



TERMES OF REFERENCE NATIONAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC EXPERT

For the recruitment of a Consultant-National Socio-Economic Expert to support the preparation of a GCF Project in Cameroon.

1- Location : Cameroon ;

2- Background :

IUCN is a membership Union uniquely composed of both government and civil society organizations. It provides public, private and non-governmental organizations with the knowledge and tools that enable human progress, economic development and nature conservation to take place together. It harnesses the experience, resources and reach of its more than 1,400 Member organizations and the input of more than 17,000 experts. Our experts are organized into six commissions dedicated to species survival, environmental law, protected areas, social and economic policy, ecosystem management, and education and communication. This diversity and vast expertise makes IUCN the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it.

IUCN and the Government of Cameroon are requesting funding from the Project Preparation Facility (PPF) to prepare the “*Securing Permanent Forests to Combat Climate Change and Enhance Sustainable National and Local Economies in Cameroon*” project. The project will address the main problem of permanent forest areas (PFAs) which is deforestation and forest degradation. It will also focus on addressing deforestation and degradation of Cameroon’s permanent forests, and unexpected changes in land use systems in Permanent Forest Areas (PFAs). The objective of the project is to reduce degradation and land use change in permanent forests in order to combat climate change and promote national and local economies in Cameroon. It includes the following three components: **Component 1:** Sustainable forest management and restoration; **Component 2:** Capacity building of stakeholders; **Component 3 :** Market development and supply chain transformation and **Component 4 :** Project Management, Monitoring and Partnership. The project will focus on permanent forest located in three selected eco-regional landscapes in Cameroon: South – East Moist Forest; Bakossi – Bamboutos highlands and Farh North Region (soudano-sahelian).

3- General Scope :

The implementation of the project will require IUCN to recruit a National Socio-Economic Expert to support the elaboration of feasibility studies and the full project proposal of the above project, notably to collect field data, support stakeholder consultation, facilitate contacts between a Consultancy Firm and other international experts. The Socio-Economic Expert will work closely with other national consultants like the Carbon Stock Evaluation Expert, Forestry and REDD+ Expert, GIS Expert to ensure that they gather the required data in the Project sites (South-Est Humid forest, Bakossi – Bamboutos Landscape, Far North Region) in a coordinated matter.

4- Specific Tasks

Under the supervision of the international Consultancy Firm, IUCN and the Government of Cameroon, the Consultant will:

- Collect and compile socio-economic data (dynamics of population, activities of the population, economic importance of the forestry sector, etc.)
- Collect most recent data on population dynamics and their socio-economic impacts on forest resources in the project sites;

- Facilitate contacts between international consultants and national actors, particularly on socio-economic aspects;
- Identify, locate and describe the use of community resource management zones, (e.g. their production and management systems, etc.);
- Contribute to the economic and financial analysis of the forest sector and agroforestry commodities in the project sites and at the national level;
- Analyse potential benefits and co-benefits of the forest and REDD+ sectors ;
- Identify the impacts of forestry activities and of the project on vulnerable populations (women, indigenous populations, etc.) and propose mitigation measures;
- Highlight the demographic characteristics of the population;
- Propose measures aimed at addressing social and regulatory requirements on sustainable forest management;
- Support the organization of technical workshop to discuss and validate the outcome of the feasibility studies, including socio-economic data;
- Analyse the main political, social, cultural and economic characteristics of neighbouring communities;
- Analyse the resource and information needs of pastoralists to make sure that they reflect the true needs and aspiration of pastoralists;
- Carryout a thorough analysis of indigenous peoples and their roles in the implementation of the project;
- Highlight opportunity to embrace zero deforestation commodity value chains through partnership with the private sector;
- Review the agro-industrial plantations that are affecting the activities of PFAs;
- Undertake other tasks requested by IUCN.

The work of the national consultant will not only make it possible to have an idea of the evolution of economic dynamics, but will also enable us to have a better knowledge of the social environment in the project sites. It will also enable us to take into account the priorities of the communities.

5- Qualifications and Competences

- At least an MSc/MA in Economics, Social Sciences, Forestry, environmental sciences, social sciences, geography or equivalent;
- Excellent knowledge of forestry and environmental policies in Cameroon and Central Africa ;
- Good knowledge of the REDD+ process and its institutional and policy dynamics in Cameroon, Central Africa and beyond;
- Good attention to details and the capacity to understand global environmental strategies and IUCN's vision on conservation;
- Good knowledge of donor policies in the conservation sector;
- Good communication skills and ability to work as a team with a group of consultants and international staff;
- Good knowledge of English and French.

6- Start and end dates :

May 15, 2021 to May 14, 2022. The project is funded by GCF.

7- Application closing date and time :

Consultants must submit their applications to IUCN no later than Midnight Cameroon time on May 2, 2021 by e-mail to: Kenneth.angu@iucn.org. The subject heading of the e-mail shall be Application National Consultant GCF Cameroon. Electronic copies are to be submitted in PDF and Ms word format.

Note: Submitted documents must be password-protected so that they cannot be opened and read before the submission deadline. Please use the same password for all submitted documents. After the deadline has passed and no later than 8 am Cameroon time on May 3, 2021; Please send the

relevant password to the same e-mail address as used for submitting your proposal. This will ensure a secure bid submission and opening process. Please DO NOT e-mail the password before the deadline for Proposal submission.

8- Additional Information

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