



## **RECRUITMENT OF AN EXPERT**

### **FOR**

#### **A study to develop an approach on African capacity to monitor and report on compliance to international processes related to forests and climate change**

#### **Background**

The African Forestry 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 Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) to implement of a project of the tittle "Africa forests, people and climate change" that seeks to further develop the forest/climate change nexus considered key for Africa's future development. The project is part of an emerging Climate Change Programme for AFF (AFF-CCP).

The purpose of the AFF-CCP is to better understand how forests and trees, and the people who depend on them in the various African landscapes, respond to climate change and variability. The AFF-CCP focuses on three working areas (i) Policy and advocacy; (ii) Capacity building and skills development; and (iii) Learning, knowledge generation and information management. Three specific objectives have been formulated for these working areas, and are to:

- (1) Foster awareness on forests and climate change issues and promote appropriate changes in policies and practices. (Working area 1);
- (2) Build and improve capacity to address forest related climate change issues.

(Working area 2);

(3) Ensure that production, adaptation, mitigation and policy processes involving forests and trees are backed by sound information (Working area 3).

The emphasis of the programme is on the development of the forest/climate change nexus in semi-arid areas (Sahel belt), the woodlands of West, East and Southern Africa and moist forests in Central and West Africa. As an overall strategy, the three working areas of policy and advocacy, capacity building and skills development and learning and knowledge management are closely interlinked. Transversal themes, in particular the topic of gender, are integrated throughout the three working areas. AFF has a specific gender policy that favors the participation of women, youth, and disadvantaged groups and individuals both within its structure and in the project implementation.

For its annual work plan in 2013, AFF plans to develop and test an approach to monitor and report on compliance by various actors in African forestry to international agreements on climate change and other related agreements. This will be conducted in selected African countries. The African Forest Forum is recruiting **one** expert to undertake this task.

### **Purpose of the work**

To develop and test an approach to monitor and report on compliance by various actors in African forestry to international agreements on climate change, as well as related protocols, conventions and other instruments.

### **Specific tasks for the expert**

1. Develop an approach to monitor and report on compliance by various actors in African forestry to international climate change agreements, and related protocols, conventions and other instruments. The approach should answer at least the following questions:
  - What new things have these agreements, protocols, conventions and other instruments brought to existing forestry and related policies and plans (i.e., value added to existing policies and plans)?
  - How are these new things perceived, and by whom, and are being incorporated in current forestry and related policies and plans?
  - Who are implementing the new things in these international arrangements?
  - How is the coordination in the implementation of these agreements, protocols, conventions and other instruments done in the countries?
  - What are other experiences in working with these agreements, protocols, conventions and other instruments being implemented in the countries, including opportunities they raise (e.g. in reducing forest cover loss, employment, incomes, additional resources to sectors that adopt them, etc.), as well as problems/constraints experienced ?

- How are conflicts between the existing policies and plans on one hand, and new requirements by these international arrangements (conventions, agreements, etc.) handled?
- 2. Analyse the responses and draw conclusions and recommendations on the findings;
- 3. Prepare a 30-40 page report on the study.
- 4. Draft one policy brief and one fact sheet together with the staff at Secretariat who will get involved in this task.

**The incumbent should select 2 to 3 countries in each of the following regions for the study: West Africa and the Sahel belt, Central Africa, Eastern Africa and Southern Africa.**

#### **Minimum qualifications and skills**

- Be a scientist or forest manager with proven knowledge and experience in forestry in Africa;
- Have considerable experience or knowledge in forest policy as well as on climate change and forest governance;
- Be very familiar with multi-lateral environmental agreements, and more specifically those related to forestry and climate change.
- Have good writing skills and have at least written a book chapter and published peer reviewed journal papers;
- Have a masters' degree in any of the following fields: forestry, natural resources, rural development, environmental studies or any related area;
- A PhD degree will be an added advantage;
- Working knowledge of English and French is desirable.

#### **Submission of an expression of interest**

Interested candidates are requested to submit:

- (a) an expression of interest, stating their relevant experience and capacity to undertake this task;
- (b) a methodology to carry out the task including a table of contents of the report.

*The curriculum vitae* of the person (s) who will carry out the work should be attached.

All submissions should be made electronically to [m.larwanou@cgiar.org](mailto:m.larwanou@cgiar.org) and copied to [g.kowero@cgiar.org](mailto:g.kowero@cgiar.org).

***Deadline for receiving applications is July 21, 2013. Only the selected expert will be informed of the outcome of this process.***

**Selection criteria**

The expert will be selected based on the relevant experience and demonstrated capability.

**Duration**

The work is expected to be carried out in two months spread over a period of four months.