



Short-term consultancy on forest governance data collection

The UN-REDD Programme is looking for a consultant with a strong expertise in forest governance data collection methods to provide technical input into the preparation of a guide for country practitioners. Candidates should be available to travel the week of 15-21st April, if interested please send your CV to emelyne.cheney@fao.org before 25th February.

Background and Context

In June 2012 thirty-five international and national experts on forest governance met at the FAO headquarters in Rome. The experts heard presentations on country experiences, discussed common issues in governance assessment, and considered the value of producing resource materials for people interested in measuring, monitoring and assessing forest governance. The participants agreed that guidance would be useful and proposed a plan for producing it collaboratively, using a small panel working in close coordination with a consulting author.

In a follow-up meeting, on 28 and 29 November 2012, the UN-REDD Programme, with EFI, PROFOR and the ACP-FLEGT Programme, convened a core group of fifteen experts to discuss creation of a resource for forest governance data collection and assessment. The meeting produced a detailed outline/table of contents for a practical guide covering all aspects of forest governance assessments, and also discussed production of the resource, including gathering of case studies.

It was agreed that two consultants would write a draft of the resource, which this core group of experts will review at a second meeting.

Objectives and Scope of the Guide

“A Practical Guide on Assessing and Monitoring Forest Governance”

- Provide practitioners with practical guidance on how to design, implement and use forest governance assessment and monitoring (planning, collection, analysis, and use of data).
- Present existing approaches and methodologies and promote sharing of experiences.

Contents of the Guide

The guide should:

- The guide should give people the information they need to make an informed choice among possible approaches to forest governance assessments.
- The guide should profile several approaches. It should be useful to people who want to find a complete approach “off the shelf” that they can use and also to people who want

to develop their own approach, customize existing approaches, or experiment with new approaches.

- The guide should not ignore the political economy of reform or the power that comes from controlling data.
- The guide should present “golden rules” or “rules of thumb” — easily remembered pieces of wisdom that are widely applicable to data collection and assessment.
- The structure of the guide should allow people to quickly turn to the topic and level of detail that they need. The language should be simple and accessible. Detailed discussions of particular tools can go in annexes.

There was agreement that the guide should be no more than 100 pages, based on the draft outline/table of contents developed by the group of expert. The guide should start with an overview section of perhaps 10 pages. The more technical section of the guide should then follow. The remainder of the guide should be annexes.

Roles and responsibilities of the consultant in the compilation of the guide

It is planned that the guide will be compiled and drafted by a lead consultant and a technical consultant. The lead consultancy being filled already, below are the roles and responsibilities of the technical consultancy, for which we are receiving expressions of interest:

- Prepare the technical and methodological sections of the first draft of the practical guide, based on the preliminary table of contents and the outcomes of the first meeting of the core group of experts
- Consult relevant materials and conduct desk research, as necessary for the preparation of the technical and methodological sections of the practical guide
- Participate in the second meeting of the core group of experts (April 2013) to review the draft guide and support the discussions of the group with a view to achieving consensus on a final draft
- Take notes of the discussions and outcomes and assist the preparation of a summary of these, with a particular attention on technical aspects
- On the basis of the discussions during both meetings, prepare the final draft of the practical guide in collaboration with the lead consultant

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