



CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK UGANDA

TECHNICAL NOTE PREPARATION FOR THE ANTICIPATED REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL FORESTRY AND
TREE PLANTING ACT (2003)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Background and Context

The Climate Action Network Uganda (CAN-U) is a national network of civil society organisations, private sector, academia and individuals working to advance climate action in their respective jurisdictions. CAN Uganda was formally inaugurated on the 9th April 2009 at Hotel Africana as a loose network with over 540 members. It was first hosted by Oxfam GB (Now Oxfam in Uganda) and supported by entities such as DENIVA, Actionaid Uganda and Uganda Redcross among others. Currently, CAN-U has 186¹ registered members across Uganda and has a fully established Secretariat.

Since 2021, CAN Uganda has been involved in the work of reviewing the National Forest Policy 2001. During this process, CAN Uganda supported civil society consultative meetings at national and community level to seek for views that would be used to shape and influence the outcome of the Policy. CAN Uganda co-sponsored the National Validation Meeting and also one technical review meeting that made additional inputs into the revised policy document. Our core interests were on reforms to consider rights of indigenous and forest dependent communities, climate proofing the policy and other reforms such as forest extension services, carbon trading and associated rights for the rights holders and role of community forestry in enhancing climate action among others. These were expressed in a joint position statement submitted to the Ministry of Water and Environment's policy review task team.

So far, the Forest Sector Support Department (FSSD) indicates that a draft of the revised National Forestry Policy is now available pending perusals and feedback from the Cabinet of the Government of Uganda. This will be very useful as material for use during the production of the technical note for the proposed review of the existing National Forest and Tree Planting Act (2003).

Objectives

The main objective of the technical note is to influence the outcome of the proposed National Forest and Tree Planting Act in line with the current policy proposals and views submitted by the civil society during the consultative process of the policy.

More specifically, it is intended to:

1. contribute technical advice on the design and review of the existing National Forest and Tree Planting Act in line with the proposals of the revised Forest Policy.
2. provide recommendations for consideration by the government legal team during the consultative process for the review of the NFTP (2003)
3. facilitate where necessary the civil society's contribution of legal issues during stakeholder consultations by providing legal guidance on key issues.

Scope of work

The following are the tasks to be undertaken by the candidate:

- Review the revised National Forest Policy to pick out key issues for consideration in the review of the NFTP (2003)
- Produce a technical paper/note to guide the review of the NFTP (2003). This paper/note will be submitted to the Ministry of Water and Environment as an advance technical guidance for the review of the existing Act.

Duties and Responsibilities

¹ Although the number could vary after annual updates.

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- Will provide all the necessary documents as needed by the consultant
- CAN-U staff shall actively participate in the process as requested by the consultant
- CAN-U shall organize selected meetings as may be required
- CAN-U shall initiate contact with any stakeholders that the consultants will find necessary

The Consultant

- Fulfill all assignments as stated in the scope

Proposed Methodology

The consultant is expected to propose appropriate methodology including:

- Desk review of all available literature
- Stakeholder meetings .
- The consultant is expected to provide a detailed reasonable methodology during the application process and should be part of the technical proposal

Experience and relevant qualifications of the consultant

- Experience in legal and policy analysis and research in the environment sector
- Experience undertaking similar assignments
- Ability to produce high quality outputs in a timely manner while understanding and anticipating the evolving client needs.
- Ability to work independently, produce high quality outputs;
- Bachelor's Degree in Law and advanced qualifications in Law (Dip. LLD, Masters, PhD).
- Minimum of 10 years of relevant experience is required.

1. Timeline

The assignment is expected to take 20 days from the date of award of the contract.

2. Deliverables

The successful candidate will produce a technical note/paper to facilitate CSOs contribution to the consultative process of the NFTP (2003).

3. Budget

The candidate shall submit a financial proposal alongside the technical proposal. This will form part of the annexes.

4 Submission of the EOI

All interested individuals/firms should submit the technical and financial proposal to can@can.ug by COB 10th November 2023.