



## Terms of Reference – Fixed Term Consultancy Africa Nature Investors Foundation (ANI)

### Develop a community engagement strategy for the Gashaka Gumti National Park REDD+ project

Africa Nature Investors Foundation (ANI) is looking for a consultant or consultancy to **develop a community engagement strategy for the Gashaka Gumti National Park REDD+ project**. This work would involve developing a detailed workplan and strategy which would include engagement with different stakeholders from local communities living within and outside the National Park (NP).

#### Background

Africa Nature Investors Foundation (ANI), alongside partners Savo Project Developers and The Nature Conservancy are developing a REDD+ project in Gashaka Gumti National Park. This will be a pioneering and first of kind REDD+ project in Nigeria. The project will use carbon finance to incentivise and pay for the costs associated with conserving and regenerating this important high conservation value National Park. The project intends to deliver high-integrity carbon offsets, protecting high conservation value ecosystems and ensuring strong social benefits for local communities both in and around the National Park. The project is being developed for certification under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) and also the Climate, Community and Biodiversity Standard (CCB).

About 2,400 people live within the Gashaka Gumti National Park in 10 enclave villages located in the eastern-central and southern areas of the NP. Some communities are sedentary farmers and may require or choose to resettle outside the National Park boundaries. Others use the Park for temporal grazing. Another 38 villages with about 200,000 people are located in the NP Support Zone (a 5-km buffer area around the NP boundary). Deforestation and degradation in the National Park are is mainly driven by anthropogenic fires, expanding farming and cattle grazing, and to a lesser extent mining and logging.

#### Scope of work:

This consultancy will develop the workplan and strategy for the following elements of the community engagement plan:

1. Stakeholder identification and mapping
  - a. Mapping process
  - b. Local legal analysis to identify stakeholder rights, including statutory and customary or informal rights
  - c. Staffing recommendations/ expertise needed
2. Stakeholder Consultation Plan
  - a. Design of consultation plan, including techniques to be used, logistics and timings

- b. Training requirements and material preparation
  - c. Education/ capacity building versus consultation
  - d. Engagement with local counsel as needed to understand stakeholder rights
  - e. Determine legal rights associated with relocation of communities within the National Park
  - f. Staffing recommendations/ expertise needed
3. Stakeholder Engagement and Data Collection
  - a. Design recommendations and approach
  - b. Staffing recommendations/ expertise needed
4. Free, Prior, Informed Consent (FPIC) processes
  - a. Understand stakeholder rights in the National Park and what are the requirements under Nigerian Law for an FPIC process.
  - b. Understand requirements of CCB in relation to the Gashaka Gumti National Park REDD+ Project
  - c. Recommendations of how to execute FPIC if needed
  - d. Staffing recommendations/ expertise needed
5. Theory of Change
  - a. Plan for elaboration of Social Impact Assessment approach or Rapid Rural Appraisal
  - b. Staffing recommendations/ expertise needed
6. Community Impact Monitoring
  - a. Plan for selection of indicators and associated MRV related to outcomes of the Theory of Change
  - b. Staffing recommendations/ expertise needed
7. Development and agreement of benefit-sharing plan
  - a. Overall strategy
  - b. Staffing recommendations/ expertise needed
8. Workplan for the 'community' elements of the Climate, Community and Biodiversity Project Design Document
  - a. Workplan
  - b. Staffing recommendations/ expertise needed

It is recognised that different users will have different rights within and around the National Park. It is requested in addition to a consideration of all stakeholders more broadly that the community engagement plan will provide detailed consideration of the approach needed specifically with two pre-identified core stakeholder users:

- Fulani grazing/ migratory communities
- Sedentary/ non-migratory communities and resettlement process if necessary

**Deliverable:**

- Detailed community engagement plan including items 1-8 listed above.
- Community-level stakeholder map
- Preparation of terms of references (TOR) for recommended roles/ consultancies identified in the community engagement plan



- Presentation of findings and training on community engagement plan to ANI Community Liaison Staff and REDD+ Management Team.

**Necessary experience and skills-set:**

- Understanding of REDD+ in a West African context
- Deep understanding and experience in of social impact assessments, community consultation and the Free, Prior, Informed Consent Process (FPIC)
- Experience working with and excellent knowledge of the Climate, Community and Biodiversity (CCB) Standard
- Understanding of carbon markets - both regulatory and voluntary, and in the context of Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry and best practice in benefit sharing model
- Experience carrying out consultation and review of community resettlement processes
- Experience working with a range of stakeholders in an African conservation context, including working with NGOs
- Experience working in West Africa
- Experience conducting interviews and interacting with government institutions
- Ability to travel to Nigeria and the Gashaka Gumti National Park as necessary and conduct meetings, field visits and consultations

**Timeframe:**

- Submit an expression of interest (max 2 pages) which includes a high level outline of relevant expertise, approach, indicative costs and timeframe to [info@savo.earth](mailto:info@savo.earth) by **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**
- Anticipated timeframe for consultancy to take place: May/June 2023.

**Applications will be evaluated against the following criteria:**

- Personal qualifications (30 points)
- Experience with similar assignments (40 points)
- Cost (30 points)