



A CONSULTANCY TO REVISE THE COLLABORATIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

The Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) and the National Forestry Authority (NFA) have been implementing Collaborative Forest Management (CFM) program in Central Forest Reserves for the past two decades. The CFM approach enables communities to participate in meaningful negotiations and decision-making regarding the routine management of forest resources, and to benefit from the sustainable co-management of forests. The government recognizes the role of community involvement in forest resource management and has put in place an enabling policy environment through the Forestry Policy of 2001 and the National Forestry and Tree Planting Act of 2003 which provide for CFM. Further, the National Forestry and Tree Planting Regulations (2016) in Part IV (Regulations 17-30) strengthen the provisions of CFM.

In line with the recommendations of the National Review of CFM (2020), MWE is seeking the services of a consultant to review the Guidelines for CFM through a consultative multi-stakeholder process.

Experience and qualifications

The lead consultant shall have a minimum of a masters' qualification in forestry or a closely related discipline with extensive experience (at least 10 years) of community-based forestry, preferably with the ability to draw on personal experience in and/or knowledge of community forestry in other parts Africa. They must have substantive experience in facilitating multi-stakeholder processes, have excellent interpersonal, listening and communication skills, and be able to write incisively and effectively for specific target audiences. They must be able to demonstrate a track record of having successfully carried out consulting assignments in a timely manner and to a high standard. The lead consultant will be expected to identify and directly work with a creative partner. A terms of reference, which is available at www.nfa.go.ug and www.mwe.go.ug, should be studied and adhered to closely in developing s submission.

Criteria for application

Interested candidates, who meet the requirements set out in the ToR, should submit an application comprising a technical and a financial proposal in PDF format by email by **17:00hrs Monday 3rd November 2021** to cfm.guidelines.review@gmail.com. All applications received will be acknowledged.