



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

REDD+ Coordinator:

Position summary: Africa Nature Investors Foundation is looking for a consultant who will coordinate the REDD+ activities necessary for the development and successful certification of the Gashaka Gumti National Park REDD+ Project. The role will entail coordinating the day-to-day activities of diverse team members and consultants necessary for the development of the REDD+ Project Design Document under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) and the Climate, Community and Biodiversity (CCB) Standard.

Contract duration: May to Dec 2023

Position Location: Nigeria

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 project is currently starting the work to develop its 'project design document' necessary for certification of the project at independent audit by a validation/verification body (VVB). The 'project design document' (PDD) will be for certification under the VCS and CCB. Development of the materials necessary for the design of the project will require coordination with a range of technical experts with specialist skills set in biomass quantification, remote sensing, carbon calculation, community engagement and social impact assessment, biodiversity impact assessment, project design and monitoring, reporting and verification. The REDD+ Coordinators role will be one of pulling together the different pieces to ensure timely delivery of the VCS and CCB PDD – this will include coordination of meetings between different stakeholders (both in person and virtual), contract management for consultants involved in writing of PDD, review of input reports for the PDD, relationship management with national, regional and international stakeholders in the project, overseeing a dynamic Gantt chart and drafting sections of the PDD.

Core Responsibilities:

- Ongoing coordination and management of project stakeholders including with ANI team, Savo team, The Nature Conservancy, Government of Nigeria, National Park

Service, Communities (via and in collaboration with the ANI Community Liaison Team) and other project consultants

- Monthly progress reports shared with the CEO of ANI
- Monthly updates to the project Gantt chart
- Manage draft of VCS & CCB PDD including review and writing of allocated sections

Necessary experience and skills-set:

- Strong interpersonal skills to coordinate with different stakeholders including international consultants and Nigerian governmental staff
- Quick learner with strong academic background, with good analytic and organisational skills
- Strong time-management and inter-personal skills with an ability to manage others and ensure timely delivery against milestones
- Ability to work well in a team and independently
- Ability to work well under pressure across different time zones
- Strong writing skills and track record in report writing or similar
- Attention to detail, with ability to be flexible and work in an international and multi-cultural environment
- Knowledge and understanding of REDD+ and the carbon offset certification process, or ability to learn about REDD+ quickly
- Experience working in conservation in Africa, with an understanding of participatory and community focused consultation processes and decision making.
- Excellent MS Office skills including Word, Excel and Teams
- Physically fit, able to travel regularly within Nigeria, live in a rural area and able to walk across rough terrain in the rainforest/ mountains of Gashaka Gumti National Park to supervise and coordinate fieldwork activities

Desirable:

- 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 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 developing VCS and or CCB Projects
- Experience working in West Africa
- Experience interacting with a range of stakeholders in the environmental/ national park space

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 to December 2023

Applications will be evaluated against the following criteria:

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