



**TAI-GREBO-SAPO FOREST LINK PROJECT
(Strengthening of Ecological Connectivity in the Tai-Grebo-Sapo Region)**

September 19, 2016

Invitation to Apply for Small Grants Facility

Background:

The initiative to connect the Tai-Grebo-Sapo (TGS) complex through various corridors and semi-natural woodlands commenced in December, 2015 with the official project introductions with the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) and the Environment Protection Agency (EPA); and other relevant government agencies in Liberia. The program is being managed by the consulting firm, AMBERO in partnership with CORAF-WECARD on behalf of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, using funding resources of the German Development Ministry (BMZ).

The goal is to help the governments of Liberia and Cote d'Ivoire to undertake key preparatory steps for: (1) Transboundary National Park based on forest complex of Tai, Grebo and Sapo; (2) Possible Ecological Corridors [Tai – Grebo] and [Grebo-Sapo]; and (3) Conversion of Grebo-Krahn National Forest to National Park status.

Local Grants:

Local subsidies are purpose-tied payments from project funds to a recipient. A recipient is a local partner with which project activities are being implemented. These grants assist in building the capacities of recipients by helping them to finance purchases or services and also gain the expertise required to procure the goods or services themselves. Local grants are direct contributions within the framework of the development cooperation guidelines.

Request for proposal:

The AMBERO GIZ TGS Forest Link Project is inviting eligible and qualified institutions or organizations working within the Grebo-Krahn Landscape and desirous of working within two or more fields of the project components to submit a proposal for local subsidies. The local subsidy will be in two phases, three months per phase and a total period of six months. All activities funded by local grants will start by 31st October, 2016 and end by April 30, 2016 with possible extension.

Target Recipients:

- a. **Community Groups** - village or Chieftom councils, local organisations such as women-headed households or farms, youth groups and schools;
- b. **Local Organisations** - CSOs / NGOs with local roots and decentralised offices of partner organisations (FDA , EPA);
- c. **Small Local Enterprises** – engaged in activities synergetic with forest conservation (e.g. Non-timber forest products, green agriculture, local produce marketing and media outlets).

Qualification Requirements:

1. Proposal on nature of service that will be provided based on above project components, examples include: demonstration of alternative livelihood programs, awareness, studies or research on methodologies expedient to end encroachment or habitation in the proposed park.
2. Budget for the service
3. Valid Tax Clearance
4. Current Business Registration
5. Past performance records including the names and contact number of at least two clients
6. Curriculum vitae of three key personnel
7. Evidence of at least one intervention carried out in the Grebo-Krahn region

Deadline:

October 7, 2016, at 5:00 pm

Submission of Sealed Bids:

All bids should be in hard copies and hand delivered to:

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