



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Cooperative & Rural Development

Undersecretary's Office

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Dear Sir/Madam,

In reference to the "call for proposal for assessments of needs for support at country and regional levels UN-REDD Programme" dated April 2014, I am writing in my capacity as the National REDD+ Focal Point and the Undersecretary for Forestry in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Cooperative and Rural Development for the Republic of South Sudan to request for funding under the UN-REDD+ Action Global Programme Framework 2011-2015 (SNA) (see attached a copy of the proposal including a work plan and detailed budget). The main purposes of the South Sudan CNA are to achieve the following:

- 1) Identify South Sudan's needs and opportunities to engage in or complete REDD+ readiness and assess the different stages of readiness with a view to tailor support according to different circumstances.
- 2) Assist South Sudan to define needed support from different source, including the UN-REDD Programme, for reaching readiness.
- 3) Obtain information on prioritized needs and gaps necessary to improve coordination and tailoring of support and sequencing of the activities to be supported based upon existing capacities, aiming at strengthening these capacities progressively.
- 4) Assess opportunities to connect South Sudan to regional and international knowledge networks, particularly with other countries working on REDD+ readiness and implementation

Since 2011 South Sudan has been a partner country of the International UN-REDD Programme. During this period, a "forest governance and REDD+" work stream has been crafted, resulting in a multi-stakeholder platform Task Force for Forest Governance and REDD+.

This country needs assessments will complement the on-going following activities on Forest Governance and REDD+ in South Sudan: a) Stakeholder Engagement to Enhance Forest Governance and REDD+; b) Strengthening of national forest assessment and monitoring, and c) Pilot initiatives for reducing deforestation and forest degradation, and for enhancing the sustainable use of forest resources. These activities are implemented by UNDP, FAO and UNEP, respectively. In addition to the above initiatives US Forests Service through USAID office in South Sudan and UNDP South Sudan Country Office facilitated drafting of the Forest Policy for the Republic of South Sudan in the year 2012.

As Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Cooperative and Rural Development has lack the required internal financial mechanisms to receive and disburse external donor funds, I will request UNEP PCDMB (Post-Conflict and Disasters Management Branch) which work closely with the Ministry in Juba to assist in receipt and management of the funds being requested to carry out the CNA. This request for South Sudan CNA is fully aligned with the national UN-REDD+ Action - Global Programme framework 2011-2015 (SNA).

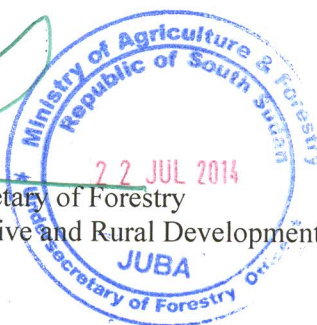
An overview of the request and its financial needs is presented in the table below.

	Activities	Timeline	Budget (USD)
Output: South Sudan needs assessment report for REDD+ readiness prepared showing whether needs for support exist and under which area, type and urgency of the existing needs, preferred mechanisms of delivery of support, beneficiaries of support as well as and estimated costs of required support.	Activity Result 1: South Sudan's country needs and opportunities to engage in REDD+ readiness identified and the different stages of readiness assessed.	Aug – Oct. 2014	\$ 50,000
	Activity Result 2: Consolidated information on the prioritized needs and gaps required for improvement of coordination and tailoring of support and the activities to be supported are sequenced based on the existing capacities.	Nov – Dec. 2014	\$ 35,000
	Activity Result 3: South Sudan is assisted to define needed support from different sources, including the UN-REDD Programme, for reaching readiness.	Dec 2014 - Jan 2015	\$ 35,000
	Activity Result 4: South Sudan benefits from South-South exchanges and connections has to regional and international knowledge networks, particularly with other countries working on REDD+ readiness and implementation	Jan 2015	\$ 25,000
	Project Support costs		\$19,000
	Total		145,000

The activities, which are intended to be implemented between August 2014 and January 2015, seek to identify South Sudan needs, capacities and opportunities to complete readiness as well as on enhancing coordination of support from different sources.

Yours sincerely,

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- UNDP South Sudan Country Office;
- FAO South Sudan Country Office;