



Terms of Reference

AFF – Green economy and LULUCF expert

Consultancy no.01-212. Identify the key elements of the forest sector that have potential to contribute to green economy and develop their pathways in green economic development as well as identify information gaps in Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) in relation to livelihoods and facilitate actions to address them (**two experts, one each for Anglophone and Francophone 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 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 studies to identify the key elements of the forest sector that have potential to contribute to green economy and develop their pathways in green economic development as well as information gaps in Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) in relation to livelihoods and facilitate actions to address them. These studies will be conducted in selected African countries based on forest types (Forest types covered: Sahel-parklands, woodlands, and savannah, dry forests, moist forests). The African Forest Forum is recruiting two experts (one each for Anglophone and Francophone Africa) to undertake these studies.

Purpose of the work

To analyse and identify key elements within the forest sector that contribute to green economy and LULUCF that leaves little negative impacts on the ecological and social systems.

Specific tasks

- Assess the extent and the different pathways of forest contribution to green economy;
- Determine the needed change in forest management to optimise forest contribution to green economy;
- Propose enabling conditions and regulatory framework that will facilitate forest sector role in the green economy;
- Identify information gaps in Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) in relation to livelihoods and facilitate actions to address them
- Identify and facilitate development and sharing of models/approaches for livelihood support in different forest ecosystems
- Assess the potential and conditions for synergies and conflicts related to mitigation and adaptation issues in LULUCF
- Assess the relationship within a wide range of issues of mitigation and adaptation options in relation LULUCF;
- Assess the present and potential for an integrated system strategies for green

economy and LULUCF practices in the different eco-regions(forest type covered: sahel parklands; woodlands and savannah, dry forests and moist forests

- 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 climate change, forest economics, green economy, LULUCF, sustainable development practices and forest management;
- 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: 01-212: AFF – Green economy and LULUCF Specialist" 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.