



CALL FOR TENDERS

CONSULTANCY FOR

Technical support to Participatory Land Use Planning in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Cameroon

Effective from: December 2017

Duration of contract: first phase up to 20 days (between December and February) initial contract, with possibility of extension in a second phase.

Location: remote / working from home, with possibility of some work from RFUK office in London

Reporting to: Democratic Republic of Congo Programme Coordinator

CONTEXT

The Rainforest Foundation UK

The mission of the Rainforest Foundation UK (RFUK) is to support indigenous peoples and traditional populations of the world's rainforest to:

- Secure and control the natural resources necessary for their long-term wellbeing and to manage these resources in ways which do not harm their environment, violate their culture or compromise their future.
- Develop means to protect their individual and collective rights and to obtain, shape and control basic services from the state.

RFUK considers that an essential first step to protect and manage the tropical forests and to reduce poverty in tropical forest countries is to realise the rights of the traditional and indigenous communities who live in those forests. With secure rights to land and livelihoods, forest peoples can effectively manage forest resources and direct and manage their own development. Founded in 1989, RFUK has in the past 25 years built a solid body of work based on this rights-based approach to development and protection of the rainforest. Although our work is focused on the Congo Basin, where RFUK has worked since 1996, we also work in the Peruvian Amazon.

RFUK tackles the underlying causes of deforestation linked to the problems of disenfranchisement of indigenous forest peoples globally and locally. From the field to the international policy arena, RFUK reinforces the active participation of forest peoples in the decisions that affect them. We work with over 15 partner organisations in tropical forest countries and our programme work is split into the following thematic areas:

- Threats to forests from the extractive industries, infrastructure development and agro-industrial expansion;

- Conservation effectiveness and monitoring of initiatives to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD);
- Community-based forest management, land-use planning and tenure reform;
- Community mapping and forest monitoring;
- Indigenous peoples' rights.

The London-based Foundation is part of a network of sister organisations, which also include the Rainforest Foundation US and the Rainforest Foundation Norway.

Supporting the implementation of Community Forests and Land Use Planning in the DRC

RFUK is implementing several projects in the DRC which form a coherent approach contributing to our overall programmes strategy. The consultant will support the work of the DRC Programme team, on work related to participatory land use planning in DRC, which will be implemented in synergy with projects on community forests in DRC. In April 2016, RFUK launched a DFID funded project in DRC aiming to improve livelihoods and reduce deforestation by establishing successful community based forest management. It will practically test community forest and land use planning pilots, provide access to learnings from approaches pioneered in Africa and other regions, and contribute to the development of DRC's legal, policy and institutional environment on community forestry and land use planning. The consultant will provide technical advice on the delivery of the land use planning activities under this project, and under other land use planning projects currently in development.

As well as the LUP work related to community forest development, RFUK is also in the process of expanding its work on participatory land use planning in DRC through a project in the province of Maniema, and one ongoing project in Cameroon. As part of these projects RFUK will be field testing and refining a new Participatory Land Use Planning methodology. This methodology has been developed on the basis of Rainforest Foundation's longstanding work on participatory mapping as pioneered through the Mapping for Rights platform, and on learnings from prior pilot participatory land use planning projects in DRC and Cameroon. These will be tested in the context of the reform of DRC's land use planning policy and laws, which is ongoing. The consultant, who will have significant experience of implementing Participatory Land Use Planning projects and activities, will be required to provide technical advice on tools and methodologies being used by RFUK, and will work closely with RFUK's DRC team, implementing partners and GIS consultants. The work of the consultant will focus on RFUK projects in the DRC, however she/he will also be expected to provide inputs and advice on the first data collected by RFUK pilot participatory land use planning initiative in Cameroon.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The consultant will be responsible for the following tasks, under the supervision of the DRC Programme Coordinator.

Phase 1 – December - February 2018 (up to 20 days):

- Undertake a review of Rainforest Foundation's Participatory Land Use Planning methodology including of training materials and data collection tools, and propose adjustments, amendments and additions to these training materials and tools.

Phase 2 - (exact terms to be defined at the end of initial contract):

- In general, provide advice on the technical and political aspects of land use planning based on recognised best practices and experiences in other countries.

- Provide ongoing technical support and guidance for participatory land use planning implementation at field level, including the review of relevant project documents, participation in meetings with RFUK staff and with implementing partners or consultants (either in person or remotely), supporting workshops for training, review, evaluation and planning, and undertaking monitoring visits as required and on a regular basis.

DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINE

Deliverables - Phase 1	Date
Undertake peer review of RFUK's Participatory Land Use Planning methodology, preliminary data and field reports (from Cameroon), and propose adjustments, amendments and additions.	6 January 2018
Propose tools that can be used by field teams for data collection and for facilitating sessions at community level, based on the outlined methodology.	12 January 2018
Developing draft materials for training of LUP facilitators (based on review of existing materials).	17 February 2018

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF THE CONSULTANT

- Strong background in Development, Planning, Environmental Management, Forestry or Natural Resource Management, at PhD or Masters level.
- At least 5 years of relevant experience of working on community level Land Use Planning projects, preferably in an expert, advisory or technical role. Specific experience in the forest sector in the Congo Basin, especially DRC, would be advantageous.
- Experience of delivering and facilitating training and developing training tools.
- Experience in working with local NGOs and local institutions in a developing country, especially in the Congo Basin and in the DRC.
- Excellent knowledge of international standards and laws related to forests and land management and community forestry.
- Proven track record of capacity building projects/consultancies in the field of natural resources, forest and land rights.
- An excellent command of French and English is highly desirable.
- Strong drafting, presentation and reporting skills.
- Ability to communicate complex information in understandable and relevant terms adapted for different stakeholders especially local communities.

APPLICATION

To apply please send the following to jobs@rainforestuk.org by 8 December 2017:

- CV (s) and proven records of delivered trainings /capacity building tools development/research publications (papers, reports, training modules, etc.);
- A covering letter outlining how your skills and experience make you suitable for this position;
- An indicative budget (fees) that will be agreed upon with the consultant(s) when contracting.

For an informal discussion about the consultancy, please contact Colin Robertson (ColinR@rainforestuk.org)