

MOVING THE FORESTRY AGENDA FORWARD IN SOUTH AFRICA

Invitation for partnership proposals from civil society

Government acknowledges the critical role that forestry can play in accelerating economic growth and transforming the economy. The Strategy for the Forest Timber Pulp and Paper, Industrial Strategy and Forestry Charter have identified key constraints that hinder the contribution of forestry to economic growth. These include, among other things, shortage of timber, skills and access to finance. The Forest Charter has specific undertakings to mitigate these constraints. These include: a sawlog growing strategy and programme for South Africa, integrated planning for forest sector development, forest protection services and support to emerging small, medium and micro-enterprises.

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has entered into partnership with the National Forestry Programme Facility (NFP), which is a multi-donor trust fund hosted by the United Nations Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO). It assists countries and subregional organisations 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.

In this respect, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the NFP Facility jointly issue a call for proposals to develop a National Sawlog Growing Strategy and Programme for South Africa.

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries invites interested not-for-profit service-providers to obtain the terms of reference for this proposal from the contact person below, and to submit bids on the project.

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The closing date for submission of bids is 6 November 2009