

MOVING THE FORESTRY AGENDA FORWARD IN SOUTH AFRICA

Invitation for partnership proposals from civil society

The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry has entered a partnership with the National Forestry Programme Facility, which is a multi-donor trust fund hosted by the UN Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO). It assists 42 countries and 4 sub-regional organizations around the world to develop and implement national forest programmes that effectively address local needs and national priorities, and reflect internationally agreed principles, through informed participation of the civil society.

The purpose of this partnership is to build capacity amongst civil society stakeholders to engage with and advocate for a greater involvement of the poor in the forestry sector.

The Facility's trademark is to stimulate participation in the national forest programme process by providing grants directly to stakeholders in partner countries, based on a purely country-driven programme of activities and a competitive and transparent process to call and select proposals by stakeholders interested in Facility support.

This catalytic funding supports activities such as workshops, fora and in-service training; policy analysis and specific studies; information sharing and knowledge management initiatives.

For the first phase of South Africa's partnership with the Facility, the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry has identified five key focal areas aimed at fulfilling forestry's contribution to the broader challenges facing our government, namely, eradication of poverty and unemployment. These key areas include:

1. Raising the Contribution / Profile of Forestry to Rural Development.
2. The Review of the White Paper on Sustainable Forestry Development of 1996.
3. Ensuring Effective Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) in Forestry Transfers.
4. Livelihoods and Forestry Enterprise Development (FED) Training Manual.
5. Forestry Enterprise Development (FED): production and dissemination of a series of information pamphlets on the growing of Eucalypts aimed at emerging timber growers

The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry invites interested not-for-profit service providers to obtain the terms of reference for these proposals from the contact person below, and to submit bids on each of the preferred projects.

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The closing date for submission of bids is Friday 25th August 2006 at 12H00 (midday).



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