



Terms of Reference

AFF – FLEGT expert

Consultancy no. 01-411. Facilitate the development of capacity for good forest governance, law enforcement and trade - FLEGT - **(one expert for continental Africa).**

Background

The African Forest Forum (AFF) is a pan-African non-governmental organization with its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. It is an association of individuals who share the quest for and commitment to the sustainable management, use and conservation of the forest and tree resources of Africa for the socio-economic wellbeing of its peoples and for the stability and improvement of its environment.

The purpose of AFF is to provide a platform and create an enabling environment for independent and objective analysis, advocacy and advice on relevant policy and technical issues pertaining to achieving sustainable management, use and conservation of Africa's forest and tree resources as part of efforts to reduce poverty and promote economic and social development.

The African Forest Forum has secured funding from the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) to implement a project entitled "Strengthening Sustainable Forest Management in Africa" that seeks to generate and share knowledge and information through partnerships in ways that provide inputs into policy options and capacity building for improved forest management that better address poverty eradication and environmental protection in Africa.

The project has the following six **specific objectives** that have been identified as covering the highest priority areas to be delivered by this project:

1. To facilitate the emergence of a strong partnership platform through which stakeholders identify challenges related to sustainable management of forest and tree resources and co-create solutions.
2. To facilitate the collation, synthesis, provision of access to, exchange and management of critical information and knowledge demanded by stakeholders in African forestry for forestry compatible development.
3. To catalyse efforts to enhance equitable and sustainable management practices that have potential to improve resilience of forests and trees to adverse effects of climate change, and upscale promising approaches that support livelihoods.

4. To facilitate the formulation and harmonization of evidence-based policies, regulations and governance mechanisms to strengthen public and private institutions to effectively support SFM and transparent trade.
5. To enhance capacity of institutions and individuals – including farmers (all minority and gender groups) and farmer organizations, and other private sector actors, professional organisations, and public sector organizations - to achieve forest compatible development.
6. To strengthen participation in regional and international debates and negotiations related to forestry and enhance informed country adoption and implementation of international and regional forest and related agreements.

For its annual work plan in 2014, AFF plans to conduct study to identify the key elements of the forest law and governance system, highlight opportunities to harmonize policies for forest trade across all the regions. The activity aims at facilitating the collation, synthesis and provision of access to critical information and knowledge demanded by stakeholders in African forestry as well as create space for ongoing exchange to support decision making for enhancing sustainable management of forest.

These studies will be conducted in selected countries based on forest types (Forest types covered: Sahel-parklands, woodlands, and savannah, dry forests, moist forests).

The African Forest Forum is recruiting an expert to undertake this study.

Purpose of the work

To facilitate improved law enforcement in forestry, promote good forest governance and fair trade in forest products and services;

To enhance capacity of those institutions and individuals including farmers and farmers organizations, private sector, professional associations, and public sector organizations at local, national and regional level in order to enhance suitable forest managements.

Specific tasks

- Identify the key opportunities and challenges in FLEGT at national, regional and global level
- Identify and document market failures in forest trade and recommend interventions based on analysis of best practices
- Assess and analyze best practices and suggest structural and institutional arrangements required for enhancing legality of trade in forest products, tax compliance and improved transparency of the governance system;
- Identify gaps in earlier baseline studies on FLEGT, professional associations, etc., in SSA as well as on work done by RECs
- Identify achievements, opportunities from earlier work, as well as issues identified by the RECs themselves in order to build on these efforts
- Facilitate the development of capacity for good forest governance, law enforcement and trade (FLEGT)
- Facilitate the development of market information systems (MIS) to promote regional

and international trade in forest products and services

- Assess the domestication and implementation of international agreements in selected countries
- Draft a 4-year plan of work for collaborative activities between AFF and the RECs and Sahelian countries
- Prepare a technical report of about 40 pages;
- Draft a policy brief, a fact sheet and a journal article, all to be finalised together with the staff at Secretariat who will get involved in this.

Minimum qualifications and skills

- Be an expert with proven knowledge and experience in natural resources management in Africa;
- Have broad knowledge and experience in forest governance, forest product trade, and forest governance strategies for sustainable development
- Experience with FLEGT programmes in Africa will be a plus
- Have good writing skills and have at least written a book chapter and published peer reviewed journal papers;
- Have at least a Master's degree in natural resources management, forestry, agricultural economics, environment management or any related area;
- A PhD will be an added advantage;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English. Working knowledge of French will be an added advantage.

Expected Scope and Duration of Assignment

The tasks in this TOR are estimated to be the equivalent to 1 (one) person-month of work load, commencing on 15 July, 2014 and spread over a period of three months. The consultant can work from his/her location but in close consultation with AFF and according to agreed delivery schedule.

How to apply

Please email, quoting the consultancy number, and a proposal containing:

- Cover letter (stating how the above qualification and experience requirement are met),
- Key results area and corresponding specific activities
- Data matrix listing the information needs plotted against data source
- Draft work plan (clear deliverables plotted against work weeks for each key results)
- Annex tentative table of contents with corresponding number of pages

- Annex an updated CV

with the subject line: "Consultancy no: 01-411: AFF – FLEGT Expert" to:

All submissions should be made electronically to j.yila@cgiar.org and y.yemshaw@cgiar.org with copy to m.larwanou@cgiar.org and g.kowero@cgiar.org

Application deadline is **July 14, 2014**. Only successful applicants will be contacted. The experts will be selected based on their relevant experience and demonstrated capability.