

Ethiopia Ministry of Environment and Forest

National REDD+ Secretariat

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Terms of Reference for Technical Assistance on National Capacity Development through Training on REDD+ as related to the implementation of REDD+ readiness activities.

1) Background

The Government of Ethiopia (GoE) has developed a Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) strategy. The CRGE vision aims to build a climate resilient green economy and to make the country carbon neutral by 2025. The Strategy identifies eight key sectors that play key roles in sustainable development including REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation, soils, livestock, energy, buildings and cities, industry, transport and health).

To achieve the GoE's CRGE related goals on land use change and forestry, the GoE is implementing a National REDD+ Readiness Program with support from various partners, including the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF).

The Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) assists selected countries in their REDD+ efforts. It has the dual objectives of building capacity for REDD+ (the "Readiness Fund"), and testing a program of performance-based incentive payments in some pilot countries (the "Carbon Fund"). Assistance under the Readiness Fund includes support for: (i) developing a national reference scenario for REDD+; (ii) adopting a national socially and environmentally sound REDD+ strategy that would reduce emissions and at the same time conserve biodiversity, enhance the livelihoods of forest dependent peoples and other forest dwellers; (iii) setting up implementation management framework for the effective and efficient implementation of REDD+; and (iv) designing and implementing accurate measurements, monitoring and verification systems to enable countries to report on emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and carbon removals from afforestation/reforestation, and other carbon enhancement activities.

Capacity building, training, consultations and awareness creation to stakeholders are core elements of the readiness phase. Considering the large volume of work by the Secretariat, it is deemed necessary to outsource the training and capacity building activities of the readiness to competent firms or institutions. Accordingly, REDD+ Secretariat is seeking firms or institutions that have the capacity and resources to undertake the necessary training programs for on REDD+ during the REDD+ Readiness. The purpose of this assignment is to provide technical assistance that will support the GoE to implement the REDD+ training and capacity building activities.

2) Scope and Tasks of the Technical Assistance required

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The Government of Ethiopia and the World Bank seeks a qualified firm or institution to provide technical assistance (training) on REDD+, forestry and related issues. The competent firm or institution will be responsible to prepare technical training manuals on specific issues (as presented below), provide training of trainees (TOTs) on these issues and to design a strategy to reach stakeholders of all types and at all levels (government, non-government civic society experts, and communities). The trainings can be provided by the firm itself or in partnership with other competent firms.

The priority topics are presented as follows:

- (i) Concept, application, the policy, technical, environmental and social aspects of REDD+ (examples of topics to be covered are presented at the end of the ToR);
 - (ii) Concept, practice and application of forest management;
 - (iii) Concept, practice and application of Forest restoration (afforestation, reforestation, area closure, assisted natural regeneration, etc) in the context of REDD+ implementation; and
 - (iv) Sustainable finance for forest protection and restoration (carbon finance, PES, etc)
- Other topics as may be necessary could be negotiated and provided to targeted stakeholders.

3) Deliverables of the assignment

The technical assistance is expected to deliver on the outcomes as outlined below.

- Four high quality technical training materials and power points prepared from these materials;
- Publication of the Technical Training Manuals (cost will be covered for the required number of copies);
- 200-300 Trained trainers in two years (costs for trainees to be covered by the College);
- A strategy to train targeted stakeholders from all stakeholders at all levels (region, woreda) with definitive budget and time line (trainers will be used to cascade the training to lower levels and horizontally to federal experts);
- Reports on the implementation of the TOTs and other related activities to the service.

4) Duration of the assignment

The overall assignment is expected to be finalized within three (2) years after contract signature. Quality of training will be assessed carefully every 6 months for further extension of the contract.

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5) Services, Facilities and Materials to be provided

If selected, the firm or institution providing the technical assistance will develop and submit to the Government a Work Plan to cover the first six (6) months of implementation of the Technical Assistance. The Work Plan shall be updated on a semi-annual basis within the period of effectiveness of an Agreement.

The selected firm or institution will make available such qualified Experts and contract Consultants as are required, in their judgment, to carry out the Work Plan. The REDD+ Secretariat at the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MEF) will provide counterpart personnel to work with the firm and provide required financial resources for the service, cost of publications and make available the documents that will help implement the capacity building (ToTs) on REDD+ and related issues.

6) Supervision and reporting

The firm or institution will be under the direct oversight of the National REDD+ Coordinator, working in close collaboration with the REDD+ Secretariat and also the relevant directorates of MEF. The selected firm or institution will submit to the Government the reports specified, in the numbers and within the time periods to be specified. In addition, the firm or institution will furnish to the Government a narrative programmatic report summarizing the activities carried out; identifying any problems in implementation; and assessing the results achieved against the agreed objectives. Other key deliverables include technical manuals/power points, trained experts with certificates, and cascading strategy for reaching out to experts at lower levels.