

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

Review of climate change and carbon legislation in Nigeria relevant to the development of the Gashaka Gumti National Park REDD+ project

Africa Nature Investors Foundation is looking for a consultant or consultancy to **review the current legislative status and needs for establishing REDD+ carbon projects in Nigeria**. This work would involve conducting an assessment and report of the regulatory and policy legal environment in Nigeria for carbon market projects, including the state and summary of government policy, key initiatives, and regulatory requirements in establishing carbon projects.

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 the 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 objective of this consultancy is to research and produce a summary report of the ‘current state of play’ in Nigeria in terms of existing and proposed legislative architecture relevant to REDD+ and carbon markets, stakeholder mapping and identification of key actors and institutions.

Elements to include in the report:

- i. Describe existing and proposed legislation in Nigeria relevant to carbon rights and carbon trading. Evaluate ‘readiness’ for a REDD+ project to transact carbon credits in Nigeria given existing laws and legal frameworks and systems. Detail any barriers to transacting Verified Carbon Credits currently from a REDD+ project in Nigeria.
- ii. Describe process for approvals (if needed/ if in place) in Nigeria for a REDD+ project to sell VCU’s internationally.
- iii. Stakeholder mapping - identify and describe key stakeholders for policy and implementation of REDD+ in Nigeria - this should include relevant government bodies at National and Regional Level, Private Sector, NGOs etc. Assess capacity, current role and future roles / responsibilities of stakeholder in relation to REDD+ in Nigeria and identify and evaluate areas of collaboration and or potential conflict of interests/ uncertainty over responsibilities and precedents between entities.
- iv. Overview of Nigeria’s Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and role of LULUCF (i.e. forestry and land use emissions) in achieving.

- v. Review and summarise the current Forest Emission Reference Level (FREL) for Nigeria and approach to nesting and jurisdictional REDD+.
- vi. Review any multilateral agreements in Nigeria on REDD+ or carbon trading/ payments for ecosystem services (e.g. World Bank/ FCPF, LEAF etc).
- vii. Review any jurisdictional specific programmes which exist or are proposed
- viii. Detail all carbon finance projects registered in Nigeria under recognised standard (e.g. under VCS/ Gold Standard/ Plan Vivo etc). In so far as is possible identify and detail any under development which are not yet registered.

Deliverable:

Core Report covering content listed in i-viii above
Stakeholder map and with database of contacts

Necessary experience and skills-set:

- Understanding of REDD+, and policy developments and landscape internationally and in a West African context
- Understanding of carbon markets - both regulatory and voluntary, and in the context of projects and jurisdictional approaches for Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry
- Understanding and experience of working with legislative and policy frameworks development for climate change mitigation, REDD+ and carbon markets in African countries
- Understanding of Nigeria governmental structures and institutions related to forests and land use management, the environment and climate change at the national and sub-national level
- Experience working in West Africa
- Experience conducting interviews and interacting with government institutions
- Network of contacts in Nigeria with national and sub-national stakeholders relevant to REDD+
- Ability to conduct interviews and meetings in person in Nigeria in April/ May 2023 and via digital platforms

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 by **Thursday 27th April, 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)