



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

TO FOREST-BASED ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS FOR “THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FOREST CARBON STANDARD”

DATE: 8th October 2015

- 1. Introduction** - VNV Advisory is one of the leading carbon credit players in India. VNV's strength lies in the social carbon space having worked with over 150 global buyers, selling more than 6 million credits in national and international markets.

Voluntary standards are out in place to secure the social and environmental integrity of traded mitigation projects, however, in many cases, are particularly challenging in developing/under-developed countries which lack proper systems and structure in place. VNV Advisory proposes to develop a standard methodology to assist forest managers and the forest-dependent community which takes into consideration such situations.

VNV Advisory invites forest-based academic institutions to participate and collaborate on the first ever forest carbon standard from India. This new voluntary carbon market (VCM) methodology would target countries primarily in South Asia and aims to estimate carbon stocks for different forest types. The methodology will also focus on socio-economic impacts of forests on people and their livelihood.

- 2. Name of work** - Developing a forest carbon standard methodology for the voluntary carbon market.
- 3. Objective(s) and Scope of work** –
 - To **address** the issues and **possible gaps in existing standards** and
 - Developing a **revised methodology for estimation of forest carbon** applicable to carbon markets.



- iii. While also **assessing socio-economic benefits** to the local people along with improvement of forest lands and environment.

4. Deliverables –

- i. Development of a standard for credible accounting of forest carbon with regard to carbon markets.
- ii. Document that addresses the issues in existing methodologies and suggesting reviewed methodology for the estimation of forest carbon applicable to carbon markets.

5. Project Cost – INR 2,50,000 Lakh

6. Time Period – 4 months

7. To be covered in the project proposal

- Project implementation team and its members (contact information),
- Expected timelines for development of standard and its methodology.

8. Last date of submission – 10th Jan 2016

9. Please Submit Your Proposals

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