

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
&
UN-REDD Programme

International consultant on REDD+ planning

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Final Draft

1. Context

The Republic of Nigeria and its Cross River State (CRS) are jointly committed to pursue REDD+ readiness, in view of the potential of the REDD+ mechanism to reducing deforestation and forest degradation (and the associated GHGs emissions from the forest sector) and simultaneously attracting international climate finance for development purposes. Nigeria has shown a strong political commitment for REDD+ in both the Federal Ministry for the Environment and the CRS. The REDD+ readiness path in Nigeria is initially to be developed through a two-tier approach, consisting of: (i) a national REDD+ process that addresses the core REDD+ readiness elements; and (ii) a specific, more intensive REDD+ process in CRS, which will equally serve to inform the national process and, later, inspire other interested states. CRS is the selected state to pioneer REDD+ since it holds the largest share of rainforest in Nigeria, and since both the Governor and the Head of its Forestry Commission are deeply committed to protecting the state's natural resources by maintaining a moratorium on timber extraction and exploring mechanisms for payments for ecosystem services, Carbon finance and REDD+.

Nigeria is a partner member of the UN-REDD Programme, which is a U.N. partnership (composed by FAO, UNDP and UNEP) that aims to support countries in REDD+ readiness, providing technical, policy, financial and stakeholder-engagement advice and support. Presently, the UNDP/Nigeria office is providing catalytic finance to jump start awareness-raising, stakeholder dialogue and planning around a REDD+ process in Nigeria, as part of its ongoing strategic support to Nigeria on the challenges and opportunities around climate change. The UN-REDD Programme has been providing advisory support to the Federal and CRS authorities in the initial stage of REDD+ readiness, including a scoping mission that was successfully conducted in October 2010 – the mission found impressive commitment to REDD+ in the country and concluded that full REDD+ readiness finance is critically needed to sustain Nigeria's progress and to respond to the interest encountered.

Nigeria subsequently made a successful presentation at the last UN-REDD Policy Board on the 4-5 November 2010 and was invited to submit a REDD+ readiness proposal to the forthcoming Policy Board, scheduled for March 2011, for technical assessment and financial consideration (the proposal shall be drafted, reviewed and validated by the end of February 2011).

A REDD+ readiness process entails, beyond forest conservation and management issues, a wide range of considerations and reforms in sectors such as governance, human rights, fiscal administration, economic production and the overall development framework of the country. In particular, six core REDD+ readiness components have been established to guide REDD+ efforts: Management of REDD+ readiness, Stakeholder participation, REDD+ implementation framework, National REDD+ Strategy development, the Reference Scenario, and the National Carbon MRV (monitoring, reporting & verification) system. REDD+ readiness requires due consideration of them all.

2. Objectives and responsibilities

The consultant shall support and advise Nigerian stakeholders, at both Federal and CRS levels, on REDD+ readiness and related forest/climate and Carbon finance matters. In particular, the main objectives of the consultancy are:

- to prepare a **REDD+ Readiness Plan** for Nigeria, taking into account the two-tier approach (Federal and CRS levels), for submission to UN-REDD Policy Board by mid-February 2011;
- to provide capacity-building, technical and advisory support on REDD+ and Carbon finance matters to Federal and CRS stakeholders; and
- to facilitate stakeholder engagement and participation activities during the preparation of the REDD+ Readiness Plan.

It is to be noted that the first and main output of the consultancy is to conceptualise and prepare, through participatory consultations and analysis, a detailed proposal for REDD+ readiness (i.e. a *REDD+ Readiness Plan*). The proposal shall include a needs assessment, activities, responsible parties and a budget, for a span of about 2 years (2011-2013). Key guidance elements for this particular task are as follows:

- The proposal shall use the UN-REDD Programme's template & guidelines.
- The proposal shall not be long (some 20-30 pages, if well written, shall suffice).
- A Logical Framework and a budget shall be prepared (using the templates to be provided).
- A document entitled "Preliminary Assessment on the REDD+ Context in Nigeria" is already available and will provide the basic background and context information.
- A participatory approach is mandatory – the drafting shall be based on consultations with a wide range of stakeholders (the consultant shall facilitate technical groups and participatory events to define the contents of the Plan).
- A two-tier approach (Federal + CRS levels) shall inform the entire proposal – the REDD+ readiness will be implemented more intensively in CRS to provide lessons and models for the Federal level and for other states that may wish to follow this course later on. A smooth articulation of Federal and CRS activities is required.
- A first draft has to be ready by 4th February 2011, so to be examined during a UN-REDD appraisal mission and validated through two broad stakeholders' workshops (one at Federal level and another in CRS).
- Final draft, including comments from an independent technical review, shall be completed by 25th February 2011.

In addition, and as time allows, the consultant will provide advice, training and facilitation on a wide range of matters around REDD+, including Carbon finance and climate-resilient strategies, such as:

- Training and capacity building on REDD+ readiness components to members of the CRS Forestry Commission, the National REDD+ Technical Committee and other stakeholders.
- Advise the National REDD+ Coordinator, the Chairman of the CRS Forestry Commission, the Special Climate Change Unit, the members of National REDD+ Technical Committee, the Nigerian UNFCCC negotiations and other key stakeholders on REDD+, including issues related to forest conservation, Carbon finance, and climate policy & governance matters.

3. Conditions of assignment

This is a 2-month, international consultancy post. The consultant will be based in Calabar (Cross River State) because of the fieldwork and stakeholder consultation aspects involved, with frequent travel to Abuja, and other locations as required. The consultancy is scheduled for January-February 2011, ideally starting on 3rd January 2011 or around that date. Extension is possible if performance is satisfactory and funds are available.

The consultant will work under the oversight of UNDP/Nigeria, and the technical supervision of the National REDD+ Coordinator, the Chairman of CRS Forestry Commission and staff of the UN-REDD Programme.

The contract will be issued by UNDP. UNDP will provide the consultant with a return air ticket, plus insurance for the period in country.

4. Requirements

Candidates are required to hold a Master in Natural Sciences, Economy, Political Sciences or a development-related subject. Experience required comprises:

- At least 8 years of experience in project design and/or implementation.
- At least 2 years relevant experience in forest-climate linkages, Carbon-related projects and/or environmental economics initiatives.
- Demonstrated proficiency on the REDD+ mechanism and its readiness components.
- Working experience in developing countries, preferably Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Strong track record of working with government, NGOs and local communities.
- Good interpersonal skills, including facilitation of stakeholder engagement.
- Budget composition skills.
- Proposal-writing experience.
- Fluent in spoken and written English.

5. Application

Please submit a CV together with a covering letter explaining why you feel you are suitable for this position and your REDD-related experience and competencies to: tunde.morakinyo@erm.com and Josep.gari@undp.org

Deadline for application: **Jan 10th 2011**