



Terms of Reference (TOR)

UNDP Country Office Tanzania, on behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT), is seeking to recruit a consultant to identify forest management practices that are suitable for implementation of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) schemes.

Background

Deforestation and forest degradation contribute close to twenty per cent of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions globally. Negotiations are underway within the auspices of The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) with a view to reducing emissions from these sources (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation or REDD+). To facilitate REDD+, efforts are urgently needed to adapt forest management systems and establish financing systems and associated monitoring and verification systems attuned to country needs. These systems need to address concerns relating to the cost-effectiveness of REDD+ approaches, leakage, additionality and the rights and responsibilities of local communities, amongst other issues. The UN-REDD Programme was established in 2008 as a partnership between FAO, UNDP and UNEP, financed through a multi-donor trust fund, to assist countries to address these needs. Tanzania comprises one of nine countries receiving support through the UN-REDD Programme. UN REDD programme works closely with the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) and many stakeholders internationally and nationally, as well as the UNFCCC's instances for REDD.

The UN-REDD Programme in Tanzania will strengthen Tanzania's readiness for REDD+ as a component of the Government's evolving REDD Strategy, and is integrated with other REDD activities in the country. Interventions are planned over a period of 24 months, laying the ground work for activities in later years. The Initiative is an integral part of the One-UN Programme in Tanzania and the Joint Programme on Environment, which has the objective of *'Increasing Funding for Environment Management from International Environment Funding Mechanisms with a focus on Climate Change and natural resource management'*. The programme will have the following outcomes:

Outcome 1: National governance framework and institutional capacities strengthened for REDD (led by UNDP)

Outcome 2: Increased capacity for capturing REDD elements within National Monitoring, Assessment, Reporting and Verification Systems (led by FAO)

Outcome 3: Improved capacity to manage REDD and provide other forest ecosystem services at district and local levels (led by UNDP)

Outcome 4: Broad based stakeholder support for REDD in Tanzania (led by UNEP and UNDP)

The Government of Tanzania has already developed a National Framework for REDD and is in the process of developing a National REDD Strategy. The UN-REDD Programme in Tanzania is aligned with



these processes and supports Government institutions, in particular the MNRT, in contributing to the development of the National REDD Strategy.

The Government of Tanzania has also established a National REDD Task Force (NRTF), which coordinates and oversees REDD activities in the country and the UN-REDD Tanzania Programme works closely with the NRTF.

As part of the UN-REDD Programme activities in Tanzania, UNDP Country Office Tanzania, on behalf of the MNRT (FBD/TFS), now wishes to recruit a consultant to explore what forest management practices in Tanzania are most suitable for the implementation of a REDD+ scheme and provide the UN-REDD Programme Tanzania and other interested parties with examples and recommendations on this issue.

Objective

The objective of this assignment is to provide the UN-REDD Programme Tanzania and all parties interested in REDD+ with a better understanding of the potential and suitability of different forest management practices for the implementation of REDD+ initiatives in Tanzania.

Task and Scope of the Assignment

Scope of work

There are a range of forest management approaches being practised in Tanzania, including the following:

- Reserved Lands (Protected Areas and other kinds of reserves);
- Participatory Forest Management;
- Joint Forest Management (JFM);
- Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM);
- Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs); and
- Private forests.

There are also different categories of forest management that can be identified:

- National Parks, Game Reserves;
- Nature Reserves;
- Central Government Forest Reserve;
- Local Authority Forest Reserve;
- Private Forests;
- Village Land Forest Reserve;
- Village land; and
- Open access general land



The consultant will be required to develop an analytical framework aiming to explore which of the above forest management categories and approaches are most suitable and most economic for inclusion in REDD+ schemes. This framework will need to take into account

- the role of forest ownership with regards to deforestation and forest degradation;
- current and historic trends of deforestation and forest degradation in different forest types under different forest management categories and approaches;
- structures in place that could be used to build strong participation of communities or stakeholders in REDD+ projects; and
- other parameters to be suggested by the consultant.

The consultant will apply this framework to analyse the current situation of Tanzania and on the basis of this analysis provide examples and recommendations of the most suitable forest management categories and approaches for the successful implementation of REDD+ in Tanzania. Furthermore, the consultant will provide recommendations on further research and data requirements needed to refine the analytical framework and improve knowledge in this area.

The consultant will work from home but in close contact with the REDD unit at MNRT. He/she will work under the supervision of the UN-REDD Tanzania Programme Coordinator and the overall technical guidance of the REDD unit at MNRT and UNDP. He/she will work closely with the NRTF to ensure that this assignment builds on, contributes to and complements work commissioned by the NRTF and is well coordinated with other work being conducted in the country. Some travel within Tanzania may be required under this assignment.

Specific Tasks

The consultant will

1. Develop an analytical framework that
 - a. encompasses different forest management categories and approaches, known rates of deforestation and forest degradation, the role of land ownership with regards to deforestation and forest degradation and further parameters to be suggested by the consultant; and
 - b. is capable of identifying which forest types and forest management approaches and categories are most suitable to implementing REDD+ projects.
2. Apply this framework to analyse the current situation of Tanzania by using all available data and information.



3. Present results of this analysis, including examples of forest management practices with the greatest potential for REDD+, to a stakeholder workshop comprising the REDD unit at MNRT, NRTF and further selected stakeholders.
4. Incorporate stakeholder comments in a final version of the analysis.
5. Provide the UN-REDD Programme Tanzania with recommendations on the most suitable forest management categories and approaches for the implementation of REDD+ projects in Tanzania and further research, analysis, and data required to refine and improve the analytical framework developed under item 1.

Time Frame and Deliverables

Timeframe: It is expected that the consultant will start this assignment on 1. October 2010 and the assignment will be completed within 10 weeks after signing of the contract. During this period, the consultant is expected to produce the following deliverables:

Deliverables	Time
Inception report, outlining a draft analytical framework and the complete methodology and approach to the task	2 weeks after signing of contract
Apply framework to the current situation of Tanzania, prepare a first draft report (including, among others, the analytical framework, an analysis of all forest management regimes, draft recommendations and identification of data gaps and areas for further research) and present to the REDD unit at MNRT/FBD/TFS.	4 weeks after signing of contract
Prepare and hold a workshop to present a second draft to stakeholders (to be selected together with REDD unit).	6 weeks after signing of contract
Finalise the study by incorporating comments from stakeholders and prepare recommendation on the most suitable locations for REDD projects in Tanzania and further research, analysis, and data requirements. After acceptance of final report by REDD team provide 10 hardcopies and electronic copy.	4 weeks after stakeholder workshop



Payment schedule

Milestone	Payment
After signing of contract	20% of total agreed amount
Following workshop and acceptance of 2 nd draft by REDD unit and UNDP	40% of total agreed amount
After publication of final report	40% of total agreed amount

Required expertise and experience

1. Advanced degree in forestry, natural resources management, economics or related subject.
2. At least 15 years of experience in forest management and natural resource management in Tanzania. Demonstrated familiarity with forest data and forest statistics and with forest management approaches in Tanzania.
3. In-depth knowledge and understanding of REDD+ and how REDD+ relates to forest management.
4. Experience and familiarity with forest management categories and approaches in Tanzania, including with Participatory Forest Management (PFM).
5. Familiarity with Environmental Services Payment schemes highly desirable.
6. Excellent and demonstrated analytical skills and experience, ideally in the forestry and natural resources management area.
7. Demonstrated experience in the provision of policy and management advice, ideally in the natural resources area.
8. Experience in advising of and working with Government institutions.

Expected starting date

1. October 2010