



Term of Reference

The World Wide Fund for Nature seeks a Consultant to support the Ad hoc Committee in charge of the Finalization of the National Sustainable Palm Oil Strategy (NSPOS)

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is one of the largest independent conservation organizations in the world, active in almost 100 countries. It has been working in the Congo Basin in Central Africa for more than 20 years. Our mission is to stop the environmental degradation in the world and build a future where humans live in harmony with nature.

Context and Justification

Cameroon within the framework of its development strategy of making Cameroon an emerging economy by 2035 is keen in developing its agricultural potential. One of the key commodities on which government is banking on both within its Growth and Employment Strategy Paper (GESP) and articulated earlier in the Rural Development Strategy adopted in 2005 is palm oil. Despite being amongst the world's largest palm oil producing countries (3rd in Africa and 13th in the world) and the largest in Central Africa palm oil producing country with an estimated annual production of 300,000 tons (Index Mundi), Cameroon continues to face serious structural deficit in meeting with domestic demands. In addition, apart from its economic potential, palm oil plays an essential role in ensuring food security but also in many traditional and cultural rites and ceremonies. Cameroon's structural deficit in palm oil is estimated annually at about 130,000 tons and according to figures from the Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) Cameroon in the first quarter of 2017 had its palm oil import from Malaysia increased by 322% being Africa's largest importer of Malaysian palm oil. In 2013, the Government created a committee to elaborate a National Sustainable Palm Oil Strategy (NSPOS), which will balance increasing productivity and environmental and social protection. In December 2014, the strategy was technically validated; however, the document was to be subjected to a formal endorsement by the Government following a national workshop. Unfortunately, this never happened and considering the political, social and economic dynamics, that characterizes the sector, the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to finalize the strategy created an ad-hoc committee. As one of the technical partners, that has supported the process from the start and as a member of the both the 2013 and 2017 committees, WWF is keen to recruit a consultant to facilitate the process of finalizing the strategy.

Objective:

Facilitate the process of finalizing the National Sustainable Palm Oil Strategy

Main tasks:

- Lead and facilitate all meetings of the ad-hoc committee in the process of finalizing the NSPOS
- Carry out a review of the 2014 draft strategy as updated in May 2016 to identify all gaps based on changes at both national, regional and global levels;

- Using the model for the elaboration of strategic documents by MINEPAT ensure that the NSPOS respond to this model before submitted for validation
- Incorporate in the document results or recommendations of meetings and workshops organised by stakeholders with respect to national and international alignment of the strategy
- Prepare a general report (lessons learned, challenges, etc.) on the NSPOS finalization process.

Profile of Consultant:

Required Qualifications and Experience:

- At least a Master's degree in any agricultural sciences, economics and any other social science related discipline
- At least 5 years' experience working on environmental related and natural resources issues
- Demonstration of excellent knowledge on facilitation and strategy development
- Have a good mastery of the legal, policy and institutional framework relating to agriculture in general and the palm oil sector in particular
- Perfect mastering of French and English

Composition of Application File:

- A cover letter indicating your interest to take up this assignment
- A Curriculum vitae (CV)
- A technical proposal which should consist of the facilitation methodology
- A financial offer indicating the unit price

How to apply?

Email your cover letter, CV and technical and financial proposals to recruitcam@wwfcam.org with cc to DHalleeson@wwfcam.org.

The subject should read "*Facilitator_NSPOS 2018*"

Deadline for applications: 10 days upon publication of offer.