**REDD Technical Consultant**

**Project title:** Viet Nam UN-REDD Programme

**Duration:**  2-3 months: June 2009 –August2010

**Remuneration:** To be determined

**Background**

The Viet Nam UN-REDD Programme will address complexities of developing REDD-readiness in Viet Nam through capacity building at two levels. Firstly (Outcome 1), it will build capacity at the national level to permit the Government of Viet Nam, and especially the REDD focal point, the DoF in MARD, to coordinate and manage the process of establishing tools to implement a REDD programme that provides an effective, transparent and equitable system of demonstrating real and measurable reductions in emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and transferring international payments for carbon conservation to local stakeholders in relation to performance standards. Secondly (Outcome 2), it will build capacity at the local level through pilots in two districts in Lam Dong province that demonstrate effective approaches to planning and implementing measures to reduce emissions, including participatory monitoring of C-stocks, and ensure fair and equitable distribution of benefits. The third Outcome of the UN-REDD programme will generate information to help identify what role REDD might play in reducing regional leakage of emissions from forests.

**Objectives**:

The overall objective of the assignment is to facilitate the development of a national REDD programme for Viet Nam and to provide technical advice on systems of benefit sharing and other technical issues, as required.

**Specific responsibilities of the consultant are as follows**:

* Review the REDD initiatives, development processes and experiences from other developing countries related to the development of national REDD Strategies (programmes), and ensure that relevant scientific literature informs the development of a structure for the Vietnam national REDD programme
* Quantify the potential benefits, and assess the social and environmental impacts and risk assessment of the implementation of the REDD in Vietnam
* Provide advice on international best practices related to the establishment of transparent and equitable systems of distribution of benefits
* Review REDD relevant policies and financing distribution systems in Vietnam and propose an appropriate payment mechanism for the REDD Programme
* Assess capacity building requirements and investment, and resources needed for the implementation of the REDD Programme in Vietnam
* Provide policy options and strategy for the implementation of Viet Nam's UN-REDD national joint programme to the GoV and other development actors;
* Share knowledge on REDD by (i) documenting lessons learnt and best practices from the UN-REDD programme and contributing to the development of knowledge based tools (including policies, strategies, guidelines, etc);
* programme.

**3.** **SUPERVISION, TEAMWORK AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**

The consultant will be supervised by the National REDD Focal Point of the Ministry of Agriculture and the UNDP Programme Officer. The consultant will also work closely with stakeholders from other relevant ministries/agencies and bilateral and multilateral development partners.

**4. QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES**

1. Post graduate degree in Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Economics, or similar.
2. At least 5 years of working experience on natural resource management, natural resource economics andother REDD-relevant issues, preferably with significant experience in Viet Nam.
3. Strong inter-personal skills, especially oral communication skills.
4. Proficiency in both spoken and written English; some competency in spoken Vietnamese is preferable.