

UN-REDD Programme – Civil Society Representative Nomination Form

Please limit response length to two pages. Nominations must be submitted to csoselection@un-redd.org by

Friday, 11 September 2009. Self-nominations are accepted.

1. Name of the candidate: *Jamal M. Gawi*
2. Name of organization or network: *Leuser International Foundation*
3. Title (if applicable): *Head of Board of Directors*
4. Country: *Indonesia*
5. Language(s) spoken: *English and Bahasa Indonesia*
7. Please describe the primary interests and functions of the organization and community/constituency that the candidate represents and what countries the organization is active in.

Leuser International Foundation (LIF) is active in conserving the 2.6 million hectares of forest in the Leuser Ecosystem located in the province of Aceh and North Sumatra, Indonesia. There are about 3-4 million people depend directly or indirectly their livelihood from the environmental services provided by the Leuser Ecosystem. LIF is speaking on behalf of this people. LIF has the interest to make sure that local people, men and women, will get benefit from REDD scheme. LIF also wants to make sure that local communities and indigenous people will not be jeopardize by growing involvement of many private companies and local governments in REDD project developments.

8. Describe briefly the organization's experience gathering and representing the diverse viewpoints of a range of communities or organizations, and disseminating and coordinating information and communications among a network of communities or organizations.

In conserving the Leuser Ecosystem, LIF is working closely with local governments, civil society groups, and local communities. LIF has a solid experience in working with different stakeholders and has been able to develop a comprehensive environmental education curriculum/package adopted in hundreds of schools around the Leuser Ecosystem. LIF is also working with religious leaders to disseminate forest protection issues to communities.

9. Describe briefly your organization's background and experience with multilateral agency programs, social and environmental issues related to forests, and the role of forests in response to climate change, including REDD.

LIF is currently managing a big forest conservation project funded by Multi Donor Fund and the World Bank. REDD has been one of the forefront agenda for LIFF as the Leuser Ecosystem has the potential to be included into the REDD scheme. LIF has been approached by many organization to start working on REDD. Since the Leuser Ecosystem is surrounded by many people and the pressure from human activities is so high, LIF has a solid experience in dealing with social issues.

10. Describe the financial, technical and/or advisory arrangements your organization has with the UN-REDD Programme, as well as the governments of the UN-REDD pilot countries, NGOs, or private sector organizations as they pertain to the UN-REDD process.

In conserving the Leuser Ecosystem, LIF is working closely with Forestry Department and National Park authority.

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