

NPD Independent Technical Expert Review TORs

UN-REDD PROGRAMME

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Terms of Reference

- 1) Undertake a desk review of the draft UN-REDD National Programme Document (NPD) submitted to the UN-REDD Programme
- 2) Review the draft NPD against the review criteria included in the UN-REDD Rules of Procedure, namely:
 - a) Ownership of the NPD by government and non-government stakeholders:
 - i) Government ownership is normally assured by the submission process and the role of UN Resident Coordinator - refer to section 2.3 of the UN-REDD Programme Rules of Procedure & Operational Guidance. It is enhanced by evidence of:
 - Coherence with national strategies¹, policies and development planning processes
 - Coherence with the UN Country Programme or other donor assistance framework approved by the Government
 - Government co-financing (cash or in-kind) or coherence with baseline funding
 - ii) UN-REDD Programme Operational Guidance: Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Other Forest Dependent Communities
 - b) Level of consultation, participation and engagement
 - c) Programme effectiveness and cost-efficiency
 - d) Management of risks and likelihood of success
 - e) Consistency with the UN-REDD Programme Framework Document
 - f) Compliance with UN-REDD operational guidance and the UN-REDD National Programme format (*incl., cover page, results framework, budget, etc.*).
- 3) Particular attention shall be given to review criteria a-d
- 4) Provide a list of review points (organized by review criteria, no more than 4 pages in total) of the most significant and critical technical issues arising from the review
- 5) If appropriate, provide suggestions for improving the technical design of the NPD, building upon relevant lessons and experience, with particular reference to country-relevant experiences
- 6) Review responses to the technical review as necessary
- 7) Review revised drafts of the NPD as necessary

¹ Such as a National Environment Strategy, National Climate Change Strategy, National Low-Carbon Development Strategy, National Forestry Strategy etc.

The requirements are:

- Detailed knowledge of REDD, the UNFCCC process, the UN-REDD Programme and the main elements of REDD Readiness
- Familiarity with the relevant pilot country
- Experience providing critical reviews and analysis of international environmental projects
- Understanding of UNDP, UNEP or FAO operations
- Technical competency in the areas of sustainable forest management, forest conservation, stakeholder engagement, payment for ecosystem services or other technical area relevant to REDD

Terms of contract:

- Expected duration is 3 days
- Payment upon successful completion of the work and clearance from UNDP STA, REDD