**TOR for Myanmar REDD+ Roadmap Coordinator (Team Leader)**

**Myanmar REDD+ Readiness Assessment**

1. **BACKGROUND:**

REDD-plus (or REDD+) stands for “reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks”.

REDD+ is a key element in the negotiations on a post 2012 international climate regime. By including REDD+ in this regime, the world will be able to reward developing countries that reduce greenhouse gas emissions by curbing the loss of forests. It is recognized that developing countries face significant challenges in preparing to implement REDD+, and that this process of preparation, which has come to be known as “REDD+ readiness”, requires significant ODA support. Global agreement on REDD+ is an important goal for Norway, which has therefore provided very substantial amounts of ODA to assist numerous countries with REDD+ Readiness.

Myanmar has recognized that REDD+ is an innovative concept that can complement ongoing forest policies. However, there are several technical and methodological limitations to be overcome in order to turn the concept into action – in other words, REDD+ Readiness needs to be built. In this context, Myanmar proposes to formulate the national REDD+ strategy and undertake other actions required to implement REDD+. This will require a review and probably modifications to existing forestry sector policies, legal and institutional arrangements and associated practices.

Myanmar joined the UN-REDD Programme in December, 2011. Since mid-2010, despite not being a UN-REDD Partner Country, the UN-REDD Programme has sought to support Myanmar, for example, by involving representatives in regional meetings on various topics, and by sharing information on REDD+, and providing resource people for national REDD+ meetings. In October 2011, the UNREDD Programme also convened a meeting of organizations interested in supported REDD+ readiness in Myanmar in order to develop a common vision and collaborative programme of action.

In Myanmar, external support to REDD+ readiness needs to take account of special circumstances: donor constraints (e.g. imposed by the EU Common Position) have made it impossible in the past to use government systems for support under government leadership. Consequently, few donors are active in Myanmar, and those which are present tend to have extremely limited mandates. Furthermore, Myanmar is not a signatory to the Paris Declaration or the Accra Agenda for Action.

Political changes enacted since the November 2010 election have prompted several international partners to reconsider their policies on support to Myanmar. Nevertheless, the donor environment in Myanmar remains constrained, with relatively few partners, and limited funding levels.

**Context of this ToR:**

In late October/early November, Mr. Erik Solheim, Norwegian Minister for the Environment and International Development, visited Myanmar and met with the President of Myanmar, Mr. Thein Sein, as well as with Union Parliament Speaker Thura Shwe Mann, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Industry Minister, the Planning Minister and the Minister for Environment Conservation and Forestry. As a result of Minister Solheim’s visit, there is interest in Norway in providing support for the REDD+ Readiness process in Myanmar.

Mindful of the continued constraints on donor support, the need for a carefully planned and collaborative approach involving all relevant partners is even more important in Myanmar than in other countries. This assignment is designed to provide the basis for just such a planned and collaborative approach to REDD+ readiness in Myanmar. It will provide the basis for future Norwegian support, but will also prove valuable in assisting other development partners to consider options for further support**.**

1. **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Myanmar REDD+ Roadmap Coordinator (“the Coordinator”)will provide technical leadership for a team of experts and complete a “REDD+ Readiness Roadmap” for Myanmar, containing a package of recommended actions, including an indicative budget and time-frame for implementation that will deliver the capacities required for REDD+ readiness in Myanmar.

1. **OUTPUTS & ACTIVITIES:**
2. **REDD+ Readiness Roadmap:**

The roadmap should cover the same or similar information to the Bangladesh REDD+ Readiness Roadmap (attached as Appendix 1). The preparation of the REDD+ Readiness Roadmap will involve the following indicative activities (but may also require additional activities, to be determined):

* Analysis of the current legal and policy framework in support of REDD+ in Myanmar, including all relevant sectoral policies;
* Analysis of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, and of constraints to sustainability of past and current efforts on reforestation, conservation, and sustainable forest management;
* Analysis of required capacities for REDD+ implementation;
* Mapping of existing initiatives supported by the Government of Myanmar and development partners contributing to the establishment of required capacities;
* Identification of the resulting capacity gaps, and formulation of a work-plan to address those gaps
* Estimation a required budget to address capacity gaps

The REDD+ Readiness Roadmap will be formulated in broad consultation with all main stakeholder groups, and the final document will be subject to endorsement through consultative workshops at the national level.

The REDD+ Readiness Roadmap should be completed by 31st March 2013, and it is anticipated that implementation of the Roadmap should cover a period of 2 years (subject to analysis of opportunities and gaps).

1. **APPROACH & TIME FRAME**

The duration of the assignment will be for around 42 days spread from 24 September 2012 to 31st March 2013 and will involve three to four visits to Myanmar. The duration of each visit will range from 6 to 3 days to ensure proper compliance of required processes and delivery of high quality outputs in a timely manner. In addition the scoping mission and working group advisory team will comprise of experts from UNDP, FAO, UNEP, RECOFTC, AIPP and WOCAN.

| Time | Deliverables | Mission |
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| 24 September – 28 September 2012 | 1. Second Scoping Mission Report | Second Scoping Mission with UNEP |
| 29 September – 14th December 2012  (two weeks for collecting feedback) | 1. Draft Myanmar REDD+ readiness roadmap and funding proposal and timeframe for implementation for working group and key stakeholder review (not broad consultation) 2. Kick-off working group workshop report 3. First consultation workshop report (to discuss key content of roadmap prior to first draft) | One coordination visit for the kick-off of working groups (estimated first half of October 2012).  One visit for first consultation workshop (estimated early December) |
| 1st January – 31st March 2013 | 1. Final REDD+ Readiness Roadmap for consultation 2. Second consultation workshop report 3. Final REDD+ Readiness Roadmap post-consultation 4. Donor end-of-project narrative report | One visit for second consultation workshop (estimated early February) |

1. **PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

**1st Installment:** 20% of the agreed amount upon signature of contract

**2nd Installment:** 40% of the agreed amount upon successful completion of deliverables 1-4

**Final Installment:** 40% of the agreed amount upon successful completion of deliverables 5-8

Admissible DSAs and round-trip air tickets for four trips, and associated travel costs will be reimbursed by RECOFTC in accordance with RECOFTC rules and provisions.

1. **REQUIRED QUALIFICAIONS:**

* Masters degree in Physical Geography, Forestry, Natural Resources Management, or a closely-related field;
* Minimum of 7 years practical experience in developing countries with environment and natural resources issues, with knowledge of the Asia-Pacific region;
* Thorough understanding of the REDD agenda in the context of UNFCCC negotiations, the challenges and opportunities;
* Thorough understanding and experience in UNREDD programme;
* Extensive experience with project development, implementation and management;
* Experience in the policy development processes associated with forest carbon and sustainable Development issues in the natural resource sectors;
* Thorough understanding of the forest and biodiversity conservation issues\environment policies and governance systems in the South East Asian countries;
* Excellent knowledge of the English language, with exceptional writing, presentation and communication skills;