

# Call for Inputs into Tanzania's 1<sup>st</sup> Draft National REDD+ Strategy

For the last two years the National REDD Task Force, under the Tanzania-Norway Climate Change Partnership, has been conducting an inclusive multi-stakeholder consultation process that would lead to the production of Tanzania's 1<sup>st</sup> Draft National REDD+ Strategy. The National REDD Task Force now invites national and international stakeholders to give their inputs to the First Draft Strategy before 31 January 2011.

The National REDD+ Strategy in Tanzania has been developed based on the National Framework for REDD developed in 2009. The framework is based on the objectives of reducing emissions related to deforestation and forest degradation as well as reducing poverty of forest dependent communities. The REDD+ Strategy is closely linked to the current national growth and development strategies such as the National Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy Programme (MKUKUTA), the National Forest Programme and other strategies which contribute to effective conservation and utilization of Tanzania's natural and renewable resources and improving the livelihoods of its people.

Tanzania developed a roadmap to the development of the National REDD+ Strategy and initiated several activities toward building a strong national Strategy that should be finalized by December 31, 2012. This draft REDD+ Strategy has been produced for Stakeholders' Consultations and engagement for its consolidation. A test implementation phase is ongoing, which will make it possible to verify the hypotheses and assumptions under the proposed REDD+ interventions.

After a series of consultations for the initial draft of the Strategy, a series of Regional Consultations are currently being planned in order to ensure multi-stakeholder participation from all the regions in Tanzania. International stakeholders are also invited to give their inputs before the Task Force conducts a National Consultation Workshop in order to approach a national consensus. A final document is expected to be ready by mid April 2011. The final draft will be a 'living' document, meaning that new insights and inputs may be incorporated into the document as REDD+ evolves. The document will function as a guideline for the development of Sub-National REDD+ Action Plans and will be mainstreamed into the sectoral development processes. Lessons learned will be shared with other countries.

More information about the process and drafts of the Strategy are publicly available in both Kiswahili and English on the National REDD Task Force website: <http://www.reddtz.org>. **Comments and inputs to the National REDD+ Strategy can be sent to the Secretariat: [ira@ira.udsm.ac.tz](mailto:ira@ira.udsm.ac.tz); P.O. Box 35097 Dar es Salaam; +255 -22 2410144**