptly in the event of such a decision, but shall not be required to give reasons
 - 9 CGI's decision is final