1. **POSITION:** RESEARCH CONSULTANT (REGIONAL FOREST GOVERNANCE STUDY)

Program title: “Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia”

2. **REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES [1]**

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3. **LOCATION** – Baku, Azerbaijan

4. **DURATION** - 2 months

5. **STARTING** – April 15, 2011

6. **BACKGROUND**

This European Commission financed European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument – Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (ENPI-FLEG) program will promote the development of improved forest law enforcement and governance arrangements in seven targeted countries: Armenia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus and Russia. The program’s core funding is provided through a grant agreement from the European Commission to the World Bank. The program is being undertaken as a partnership among the World Bank, IUCN and WWF. Each of the three partnered program implementation organizations will be responsible for its own set of specified activities and deliverables. Three broad categories of stakeholder groups will be targeted by the program: government (line departments, parliamentarians, local authorities and the judiciary); civil society (NGOs, community organizations and forest-dependent communities); and the private sector (particularly timber companies). The program will define the policy, legal, institutional and economic obstacles to improved forest governance (including the control of illegal logging); test pilot innovative approaches to overcoming these obstacles; enhance the capacity of key stakeholders to implement forest governance reforms; and disseminate the lessons learned at national, regional and global levels. The program will also support the other regional Forest Law Enforcement and Governance official processes being organised by the World Bank and will contribute to the EU FLEGT Action Plan.

The program’s purpose is to contribute to ensuring that improved forest governance arrangements are in place in the forest sector and closely linked sectors through effective implementation of the ENA FLEG Ministerial Declaration (St. Petersburg Declaration 2005), involving governments, civil society and the private sector. The program’s specific objective is to contribute to legal and sustainable forest management and utilization practices and improved local livelihoods in the six ENPI East countries plus Russia.

**The program’s results will be:**

Result 1: Increased awareness and commitment of key stakeholders on FLEG

Result 2: Effective national and regional FLEG action processes in place

Result 3: National ownership and capacity increased

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[1] Direct reporting lines indicate those staff members providing direct supervision. Additional reporting lines indicate accountability for particular functions or areas of work. Consultation, information sharing and other relationship lines are not indicated, as they are likely to be numerous.
Result 4: Improved regional and sub-regional collaboration and knowledge sharing

Result 5: Effective engagement of key trading partners

Result 6: Continuation of the formal official ENA FLEG process

Result 7: Sustainable forest management practices implemented

7. TASKS

7.1. General tasks

Under the direct supervision of the Director of the IUCN CCC, the Research Consultant will be responsible for collecting relevant strategies and documents relevant to Azerbaijan for a "Regional Forest Governance Study”.

- Ensure that research is implemented in a timely and effective manner and will contribute to the achievement of the project’s objectives and results.

- Provide accurate information and advice to the Project Consultant in a timely manner so that all required technical and financial reports can be submitted;

- For the implementation of all tasks, the Research Consultant will be working in close consultation with the in-country Program Teams;

- As instructed by the Project Consultant, carry out any other appropriate associated work that may be requested to effectively perform the Program activities;

7.2. Specific tasks

- Collect, analyse and summarize (in English) relevant data and materials from Azerbaijan on:
  
  o Legislation as well as other national regulations, provisions related to forest governance – brief historical overview of last 20 years and more detailed description of current situation (2-3 pages).

  o National strategies, concepts, policy documents related to forest governance - brief historical overview of last 20 years and more detailed description of current situation (1-2 pages).

  o Institutional set-up of forest governance bodies and forest management practices - brief overview of functions, roles and responsibilities of relevant government agencies, local authorities, national and international NGOs, key donors, private sector (3-4 pages).

  o Overview of forest-related donor financed programmes and projects – planned objectives and activities, achieved results, problems, successes (projects with a budget larger than 30,000 US$ implemented since 1995) (3-4 pages).

  o Overview of state funded programmes and projects (if any) that had significant influence on the forest sector development (positive and negative) - planned objectives and activities, achieved results, problems, successes (1-2 pages).

  o Any other relevant available data and materials as needed.

- Based on collected materials and analyses, recommend most priority actions to improve forest governance in Azerbaijan (1-2 pages, bullet points)

- Participate in the review of final report as requested.
8. QUALIFICATIONS

The position requires an individual with proven knowledge of forest-related legal and governance issues, knowledge of the institutional structure and actors involved in the sector. Analytical experience as well as knowledge about forest and natural resources management practices in Azerbaijan is an asset. The expert should have at least 5 years of relevant professional experience. The following specific qualifications must be met:

- Masters or advanced degree in a discipline that is relevant to requested responsibilities;
- Experience with natural resource issues with focus on governance, public awareness and participation in decision making is desirable;
- Knowledge or experience that demonstrates clear cognizance of technical, social, and economic issues associated with forest resources management;
- Wide experience of working with clients from governmental bodies, businesses, civil society, particularly advocacy-oriented NGOs;
- Proven project work at international, national or local levels, including some supervisory experience;
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and use discretion when dealing with sensitive political issues;
- Knowledge of IUCN's work globally and regionally is an asset;
- Computer literacy;
- Fluency in oral and particularly written English is an asset;
- Cultural awareness and sensitivity to gender issues;