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## Call for Expression of Interest, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019.

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**Purpose:** Call for Expression of Interest (EOI) to support implementation of the **ENR-CSO Network led outputs/activities** under the Project on, *“Inclusive Green Growth through Poverty Reduction (IGGPR).”*

**Prepared by:** The **Environment and Natural Resources Civil Society Network (ENR-CSO Network)** in collaboration with the **Ministry of Water and Environment and the United Nations Development Program.**

### **1.0 Background:**

Uganda, the “Pearl of Africa”, is endowed with abundant natural resources, upon which the economy and livelihood of over 80% of the population largely depends. However, this natural resource base is declining at an alarming rate. Four outstanding bottlenecks are hindering national efforts in addressing the increasing degradation of natural resources, namely:

- (i) Gaps in policies and legal framework for integrated/coordinated efforts in Natural Resource Management (NRM), livelihood and job creation;*
- (ii) Inadequate capacities for coherent and efficient implementation of policies on natural resources management, livelihoods and job creation, including capacities for innovation, adaptation and development of home-grown solutions;*
- (iii) Inadequate capacities for engaging communities in natural resources management and climate change response efforts; and*
- (iv) Over dependence on biomass energy sources using inefficient technologies.*

The **United Nations Development Program (UNDP)** will provide technical, technological, operational and financial support to the relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and non-state institutions so that: (a) at the upstream level, by 2017 policies and legal/regulatory frameworks are strengthened and linked for NRM, livelihood and job creation, (b) at mid-stream level, by 2018 Natural Resource Management (NRM) policies and legal frameworks are operationalized in a coordinated manner, (c) at downstream level, by 2019 the public will be empowered to engage in sustainable NRM and, (d) by 2020 cost-effective alternative energy solutions for domestic needs are scaled-up. The primary beneficiaries of the programme are the women (adult), youth (young females and males) and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) especially the poor who will have improved quality of natural resources as a result of reduced degradation and



improved livelihoods and greener jobs through applying more sustainable practices due to the programme interventions.

The programme will deploy among other approaches, the Songhai Model to empower communities. It's expected to impact directly on reduction of poverty and inequalities by creating job and entrepreneurship opportunities for women, young people and other traditionally marginalized groups such as disable. The approach and results are expected to be sustained through:

- (i) its inherent focus on preservation of the environment and its natural resources;*
- (ii) the potential for self-financing as observed in the Songhai model (Benin); and*
- (ii) the extent of government ownership of processes at intervention design, implementation and scaling up.*

## **2.0 Expected Results**

**Programme Outcome:** Natural resources management and energy access are gender responsive, effective and efficient, reducing emissions, negating the impact of climate-induced disasters and environmental degradation on livelihoods and production systems, and strengthening community resilience. The programme is expected to contribute to improved NRM, livelihood and job creation.

## **3.0 Programme outputs and key activity results:**

**A)** By end 2018; Relevant MDAs with adequate Technical and financial capacities to strengthen and link policies and legal/regulatory frameworks for natural resource management, livelihood and job creation including provisions for incentive measures.

- i. Policies and strategies for environment, natural resources, livelihoods and job creation strengthened and integrated.*
- ii. Legal and regulatory frameworks for enhancing natural resource management, livelihood and job creation improved.*
- iii. Knowledge and empirical evidence generated for supporting policy, technical and operational decisions.*

**B)** By 2018, Relevant MDAs and LGs with relevant technical, technological, operational and financial capacities to operationalize NRM policies and legal frameworks in view of establishing strong linkages between NRM, livelihood and Job creation.

- i. Enforcement of environmental management regulations and laws within the communities strengthened.*
- ii. Adopt and pilot the Songhai Model for youth empowerment in Uganda.*
- iii. Support youth innovation for NRM, job creation and livelihoods.*



**C)** By 2019, Relevant MDAs, LGs, Media and CSOs with adequate technical, technological, operational and financial capacity to raise awareness and engage the public in NRM, promote and document good community practices that link NRM to improved livelihood and job creation (CSOs).

- i. Capacity of relevant CSOs and other non-state actors strengthened to support implementation.
- ii. Partnership in implementing innovative and scalable market-based solutions in NRM, JC and livelihood developed.

**D)** By 2020, Relevant MDAs, selected LGs, CSOs, CBOs, and research institutions with adequate technical (SS/TC), technological, operational and Financial capacities to develop models of cost-effective alternative energy solutions for domestic needs and determine scalability.

- i. Coordination of Sustainable Energy for All Initiative supported.
- ii. Access to clean sustainable energy sources promoted for productive services and household use promoted.
- iii. Energy enterprises (Energy cooperatives, financing institutions, community platforms) supported.

**Notable** is that the ENR-CSO Network a Responsible Party for the *IGGPR project will lead implementation of activities (presented in **Table 1**) contributing towards output C. These activities will be implemented by members of the ENR-CSO Network who will be selected based on agreed criteria in terms of the following considerations:*

- a)** Technical soundness of proposal;*
- b)** Operational area versus proposed location;*
- c)** Capacity to undertake proposed activity considering (i) Relevant experience (ii) Cost Effectiveness (iii) Potential for greater results/outcomes; iv) Demonstrated ability to deliver outputs with tight deadlines*
- d)** Innovative strategies in relation to (i) Methods (ii) Cost Effectiveness (iii) Potential for greater results/outcomes;*
- e)** Within budget range and derivation of the budget hence is realistic?*
- h)** Other advantages such as membership with ENR-CSO Network, UFWG, legal status, mandate.*

In **Table 1**, the output, expected key results and sub activities to which the ENR-CSO Network contributes are presented.



**Table 1:** Key output and key interventions led by the ENR-CSO Network.

<b>Expected Output</b>	<b>Key Results</b>	<b>Sub activities</b>
<p><b>Output C:</b> By 2019, Relevant MDAs, Media and COSs with adequate technical, technological, operational and financial capacity to raise awareness and engage the public in NRM, promote and document good community practices that link NRM to improved livelihood and job creation</p>	<p><b>Key Result 1:</b> Capacity of relevant CSOs and other non-state actors strengthened to advocate for implementation of policies, guidelines and regulations on NRM, job creation and livelihood.</p>	<p><b>Sub activity 1:</b> Strengthen the ENR Civil Society Network to serve as a platform to advocate for implementation of policies, guidelines and regulations on NRM, Job Creation and Livelihoods</p> <p><b>Sub activity 2:</b> Support CSOs to engage in issue (NRM, livelihood and job creation) based advocacy at national, regional and subnational levels</p>

#### 4.0 Implementation

**Timeline:** April - June 2019

#### 5.0 Geographical Coverage: National and sub-regional levels

**6.0 Eligibility:** Registered members of the **ENR-CSO Network**. Thus, these must have paid membership and annual subscription fees as appropriate.

**7.0 Guidelines:** Every application should include at the very minimum, a quantitative and qualitative description of the results to be arrived at, the proposed approach and methodologies, a description of personnel and logistics to be used and the detailed budget.

*Applications should be for at least 1 sub activity as described in **Table 1**.*

*Eligible members can submit individual and or joint applications.*

*Applications should be written in New Times Roman; Font 12 and at most 5 pages exclusive of the cover page.*

**Please note** that priority will be given to activities implemented at local level depending on the perspective. Each institution should submit **ONLY** one EOI for purposes of minimizing the workload of the selection committee. **Notable** is that the submission of 2 or more expressions will lead to disqualification of the applicant.



**8.0 Reporting:** The successful applicant will be required to submit the final report in a timely manner as agreed in the work plan to the Secretariat. A reporting format will be provided at the time of contracting.

**9.0 Grant range:** The estimated grant range per activity is presented in **Table 2**.

**Table 2.** Estimated grant range per sub-activity.

<b>Sub activity</b>	<b>Amount (UGX)</b>
<i>Sub activity 1:</i>	35,000,000 – 41,000,000
<i>Sub activity 2:</i>	35,000,000 – 55,000,000

**Please Note:** Applications/EoI based on the format above should be submitted through email or physical delivery to the address below, to be received not later than **12<sup>th</sup> April 2019**.

*Additional information and enquiries regarding proposal outlines, eligibility and budgets can be obtained from **Environmental Alert** through the following email address:*

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