

## UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



### MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TOURISM

#### TANZANIA FORESTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (TAFORI)

#### APPLIED RESEARCH IN SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT (SFM)

#### Assessing and valuing costs and benefits in the establishment and implementation of Community Based Forest Management and Joint Forest Management

#### CALL FOR PROPOSALS (SOLICITED PROPOSALS)

##### **Background**

The National Forestry and Beekeeping Programme (NFPBKP) was established and approved by the Government of Tanzania in November 2001 as an instrument to implement the National Forestry and Beekeeping Policies of 1998. The goal of NFPBKP programme is to promote the conservation and use of forest and bee resources to meet local, national and global needs, within an overall framework of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM). Participatory Forest Management (PFM) is a strategy to achieve SFM by encouraging the management or co-management of forest and woodland resources by the communities living closest to the resources, supported by a range of other stakeholders drawn from Local Governments, Civil Society and the private sector. Since 2004, the Government of Tanzania (GoT) has supported PFM activities in a number of Districts in Tanzania with assistance from Danida, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Finland) and the World Bank.

Despite the strong political support that PFM has received and the considerable experience gained in implementation over the past decade, little data or evidence exists on the costs and benefits related to establishment of Joint Forest Management and Community Based Forest Management in Tanzania. As a consequence of this, it is proposed to develop three year research programme that will assess in detail the costs and benefits of establishing JFM and CBFM under different socio-economic and ecological variables at a range of PFM sites across the country. The programme is expected to become operational in June 2009.

**TAFORI** now invites proposals from consortiums of either local or local and international research institutions to compete for the implementation of this assignment.

## **Objectives**

To make a quantitative assessment of the economic costs and benefits of the establishment and implementation of various models of sustainable forest management, under different conditions and with regard to local, national and international stakeholders.

Further details of this assignment and detailed terms of reference can be obtained from TAFORI directly or from the website links below (see contacts below)

## **Eligibility and selection criteria**

TAFORI invites applications from public or non-profit institutions with a track record in undertaking complex and multidisciplinary research in the forestry, governance and livelihoods arena. The application is open to both national (Tanzania) and international institutions. However the research programme must be driven and implemented by local research/academic institutions in Tanzania. Given the complex nature of this assignment, and the need to draw on international experiences elsewhere in the world, it is anticipated that the applicant with a consortium of local and international players combining skills in the three areas of forestry, governance and livelihoods will have an added advantage.

Selection of the final, winning institution/consortium will be made based on criteria presented in the following document “TAFORI Guidelines for Applications PFM Research” available from TAFORI from the website links below.

## **Application procedures**

Applicants must submit detailed research and financial proposals, in hard copy formats. These applications must conform to the guidelines set out in the following two documents: “TAFORI Budget Format PFM Research” and “TAFORI Guidelines for Applications PFM Research”. These guidelines can be obtained from the following weblink: National Forestry Programme website (<http://www.nfp.co.tz/>) and on the TAFORI Website (<http://www.tafari.org/>).

Send, or deliver your application in two hard copies to: The Director General, Tanzania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI) P. O. Box 1854, Morogoro, Tanzania. Tel/Fax: +255 23 2613725/2614499; e-mail: [tafori@morogoro.net](mailto:tafori@morogoro.net); [ngara-tz@morogoro.net](mailto:ngara-tz@morogoro.net).

**NOTE THAT APPLICATIONS SENT BY EMAIL WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

## **Application deadline**

Deadline for submission is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 15:30 hours.