

ICA to support the articulation of the UN-REDD Programme Governance Scope of Work

Location : Home-based with travel to New York, as necessary

Vacancy Type : External Vacancy

Type of Contract : ICA

Languages Required : English

Starting Date : ASAP

Duration of Initial Contract : 55 days to March 31, 2010.

Background:

The forestry sector, mainly through deforestation and forest degradation, accounts for about 17% of global greenhouse gas emissions, larger than the entire global transport sector. Tropical developing countries, home to much of the world's forests, cannot currently benefit under the Kyoto Protocol for most actions to reduce emissions from deforestation or forest degradation. The need to address these challenges by establishing an international REDD finance mechanism as part of a post-2012 global climate change framework is reflected in the Bali Action Plan and UNFCCC COP13 Decision 2/CP.13.

In response to this decision and requests from countries and donors, FAO, UNDP, and UNEP developed the UN Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD Programme). The UN-REDD Programme consists of two sets of activities: i) Country actions which will assist developing countries prepare and implement national REDD strategies and mechanisms; ii) International support functions which will enable the development of normative solutions and standardized approaches based on sound science for a REDD instrument linked with the UNFCCC¹.

'International support functions' are underway to support country actions and provide the international community with confidence and understanding of the technical and social aspects of a post-2012 REDD mechanism. One of the major components of this work are to develop an improved analytical and technical framework to address the governance and livelihood issues associated with REDD. In preparation to undertake this body of work, UNDP has articulated a [Governance Scope of Work](#) and proposed to facilitate country-led governance assessments for REDD and offer associated support services.

UNDP is seeking an expert consultant to help advance its work to develop a governance framework to assist countries participating in readiness activities to strengthen their approach to REDD.

The consultant, with input and guidance from UN-REDD Programme staff, will be expected to:

- Map and assess overall good governance and forest governance indicators for application to REDD, with consideration of the governance 'thresholds' indicated in the phased approach to REDD readiness, including:
 - World Resources Institute [Governance of Forests Initiative](#) and draft indicator framework
 - The [Forest Dialogue](#) on REDD Finance Mechanism
 - The [REDD-OAR Report](#)

¹ See www.un-redd.net

- From this assessment, recommend a set of draft 'governance for REDD' indicators to measure a countries readiness to participate in a performance-based REDD mechanism
- Match the recommended 'governance for REDD' indicators with [UNDP's approach to governance self-assessments](#) so that countries participating in the UN-REDD Programme can benefit from technical assistance and self-assessment tools tailored to assist them to measure their progress against the phases of REDD as articulated through the negotiations.
- Assess the governance implications of ongoing 'Quick Start' activities in UN-REDD Programme pilot countries and identify issues that will need to be addressed for these countries to be in line with governance requirements for Phase 1 of readiness.
- Propose set of Readiness phase 2 governance actions to be offered by the UN-REDD Programme, building on the current concept note (attached).

Outputs:

The Consultant will be asked to produce:

- 1) Draft proposal for Phase 2 readiness actions to support governance dimensions of REDD expanding on the existing concept note for presentation to the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board, 29-30 October 2009.
- 2) An analysis report on current good governance and forest governance indicators with recommendation of the best framework for the assessment of national readiness to participate in a performance-based REDD mechanism. Recommend a set of 'governance for REDD' indicators drawing from the findings of the analysis report, taking into account the different phases of readiness.
- 3) A REDD-specific policy note to build on UNDP's governance self-assessment for application in UN-REDD countries.
- 4) An analysis report of governance implications of ongoing 'Quick Start' activities in UN-REDD Programme pilot countries to identify issues that will need to be addressed in preparation for the phased approach to readiness.

Deadlines for deliverables:

- 1) Oct 7, 2009 – Draft proposal for phase 2 UN-REDD governance product
- 2) Oct 31, 2009 – Draft report on governance indicators for REDD
- 3) Nov 30, 2009 – Draft policy note on REDD governance self-assessments
- 4) Jan 31, 2010 – Draft report on governance dimensions of ongoing 'Quick Start' activities
- 5) March 31, 2010 – Draft versions of all deliverables revised and finalized.