

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES– INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)

NEPAL

REDD IMPLEMENTATION CENTER

Grant No.: TFOA4169

Assignment Title: Updating Training Manual and Conduct TOT

Reference No. REDD/IC/CS/IND-6

The REDD Implementation Center *has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)*, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include Updating the Training Manual and Conduct TOT. Assignment is to be completed within 60 working days.

The REDD Implementation Center now invites eligible Individual Consultant ("Consultant") either proposed by a firm or Individual to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services through their CV. The short listing criteria are **relevant experience, qualifications, and capability to carry out the assignment**. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants IDA credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers* Guide Lines on Selection and Employment of Consultants, January 2011 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information and the TOR can be obtained at the address below during office hours *i.e. 10.00AM to 5.00PM* and may be visited mofsc-redd.gov.np

Expressions of interest along with latest CV must be delivered in a written form to the address below by VAT registered consultant with VAT/PAN registration certificate in hard copy by 22nd of April 2017.



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Terms of Reference
Training-of-Trainers about REDD

1 Background and rationale

Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) is evolving as a means to reduce forest sector carbon emissions through appropriate forest management practices and enhanced forest governance both in the forestry sector and related sectors. The World Bank has established the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) to assist developing countries in their efforts to reduce their emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. Nepal has been selected as a FCPF country.

Consultation and outreach activities have emerged as a foundation for capacity building of REDD related stakeholders. Some basic level capacity building and outreach activities, like awareness campaign at districts and community level, basic level trainings to local level forest staffs, REDD+ TOT for some forest officers and REDD+ orientation workshops in different districts were conducted during first phase of REDD+ readiness. Development partners and civil society organizations also conducted capacity building and outreach programs. Examples of these initiatives include the RECOFIC/FECOFUN-REDD capacity building project and the NEFIN-REDD awareness-raising program. However, the self assessment report (R Package-2016) of the REDD+ readiness program in Nepal shows that related stakeholders (DFO staffs, local communities, endogenous communities, related civil society activists, women and other marginalized groups) are not adequately aware of REDD+. Only few Local forest officers and activists have received basic level trainings and majority of the local forest officers and junior forest staffs have not yet properly understand REDD+ and its opportunities and challenges to manage forests resources in a sustainable manner. The R Package suggests for continued capacity building and outreach programs particularly targeting related government staffs working at districts and local level, local communities, vulnerable groups and partner agencies. The training of trainers (ToT) has been envisioned as an entry point to lay cornerstone for capacity building and outreach activities in upcoming years under the FCPF and other bilateral funding. This task is, therefore, expected to develop a strong REDD+ trainer's network that will take lead role in awareness raising and capacity building in REDD+ implementation at local level in future, particularly in the Terai Arc Landscape area where Emissions Reduction Program will be implemented soon.

2 Objectives

The objective of this task is to deliver an updated and comprehensive REDD+ training package that incorporates training resources on different REDD+ themes and lead REDD+ trainer's network to enhance the capacity of relevant stakeholders at district levels.

3 Specific tasks

3.1 Update Training Manual

The consultant will update and revise existing REDD+ Training of Trainers (TOT) package that was developed targeting Forest officers and other district level stakeholders being engaged with REDD+ initiatives. Updated manual will incorporate basic understanding of REDD+ policy, emerging issues and developments at national and international arena, institution and governance requirements. Further, the updated manual should cover all of the REDD+ elements in general including drivers of deforestation and degradation, strategic options to address the drivers, reference emission level, forest monitoring, MRV system, safeguard systems, reversibility, risk and uncertainty, buffer stocks, non-carbon benefits, benefit sharing are few of them.

3.2 Training of Trainers (ToT)

The consultant will conduct five events of ToT training covering all 12 districts of the TAL area. The consultant's key tasks will be as follows:

Carry out six events of ToT for participants (Mid Level forestry Officials and representatives from related civil society organizations) from 12 districts of ER program area (TAL area).

4 Expected Output and Deliverables

The consultant will submit a comprehensive training report incorporating list of trainers and participants of the training. In addition, the consultant will also submit a package of final REDD+ training materials developed for tasks 3.1 and 3.2

5 Training approach

5.1 Methodology

The consultant will first carry out extensive review of REDD+ related training resources developed by national and international organizations to understand the key messages and its relevancy to Nepalese context. After stock taking of training resources, the consultant will then consult with relevant stakeholders to understand their concern and priority in REDD+ related awareness and capacity building issues. The consultant can use additional training experts to assist him/her in developing training materials and delivering ToT training in the Regions.

The consultant is advised to follow following steps for consultations:

- Consult with key informants of REDD multi-stakeholder forum and CSO/IPOs alliance for REDD;
- Consult with NEFIN, ANSAB, FECOFUN, NAFAN, RECOFTC, and IoF;
- Consult with the noted experts in this field;

5.2 Work plan

The consultant is expected to prepare an inception report with a detailed work plan that shall guide the process. This work plan will propose thematic areas to be covered, methods to be adopted and expected timeline. Based on this work plan, a detailed plan will be discussed and finalized jointly by the consultant and the REDD Implementation Centre (REDD IC).

5.3 Time Frame and Work plan

The consultant's services are scheduled for up to TWO MONTHS starting from May 15 2017.

6 Qualification/experiences and competency of the consultant

Services for the ToT task will be solicited from an individual consultant with a proven track record in curriculum development and training delivery. The consultant is expected to have a strong background in capacity building and ToT in forestry and climate change related issues. Consultants with previous experience in REDD+ related training will have additional advantage in this task. However, the consultant can take assistance of other relevant experts as helping hands to deliver the products in consultation with REDD IC. The Individual consultant for this task must be a national with at least graduate degree in Natural Sciences and master degree in any other relevant fields with proven tracking record in human resource development.

7 Client's Input to the Consultant

REDD IC will dedicate a supervising officer to oversee the contract and help to develop training materials. The supervising officer will coordinate with other government agencies as when needed or demanded by the consultant.

8 Reporting Requirement

The consultant shall submit an inception report within the first week of the contract agreement describing the consultant's plan of actions in consultation with REDD IC. This report shall also be accompanied with a work/ time schedule to confirm that the final submission will be timely made. The inception report must be approved by the client to precede the further work. During the time of work, a focal officer from REDD IC will be assigned to keep tracking of the consultant's work and performance. A well referenced report (electronic copy-MS word and PDF as well as three hard copies in Nepali and a synthesis report of this assignment in English language) shall be submitted to the client within two and one half months of signing of the contract agreement. Upon the final review by the client of the submitted draft documents and the ensuing communication, the consultant shall prepare and submit final five hard copies and one e-copy in window-word of those documents to REDD IC.

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9 Payment Schedule

REDD IC intends to sign a lump sum contract with the consultant who secures top marks in the EOI evaluation. Each lump sum installment payment will be linked to a particular deliverable. Three time payments could be made - first installment of 20% of the contract amount against an acceptable inception report, second 50% against the finalizing the fine tuning of the existing mid-level professionals' TOT manual and completion of the one TOT event in one of the regions. Final 30% will be paid upon completing all the TOTs and submitting an acceptable final report.

10 Consultant's Selection Method

A consultant will be selected using the World Bank's individual consultant selection method. For further details refer to the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 (Consultant Guidelines).

Evaluation criteria are based on the "selection of individual consultants" focusing on relevant experience, qualifications and capacity to carry out the assignment.

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