



**Call for expression of interest for consultancy service:
Researcher to document lessons learnt for the Capacity Building of Civil Society
Organizations (CSOs) and Local Communities (LCs) in the East Asia-Pacific (EAP) Region
on REDD+**

Introduction:

On behalf of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)/World Bank, ANSAB has been working as the regional intermediary for the **Capacity Building of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Local Communities (LCs) in the East Asia-Pacific (EAP) Region on REDD+ Project**. The objective of the project is to strengthen: (i) the knowledge of targeted southern CSOs and LCs on REDD+ Readiness at the national level and (ii) knowledge exchange at the regional level. The project paper can be found at <http://ansab.org/redd/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Project-Paper-P153588.pdf>

The project has been supporting capacity building and awareness raising activities for CSOs and LCs in the EAP region. At the national level, the following three sub-projects are being implemented in Fiji and Vietnam:

1. Building capacity for Fiji's CSOs and LCs to actively participate in the Fiji national REDD+ readiness programme implemented by Grace Trifam Ministry (GTM), Fiji;
2. Empowering CSOs and LCs to effectively participate in the implementation of Vietnam's Emission Reduction Programme (ER-P) implemented by Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD), Vietnam; and
3. Promoting adaptive collaborative management approach (ACMA) through strengthening capacity and participation of Vietnamese CSOs and local communities in REDD+ process in Vietnam implemented by PanNature (Centre for People and Nature Reconciliation), Vietnam.

As a part of the project, ANSAB is seeking service from a researcher (consultant) to document lessons learnt from the implementation of the capacity building and awareness raising activities in the EAP region.

Scope of Work:

The researcher will document lessons learnt and best practices from the implementation of the projects in the EAP region. Scope of the consultancy assignment includes:

1. General review of ongoing national REDD+ initiatives and activities in the East Asia and Pacific region;
2. Review of the ongoing in-country activities, with special reference to the participation of CSOs and LCs, and their outcomes in close collaboration with three sub-project teams in Vietnam and Fiji;
3. Analyze the in-country activities, outcomes, and key results based on results framework and key lessons of the sub-projects, including examples of best practices and success stories;
4. Analyze key results of the in-country activities and document gender impacts and results as a consequence of implementation of the project;

5. Compile a report including the lessons learnt and recommendations in the form of a report and submit to the project secretariat; and
6. Present the work in the project's regional workshop.

Level of Effort:

1. A total of 20 days is expected to carry out the consultancy assignment including travel time;
2. A budget of about US \$13,500 (incl. fee and travel costs) is allocated for this assignment;
 - As part of the service, the consultant will consult with the project team, Task Team Leader of the World Bank, sub-project recipients, FCPF CSO observer for the Asia-Pacific region;
 - The consultant will visit to Vietnam and organize face-to-face meeting with the 2 sub-grantees;
 - The task needs to be completed before a regional workshop that will be organized in September 2019.

Qualifications and Competencies:

Education: Masters, preferably Doctoral degree in natural resource management, resource economics, environmental policy, climate-change policies and/or other relevant field.

Experience and competencies:

1. General understanding of the REDD+, FCPF, and FCPF Capacity Building Program;
2. Experience in the policy development processes associated with REDD+ and climate change, more specifically in the EAP region;
3. Participation of civil society organizations/ local communities is desirable;
4. Thorough understanding of the forest and biodiversity conservation issues/environment policies and governance systems in the countries of EAP region would be an asset;
5. Demonstrated experience in policy analysis, case study, project evaluation, and production of high quality written outputs including journal articles and other publication;
6. Demonstrated facilitation and coordination skills.

Language: Excellent communication, writing and reporting skills in English.

Application Procedure:

Qualified candidates meeting the above qualifications and competencies may apply by sending a brief proposal with an outline of methodology, workplan and budget along with an updated CV highlighting the relevant experience by May 19, 2019 through e-mail to red@ansab.org

Ammendment in this call for expression of interest: The contact email address has been changed to red@ansab.org in place of red@ansab.org. We request to use the email address red@ansab.org for the application or any other correspondence.