



**CONCEPT NOTE FOR THE SOUTH TO SOUTH KNOWLEDGE
EXCHANGE
29TH-31ST OCTOBER 2017
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

1.0 Introduction/Justification

The Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) and Manyito Pastoralist Integrated Development Organization (MPIDO) are currently implementing a two year project supported by the Forest Carbon Partnership facility (FCPF) which is aimed at building the capacity of African Civil Societies, Local Communities and forest dependent indigenous people on REDD+.

The Project has three components which are:

(i) Component 1: National Capacity Building and Awareness Raising – This component aims at supporting capacity building and awareness raising activities for Southern CSO networks, Forest dependent IPs and LC representatives from eleven FCPF countries, namely Cameroon, Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sudan, Togo and Uganda, with specific focus on women and youth.

(ii) Component 2: Regional Exchange and Sharing of Lessons Learned - This component focuses on the design and implementation of a robust regional platform for information exchange and knowledge sharing between CSO networks of all 18 FCPF member countries, namely Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo and Uganda, as well as other national and regional REDD+ processes and climate change forums. This is in response to civil society representatives' calls for knowledge sharing and dissemination, and in order to strengthen regional CSO collaboration.

(iii) Component 3: Management, M&E and Reporting - This component aims at financing the overhead costs of the Project Management team. Project management activities include: procurement, financial management, environmental and social safeguard monitoring, monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and reporting, and preparation of work plans and budgets acceptable to the World Bank. This component also finances annual audits of the project account by an external auditor and any costs related to the execution of a grievance redress mechanism.



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The beneficiaries of the project are Southern CSO networks from the 18 FCPF eligible countries in Africa, namely Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo and Uganda, who are eligible to participate in regional learning and exchange activities. Of the 18 countries, Southern CSOs, forest dependent indigenous people and Local communities from eleven countries are eligible to participate in national-level capacity building, awareness raising and networking activities, namely Cameroon, Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sudan, Togo and Uganda.

The project is consistent with the UNFCCC COP16 recognition of the need to engage a broad range of stakeholders at the global, regional, national and local levels, including government, private business and civil society, for effective action on all aspects of climate change. COP16 further invited parties to foster the participation of women, youth, indigenous peoples, civil society groups and relevant stakeholders in decision-making on climate change at the national level and their attendance at relevant intergovernmental meetings.

In response to civil society representatives' calls for knowledge sharing and dissemination, and in order to strengthen south to south CSO collaboration, the project aims at designing and implementing a robust south to south platform for information exchange and knowledge sharing between CSO networks of the FCPF member countries in Africa as well as other national and regional REDD+ processes and climate change fora.

It is with this background that PACJA and MPIDO seek to convene the South-South Knowledge Exchange for the FCPF Capacity Building Program on REDD+ for Forest-dependent Indigenous Peoples and Southern CSOs and Local Communities in the African Region in Addis Ababa on 29th-31st October 2017. The Exchange is aimed at enabling sharing of early lessons generated from the implementation of the project from the different executing entities and the regional recipient organizations as well as with other stakeholders including national REDD+ Secretariats and the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility who are the funders for the project.

The Exchange will also involve a full day of field excursions that will help in putting in perspective the collaborative efforts required of all stakeholders to support conservation and REDD+ programs



2.0 Objectives of the Meeting

- i. To raise participants' awareness of the FCPF Capacity Building Program
- ii. To facilitate south to south exchanges to enable sharing lessons generated from the implementation of the project from the different executing entities and the regional recipient organizations as well and other stakeholders
- iii. To chart a way forward on Solving identified Challenges, Replicating Success and Building a Community of Practice.

3.0 Expected Results

- Sufficient understanding of the FCPF Capacity Building Program and its knowledge products
- A robust platform for information exchange between Africa CSO networks established and recommendations on the way forward for future exchanges.
- CSOs more informed and have the capacity to participate meaningfully in national and regional REDD+ readiness processes and dialogues