



## SELF SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM CSOS AND IPOs TO UGANDA'S NATIONAL REDD+ STEERING AND COORDINATION STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES.

### OBJECTIVE

Facilitate the self-selection process by civil society to elect the representatives from CSOs and IPOs which should represent them in the different REDD+ organs.

### EXPECTED OUTPUT

Report on proceedings and with elected representatives from CSOs and IPOs which should represent them in the different REDD+ organs, particularly the committee.

### INTRODUCTION

The National REDD+ readiness process in Uganda is in the process of conducting a strategic environmental and social assessment (SESA) for REDD+, developing participatory stakeholder structures and activities, and also various communication materials. The REDD+ readiness process should ensure that implementation of proposed programs and activities will not cause adverse social and environmental impacts, while striving to enhance benefits for local communities and the environment also necessitates inclusion of all relevant stakeholders. FCPF and UN-REDD have a set of standards for safeguards and guidelines for engagement of stakeholders, which will be further developed and adapted to the country level with the assistance of the participatory stakeholder structure.

### JUSTIFICATION

Important principles of the Uganda's REDD+ readiness process are the human-rights based approach and stakeholder engagement and participation in defining Uganda's REDD+ strategy options. In order to fulfil these principles, the right to self-representation and inclusion in key national REDD+ steering, coordination and / or management structures are required so as to ensure that



CSOs and IPOs can fully participate, contribute, influence and help set priorities in the REDD+ process in their country. It is important to ensure that informed representatives of CSOs and IPOs follow the national REDD+ process at close range to represent the views of CSOs and IPOs. A self-selection process by civil society to select representatives from CSOs and IPOs which should represent them in the different REDD+ steering and coordination structures and processes was proposed. It is critical that the representatives are legitimately elected by a broad constituency so as to have the necessary mandate and credibility to truly represent their constituencies, as well as the support of an advisory and accountability framework. REDD+ secretariat thus, requested the representative of CSOs on the WESWG (environmental alert) to convene and or host the meeting that would ensure self-selection and validation of CSOs and IPOs to the committees.

## PROPOSED APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

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- a) In order to achieve the above objectives, EA will employ highly participatory and interactive methods, tools and approaches including Focused Group Discussions, consultations and validation workshop to ensure successful self-selection process is undertaken by participants to elect the representatives from CSOs and IPOs which should represent them in the different REDD+ organs, especially the committees.
- b) In addition, EA will mobilise its members including CSOs and IPOs, support and facilitate analysis of existing members selected by REDD+ Secretariat engagement of IPOs and CSOs to address challenges of Legitimacy of the mandate to represent the constituencies and unclear mechanisms for the representatives to solicit views and provide feedback to their constituencies. EA hopes that through this meeting, members will be able to validate and or endorse, and where applicable re-electing members to the structures highlighted in the TORs.
- c) Literature review of available relevant documents to generate relevant content for the presentations (session to bring everyone on board (objectives of REDD+, expected outputs and priority areas);



- d) Preparation of tools and materials, particularly checklists will be developed and used during the group and plenary discussions for identification of key CSOs and IPOs for consideration as regards REDD+ undertakings, CSO and IPO Terms of reference and Terms. The check list will be developed and presented to the REDD+ Secretariat for discussion and approval before using them during the sessions;
- e) Working groups and plenary discussion. Participants will be grouped based on their areas of expertise;
- f) Documentation and reporting. This will involve photo documentation, compilation of the concepts, consultative meeting reports and workshop PowerPoint.

## PARTICIPANTS

The consultation meeting will involve CSO and IPOs as will be derived from the Environment and Natural resources Civil society Organisations and Uganda Forestry Working Group Networks coordinated by EA. A total of 35 male and female participants will be invited and we anticipate that at least 10 will be upcountry participants including CSOs at national and district levels among which will be representatives of IPs (Ng'akarimojong /Teuso, Benet, and Batwa). The representatives of CSOs and IPOs who will participate in the self-selection exercise will be selected based on the criteria that their CSOs and IPOs are actively engaged in REDD+ initiatives and environment and natural resources management interventions at the national and local levels.



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