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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CFEI)

N° **00002** /CFEI/MINEPDED/SG/DEPC/CEP

RELATED TO THE RECRUITMENT OF A CONSULTANT FOR THE ELABORATION OF THE MID-TERM EVALUATION FOR THE PROJECT

"GEF Project ID 9604: REMOVING BARRIERS TO BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION, LAND RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT – COBALAM."

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project rationale derives from the need and opportunity to develop policy implementation structures and practical field-based implementation to strengthen biodiversity conservation while Cameroon pursues its economic growth strategy. Over 80% of population in the Western Highlands of Cameroon (WHC) is dependent on natural resources for their livelihoods. In the south of Cameroon, with over 70% of the rural population dependent on healthy forests, sustainable management of forests and land is the only long-term solution to the growing environmental and economic pressures. Cameroon has committed to restoring an ambitious target of over 12 million hectares of deforested and degraded land by 2030, which is the biggest commitment in the Congo Basin under the Bonn Challenge initiative. While close to 46% of Cameroon is covered by forests that are highly valued for their biodiversity, unsustainable use and management of natural resources, increasing internal and external pressures, lack of appropriate coordination mechanisms and stewardship have contributed to the deforestation and degradation at an alarming speed. The uniqueness and richness of biodiversity of both the WHC and the south of Cameroon and the global significance of the country's biodiversity, the dependence of

communities on sustainable use of natural resources, the absence of existing working solutions for Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) in the country, require a concerted action and scalable solutions that this project sets out to address.

COBALAM will focus field activities in the montane North-West and West regions of the WHC, as well as in South region, which is home to lowland tropical forest. While these two parts of the country are sharply differentiated (one a highland region that is heavily populated and experiencing continuing processes of land degradation, and the other a sparsely-populated lowland expanse, largely covered with closed canopy natural forest), both are threatened by unsustainable practices that are affecting the entire ecosystem.

The project will integrate CBNRM in these two regions by developing a participatory local governance system for the preservation of biodiversity and sustainable land management, while enhancing the livelihoods of communities. It will also address the legislative and regulatory barriers to improve the protected status of High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) and Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs). It will address the pressures on natural resources from competing land uses across landscapes through participatory land use planning that builds commitment to reducing the extension of the agricultural frontier into natural forest lands.

To achieve this, COBALAM will improve agricultural practices and land management around HCVF areas and KBA by promoting sustainable agricultural practices for the most important food crops and, where applicable, cash crops, such as avocado, cocoa and coffee, supporting Non-Timber Forest Product (NTFP) enterprise and assisting producers and harvesters with improved access to markets. Local Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and municipalities will play a key role in embedding landscape-based approaches into national practices within the decentralization processes currently being strongly backed by the government.

II. PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND COMPONENTS

Project objective : To improve biodiversity conservation and community livelihoods in three landscapes in the Western Highlands and South Region of Cameroon, through participatory community-based landscape management and the development of enterprises based on responsible resource use. The project has three major components as follows :

Component 1: Community Forest protection and institutional alignment for integrated landscape management.

Component 2: Development of capacity and incentives to support the protection of landscapes through KBA/HCVF management, Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) deployment.

Component 3: Deployment of integrated SLM and SFM practices in the WHC and the South region landscapes.

III. PURPOSE OF THE MID-TERM EVALUATION

The purpose of this mid-term evaluation is to determine the level of progress made toward achieving the project's objectives. The review will assess project performance and the implementation of planned outputs and activities against actual results. Risks to the achievement of project outcomes and objectives will also be assessed. The evaluation shall propose corrective actions and make relevant recommendations for any changes in the project design and overall direction that may be necessary.

In order to conduct the mid-term evaluation, we are looking for an individual national/international consultant to conduct the review as specified by the Terms of References (ToR) attached to the CFEI.

In this light, the Minister of the Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development invites all interested persons to express their interest by providing the information demonstrating that they are competent to carry out the above-mentioned consultancy (qualifications, experience in similar positions, Curriculum Vitae, Cover Letter, Contracts, Various justifications, etc.). The cost of the consultancy shall be Pre-financed by the Rainforest Alliance from the budget line of the GEF-UNEP-MINEPDED-RA COBALAM project.

The terms of reference for the consultancy is available at the GEF Cameroon website at www.gef-cameroon.org, at MINEPDED web-site www.minepded.gov.cm, at Rainforest Alliance web-site www.rainforest-alliance.org and all other media opened to the public.

Interested persons can obtain further information during working days from 7:30 am to 3:30 PM local time at the address below:

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Expressions of interest must be submitted in four (04) copies of which one (01) in original and three (03) copies at the above address not later than the 20th of September 2023, by 3:30 PM local time, and expressly mention.

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Yaoundé, le **05 SEPT 2023**

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**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT,
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Attached : Copy of ToRs