

Call for Proposal

Call for proposal for conducting National Level Legal Analysis to assess the impact of laws, policies and institutional frameworks on Community Conserved Territories and Areas (CCAs) in Georgia

1. General background on the context of the assignment

In 2015, the UNDP GEF-Small Grants Programme ([SGP](#)) as part of its OP6 strategic initiatives launched the Global Support Initiative to Indigenous peoples and Community Conserved Territories and Areas ([ICCA-GSI](#)) in partnership with the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), Germany. The main objective of the global initiative is to expand the range and quality of diverse governance types of protected areas and sustainable livelihoods of indigenous peoples and local communities through improved recognition, capacity building and empowerment, and on-the ground support to ICCAs. These actions are targeted to contribute to achieving the Convention of Biological Diversity ([CBD](#)) [Aichi 2020 targets](#): Target 11 – increasing protected areas coverage; Target 14 – safeguarding essential ecosystem services; and Target-18 protection of traditional knowledge.

The global initiative is implemented in 26 SGP countries, and core technical partners include the United Nations Environment Programme’s World Conservation Monitoring Centre ([UNEP WCMC](#)), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature’s Global Programme on Protected Areas ([IUCN GPAP](#)), the [ICCA Consortium](#), and the Secretariat of the CBD.

The initiative is executed through three distinct but mutually reinforcing “Work Packages” (WP): WP1 - Provide direct support to community-based action and demonstration on sound [ICCAs](#) stewardship for the purposes of ecosystem protection, sustainable livelihoods and poverty reduction; WP2 - Legal, Policy and other forms of support for ICCA recognition and conservation (including governance assessments of protected areas and landscapes); and WP3 - Networking, knowledge production and exchange between national civil society organization (CSO) initiatives at regional and global levels.

2. Scope of the assignment

The overall aim of the assignment is to assess at the national level the impact of laws, policies and institutional frameworks on CCAs in Georgia; and come up with appropriate recommendations and strategies for reforms to improve the recognition and support to CCAs.

[Natural Justice](#) (NJ), a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Cape Town with hubs in Nairobi, Cotonou and New York has been engaged by ICCA-GSI as the global technical partner for coordinating and supporting the legal, policy and other forms of support for ICCA recognition under the WP2. NJ will provide guidance, methodology and other technical support for the national legal analysis on CCAs.

Specific objects of the assignment

In accordance with the methodology and guidance provided by Natural Justice and the SGP country team the successful applicant will:

- a) Conduct a detailed literature and desktop review, and analysis of laws policies and institutional frameworks on CCAs in Georgia.
- b) Organise and host multi-stakeholder meeting(s) to discuss the preliminary results of the legal analysis and receive inputs.
- c) Develop and finalise (through a series of consultative process and multi-stakeholder meetings) a holistic legal analysis report, with a dedicated section on recommendations and strategies to implement the finding to improve the recognition and support to CCAs.
- d) Produce quality policy briefs and information materials (on legal frameworks and policies on CCAs) for distribution to policy makers and parliamentarians.

Additional requirement

- If the legal analysis report is written in the national language, the applicant shall translate and make the report available in English.

3. Who may submit proposals: An appropriate national and regional NGO, CSO or academic institution with a profound understanding on legal frameworks and policies on CCAs, and working experience with local communities in the country. National NGOs who are participating in GEF SGP OP6 grant application are also encouraged to apply.

The proposal should clearly present the experience and capacity of the applicant organization and its research team to fulfill the assignment.

Duly completed proposal (in the format provided) with work plan and budget should be received by the SGP National Coordinator (NC) no later than October 20, 2017.

The consultation meeting will be held every Wednesday from 15:00 at Paliashvili 15, floor 4. The organizations interested to attend the meetings should notify GEF SGP National Coordinator in advance.

4. Competencies:

- a) Good understanding of international and national legal frameworks and policies on CCAs, as well as key issues related to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) negotiations, especially as they relate to local communities;
- b) Strong commitment to CCAs, community issues and biodiversity conservation;
- c) Proven capacity to produce high quality qualitative research and ability to absorb, analyze and synthesize large amounts of complex information within deadlines;
- d) Strong presentation and facilitation skills, and experience in organizing and hosting consultations with LCs and national level stakeholders including NGOs and governments;
- e) Familiarity with the work of UNDP, GEF Small Grants Programme, UNEP WCMC, IUCN-GPAP and ICCA Consortium.

5. Additional background information on ICCAs:

1. [CBD Technical Study 64— Recognising and supporting territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities](#)
 2. [Bio-cultural diversity conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities – Examples and analysis](#)
 3. [A toolkit to support conservation by indigenous peoples and local communities](#)
 4. [ICCAs and Aichi Targets](#)
 5. [Primer on Governance for Protected and Conserved Areas](#)
 6. [Governance of Protected Areas: From understanding to action](#)
 7. [Governance for the conservation of nature](#)
 8. [Parks: special issues on Community Conserved Areas](#)
 9. [ICCA Legal Reviews \(including synthesis, international report, and country reports\)](#)
- 6. Working modality:** The selected grantee partner will work under the guidance and supervision of Natural Justice and the SGP country team, and in close collaboration with ICCA-GSI core technical partners. The grantee partner will strongly liaise and coordinate with the national catalytic organization in Georgia who is supporting the SGP on CCA initiative in the country.
- 7. Budget:** The maximum grant amount for the legal analysis assignment will be limited to \$15,000 with applicants required to provide a detailed budgetary estimate.

8. Period of services (tentative): from 6 to 12 months

For proposal submission and more information, contact:

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