



Miti Mingi Maisha Bora – Support to Forest Sector Reform in Kenya

CALL FOR CONSULTANT ON:

ANALYSIS OF POLICY, REGULATORY AND FISCAL SUPPORT FRAMEWORK FOR SME DEVELOPMENT IN SAWMILLING IN KENYA

The forest sector reform in Kenya is supported by the Government of Finland through the “*Miti Mingi Maisha Bora*” programme. The objective of the programme is to facilitate an increased contribution of forests to economic recovery and poverty alleviation on an economic and socially sustainable basis. The inception phase of the programme started in the beginning of July 2007.

The “*Miti Mingi Maisha Bora*” and Kenya Forest Service now invite bids from qualified professionals to carry out a consultancy as indicated below. The period of the consultancy is one person month.

Objectives of the consultancy

The objectives of the consultancy are to:

1. Identify, analyse and provide the Kenya Forest Service with an overview of the policy, regulatory and fiscal framework which impacts on the small and medium enterprise (SME) development in sawmilling in Kenya.
2. Recommend possible changes in the policy, regulatory and fiscal framework to reduce the barriers for SME development in sawmilling in Kenya (e.g., fiscal incentive packages).
3. Provide information on the general status of SME sawmills, need for actions for prequalification for the bidding process.
4. Recommend options for support mechanisms to enable sawmill entrepreneurs to fulfil prequalification criteria to be eligible to participate in the raw material bidding process.
5. Recommend implications for mergers and vertical integration (logging and sawmilling).

Qualifications

The consultant should have the following qualifications

- University degree in a relevant field related to the assignment; law, business & administration, economics, forestry or other related field.
- Minimum of 10 years work experience in the above fields.
- Solid knowledge and experience on SME development, with special focus on the impact of policies and regulatory and fiscal framework on SME development.
- Proven experience in analysis of policies, legal and fiscal issues as they relate to SME's.
- Thorough knowledge and understanding of technologies related to sawmilling and logging.
- Sound knowledge and understanding of forestry issues in general.

Application process

Interested applicants should send their CVs by email as well as email and telephone contacts to the address below by 26 October 2007. An interview for qualified candidates will be held on 2 November 2007. Those applicants who do not hear from us by 1 November 2007 must consider their applications unsuccessful. More details are available through our website : www.fankenya.org

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