

**Pan-African Civil Society and Forest Dependent Indigenous Peoples  
FCPF Capacity Building Program on REDD+ Project**

**Capacity Building and awareness raising Actions for Southern Civil Society, Local Communities and  
Forest -Dependent Indigenous Peoples, on REDD+ in Africa Project**

**PROJECT APPLICATION FORM**

Application in respect of;

- **Civil Society and Local Communities:**
- **Forest-dependent Indigenous Peoples**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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<b>Project title</b>	Capacity Building and Awareness raising Actions to Forest-Dependent Indigenous Peoples and local communities on Liberia's REDD+ program on Benefit Sharing Arrangement and Feedback Grievance Redress in Four communities along Lake Piso Multiple Reserved Forest Grand Cape Mount and in the Gola National Forest Park, Gbarpolu County
<b>Project Goal</b>	To enhance the knowledge and capacities of IPs, and forest dependent communities on the Liberia REDD+ project for better engagement with state and non-state actors.
<b>Project location</b> <Region, Country, District, (Town)>	Region one (1), Liberia, Commonwealth and Garwula Districts, Grand Cape Mount and Gbarpolu counties.
<b>Project timeline/duration</b>	7 Months (March 1, 2018 to Sept. 31st, 2019 )
<b>Requested funding(USD)</b>	\$50.000USD

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Organization details	
Date of registration	June 18, 2013
Registration number	TIN: 500567735
Country of Registration & Authority Registered with	Liberia Business Registry
Annual income/budget for the last three years( <i>indicate each year separately</i> )	2013 – \$38,350,00usd; 2014 – \$123, 217usd, 2015-13,000usd, 2017-2018--\$50,000usd

*Any change in the addresses phone numbers fax numbers and in particular e-mail or contact persons must be notified in writing to either PACJA or MPIDO respectively.*

**1.0 ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND**

*Brief description of the applicant, key objectives, activities and achievements (Maximum 200 words)*

The CDI work in Liberia is in support of addressing communities in Liberia and their needs in community related matters such as strengthening their capacities, raising awareness about the environment, livelihoods, natural resource management and agriculture. Local and international efforts geared towards restoring community and environmental issues. It also seeks to combat food insecurity, protecting the natural resources and enhancing the necessary mechanism to address community problems. Haunted by the dramatic wave of climate change which is very alarming to our survival, community members in local and rural parts of Liberia have limited capacity to address and adapt to climate change effects in producing their local foods

**2.0 PROJECT SUMMARY**

*Brief overview of the applicant's project (Goal, Objectives and Results) (Maximum 500 Words)*

The purpose of this intervention is to enhance REDD+ related knowledge and integrate it to the design and implementation of the project at forest-dependent indigenous peoples and Local community's level. The scope of this project is fully in line with specific direction and focus of IPs in addressing deforestation and forest degradation. Accordingly, CDI wishes to build upon its previous work on Liberia REDD+ project of Forest dependent Indigenous Peoples and local communities to further extend to new communities targeting forest-dependent indigenous women and youth groups, local communities, and CBOs. Initially,

**3.0 PROBLEM ANALYSIS AND STATEMENT**

*Explain the problem the Project intends to address and the anticipated changes to the broader community (Maximum 500 words)*

Basic available information indicates that main causes of deforestation and or forest degradation in Liberia is due to shifting cultivation (slash and burn) agriculture practices, uncontrolled illegal small-scale chain saw operations for local markets and fuel wood production, mining (both commercial and artisanal) and post conflict population migration that puts the forest under threats and pressures. According to Forest echo volume 1 No 002 2016, Liberia holds approximately 42% of the remaining forest in West Africa. According to the Liberia REDD Readiness preparation proposal (R-PP) absent 45% of the country's land surface is under Forest cover. And that Liberia is one of a select number country that is moving ahead with preparation for pilot projects within the framework of the world Banks forest carbon partnership facility (FCPF) and the United Nations REDD+ Program (UNREDD) Liberia's R-PP which was signed and approved on march 19, 2012. However, there is immense pressure on the remaining forest caused by mining, logging, shifting cultivation and pits' sawing etc.

#### 4.0 PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

*The goal of the project and objectives (Objectives should be SMART) (Maximum 250 words)*

**Project Goal:** To enhance the knowledge and capacities of IPs, and forest dependent communities on the Liberia REDD+ project for better engagement with state and non-state actors.

OBJECTIVE 1: Awareness raising targeting forest dependent IPs and local actors on REDD+, Climate Change and its adverse effects in Grand Cape Mount and Gbarpolu Counties

OBJECTIVE 2: Capacity building for forest dependent IPs and local actors on the Benefit Sharing Arrangements and Grievance Redress Mechanisms as designed by the National REDD+ program, World Bank and other global partners of Liberia's REDD+ project

OBJECTIVE 3: Capacity building of existing community forest governance structures to enhance their understanding and equip them to better engage and contribute to national and sub-national laws and policy framework.

OBJECTIVE 4: Mobilizing, documenting and sharing knowledge among IPs and local communities (IPs & LCS) through

#### 5.0 PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

**Please provide the estimated total number of beneficiaries (Disintegrated data – Women, Men and Youth) who will directly benefit from the project (Maximum 100 words)**

This project targets four new communities (Bomi Wood, Camp Israel, Falie and Latia) along the Lake Piso Multiple reserved Forest and Gola National Forest Park. These are part of the IPs and Local communities who will benefit from raising awareness actions and building their capacity on Liberia REDD+ project. The estimated total number of project beneficiaries – both direct and indirect are approximately 10,000 both in Cape Mount and Gbarpolu counties. The difference between the male and female beneficiaries is based on combined criteria of principles of affirmative action and the population structure of the area, as well as due to the fact that women are now involve into sustainable forest management practice Liberia, while in the past men have been the main component of deforestation. 7,000 beneficiaries will be youth, of which 4,000 are female for the above mentioned reasons and 3,000 male.

#### 6.0 PROJECT ACTIVITIES

**Outline the key activities in every objective stated above (Maximum 500 words)**

Objective 1: Awareness Raising to forest dependent IPs and local actors in the Mount Cape and Gbarpolu counties on Climate Change in general and REDD + in particular and its adverse effects

- IEC Information Education and communication materials in appropriate local languages on the local examples of Climate change impacts
- “Call to action on Climate change ”Broadcast organized messages via Regional FM stations
- Developed one (1) local jingle and songs on “Climate Change is not only global; it also is Local” to be aired during project lifespan
- “REDD+ and climate change in Liberia” A simplified brief in local languages

OBJECTIVE 2: Capacity Building to forest dependent IPs and local actors on the Benefit Sharing Arrangements and Grievance Redress Mechanisms as designed by the National REDD+ program, World Bank and other global partners of Liberia's REDD+ project

- Community Training workshop with the REDD+ secretariat on the Benefit sharing Arrangements
- Training of Community Leaders on their engagement in the Benefit sharing Arrangement

## 7.0 PROJECT OUTCOME RESULTS

Highlight the expected results (Outcomes) of this project (Maximum 500 words)

The immediate outputs expected as the results of the project activities are the following

1. 10,000 forest dependent indigenous and community members and local actors are directly and indirectly reached with adequate awareness on basics of Climate Change and its adverse effects;
2. 10,000 forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors are directly and indirectly reached with demonstrable understandings on the REDD+ program and Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation;
3. 10,000 forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors are directly and indirectly reached with sufficient knowledge of FCPF social and environmental standards and safeguard policies;
4. 10,000 forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors get to understand the benefit sharing arrangements by the Liberia National REDD+ program
5. 4 strong and capable Forest User Groups/cooperatives of the forest dependent indigenous communities established and begins engagement to catchment communities on the Liberia REDD+ Program

## 8.0 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.

Highlight the verifiable Indicators used for measuring progress (Maximum 500 words)

The following will be used as verifiable indicators of project progress and achievement

1. Number of forest dependent indigenous people and local community members and local actors reached for awareness raising during consultative meetings and other awareness raising materials;
2. Number of forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors reached for awareness raising through participatory video helped community conversations;
3. Number of telephone responses from forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors at FM interactive radio broadcast programs;
4. Community protocols signed accepting consensus for subsequent actions on benefit sharing arrangement
5. Community opinion collected in participatory video.

## 9.0 PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

Demonstrate how the project will maintain its operations, services and benefits during its projected lifetime even after funding ends (Maximum 500 words)

The direct participation of project beneficiaries in this project is meant to interrogate and engage the national REDD+ process from an informed point of view in order for IPLCS to influence and contribute towards sustainable forest management agenda. After the multi-stakeholder consultative engagement, its awareness raising activities begin with community radio broadcast, through which the whole beneficiaries are reached and dialogue created via cell phone interaction. Community's focus group discussions of women, youths and sometimes local actors are translated into messages already broad cast via community radio, a procedure that stabilizes and concretizes the messages further. The interviews are supported with audio and video recording using our already existing devices and expertise in participatory video procedures. These video footages and audio data are edited for producing presentable messages, eventually the videos are screened for communities whereas the audio messages are aired via community radio. The video screening events copies will be share with the four communities to serve as record for future events, beyond the project life. Moreover, the FM interactive radio broadcast participants that give the right answers in a given number will also be incentivized. These procedures, which are systematically reiterative in nature lay the starting building blocks for sustained awareness rising.

As already discussed in the foregoing sections, 4 Forest User Groups Management Cooperatives will be established. The FUGs/cooperatives will have binding bylaws will be developed and turn over to the cooperatives. These cooperatives will represent their communities in major issues like forest management, benefit sharing, disputes resolution, grievances redress and

### 10.0 PROJECT MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Give a clear description of how the project will be monitored in the course of implementation and how the evaluation will be carried out (Maximum 500 words)

The project will be monitored and evaluated at every level of the implementation and will be done in phases. Monitoring and evaluation of the project will be carried by CDI in the form field visits and gathering, writing reports. In addition, the donor regularly monitoring the project will also be encouraged. The project management team will submit a quarterly report (narrative and financial) to the donor. At the end of the project a general evaluation will be conducted by the donor and CDI to assess the impact of the project in Bomi Wood, Camp Israel, Falie and Latia along the Lake Piso protected areas and Gola National Forest Park in Grand Cape Mount and Gbarpolu Counties  
 Evaluation will be carried out basically to determine the extent to which they are creating awareness and exercising their level of understanding about the project.

### 11.0 PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Please provide the management structure and key responsibilities in the implementation of the project (Maximum 250 words)

The project will be managed by CDI executing staff, Board of Directors, and community representatives. The Board of Directors will follow up on project performances through quarterly meetings to review progress. CDI Chief Executive Officer is accountable to the Board and therefore, will oversee implementation of the project and ensure that those appointed on merit will execute according to the project objectives. The Project Officer and Finance/Admin Officer are accountable to the Chief Executive Officer who keep close eyes on the programmatic as well as financial performances of the project including quarterly reports, site visits, and review meetings.

### 12.0 PROJECT BUDGET

The project budget should indicate the total cost of the project and budget outline. Each activity line should have the related cost indicated. (Please indicate the cost per unit and quantity to demonstrate how you arrived at the total).

#### Guide lines on allowable and disallowable cost

Grantees shall only incur allowable expenses in line with the approved detailed budget and charge these expenses to the either PACJA or MPIDO respectively. To be allowable, costs must:

- Be reasonable, in nature and amount. A cost is considered reasonable if it would be incurred by a prudent person in the conduct of similar types of activities;
- Be necessary for the performance of the project activities;
- Be allocable (of benefit to the project), directly or indirectly;
- Be less any discounts given (lowest possible price);
- Be broken down to the relevant cost details (lump sum costs are not allowed)
- Be accorded consistent treatment i.e. costs of the same nature should be treated in the same way;
- Be determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- Not be included as a charge to other projects in the current or prior period;
- Be adequately documented;
- Be supported by original documents including quotes from suppliers and receipts; and
- Be a reasonable proportion of total costs, if the cost is a shared cost.

Examples of costs that would be considered unallowable include:

- Fines and penalties – costs of fines and penalties resulting from violations of, or failure by the
- Grantee to comply with, the laws;
- Costs of fundraising;
- Interest on loans;
- Pre-award costs – costs incurred before the agreed project start date
- Stand-alone operational costs e.g. rent and salaries;
- Costs for capacity building, training, awareness creation and related activities if they do not pertain to critical activities within the project;
- Costs relating to political activities;
- Costs relating to religious/faith based activities unless such projects benefit a broader community irrespective of religious belief; and



All disallowed expenses will be refunded to either PACJA or MPIDO respectively by the grantee before subsequent disbursements are made.

All budgets should be submitted using the budget template in **Appendix A**

**13.0 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION, MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WORKPLAN**

This section should contain information on how the project will be delivered. It should describe the project activities indicating how the objectives will be accomplished; what will be done, who will do it and when will it be done. This information should be presented in the form of a work plan.

The work plan should be submitted using the template in **Appendix B**

**14.0 PROJECT CO- FINANCING**

Co-funding refers to an arrangement where one project is funded by multiple donors. In this case the applicant will need to clearly indicate the amount to be funded by either PACJA or MPIDO respectively and that to be funded by other donors.

Donors	Amount of funding
Funds requested from MPIDO	\$ 50,000.00
Donor2-Specify name	
Donor3-Specify name	
<b>Total funding</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>

## Appendix C: Results/Activities Matrix

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED RESULTS (Outputs/Outcomes)	INDICATORS	RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS
<p><b>OBJECTIVE 1:</b> Awareness raising targeting forest dependent IPs and local actors on REDD+, Climate Change and its adverse effects in Grand Cape Mount and Gbarpolu Counties</p>	<p>IEC Information Education and communication materials in appropriate local languages on the local examples of Climate change impacts</p> <p>“Call to action on Climate change” Broadcast organized messages via Regional FM stations</p> <p>Developed one (1) local jingle and songs on “Climate Change is not only global, it also is Local” to be aired during project lifespan</p> <p>“REDD+ and climate change in Liberia” A simplified brief in local languages</p>	<p>Forest dependent indigenous and community members and local actors with adequate awareness on basics of Climate Change and its adverse effects;</p> <p>Forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors with demonstrable understandings on the REDD+ program and Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation;</p>	<p>Number # of forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors reached for awareness raising through participatory video helped community conversations;</p> <p>Number of telephone responses from forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors at FM interactive radio broadcast programs;</p> <p>Number # of Community opinion collected in participatory video into digital knowledge product.</p>	<p>Community member may see the actions as a violation of their rights and resisting arrest by participants of the project</p> <p>Local authorities challenging the national authorities of limiting their source of income</p>
<p><b>OBJECTIVE 2:</b> Capacity Building to forest dependent IPs and local actors on the Benefit Sharing Arrangements and Grievance Redress Mechanisms as designed by the National REDD+ program, World Bank and other global partners of Liberia’s REDD+ project</p>	<p>Broadcast organized messages via Regional FM stations initiating discussion to better understanding of Liberia’s REDD+ program Benefit sharing Arrangements and feedback grievance mechanism</p> <p>Community Training workshop with the REDD+ secretariat on the Benefit sharing Arrangements Training of Community Leaders on their engagement in the Benefit sharing Arrangement</p>	<p>Forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors are reached with sufficient knowledge of Liberia REDD+ Program Benefit sharing Arrangements</p> <p>Forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors are able to engage the benefit sharing arrangements by the Liberia National REDD+ program and negotiate for the best deals</p>	<p>Number # of forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors reached for awareness raising through participatory video helped community conversations;</p> <p>Number of telephone responses from forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors at FM interactive radio broadcast programs;</p>	<p>Other community members not involve with the project and resisting arrest by participants of the project</p>

	<p>Simplified REDD+ Benefit Sharing Model in Local Languages</p> <p>Simplified Grievance Redress Mechanism manual in Local Languages</p> <p>Community Training Workshop on Feedback Grievance Redress in Liberia's REDD+ Project.</p>		<p>#Deals entered between the communities, REDD+ Liberia and the private sector</p> <p>#of simplified knowledge products, produced and disseminated.</p> <p>Community opinion collected in participatory video;</p>	
<p><b>OBJECTIVE 3:</b> Strengthening of existing community forest governance structures to enhance their understanding and equips them to better engage and contribute to national and sub-national laws and policy frameworks</p>	<p>i). Training workshops (two) targeting Community Forest Management Body (CFMB) and Community Forest Development Committees (CFDC) to engage forest management policies such as 'Triple C' (Community, commercial and Conservation) as designed by FDA.</p> <p>2) Introducing the nine steps to community forests social contract.</p> <p>3). Training workshops (two) target Community Forest Management Body and Community Forest Development Committees (Bomi Wood, Camp Israel, Latia, and Falie) on community rights law of 2009 with respect to forest Lands as enshrined in an Act to establish the community Rights law of 2009.</p>	<p>Fifty leaders of CFMB &amp; CFDC of forests communities with adequate awareness on their roles and responsibilities of community land Rights.</p> <p>Fifty heads of CFMB and CFCD has understanding and equipped with skills to better negotiate agreements</p> <p>Fifty heads of CFMB &amp; CFDC make appropriate decisions and contributions to community Land Rights</p>	<p>Number # of forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors reached for awareness raising through participatory video helped community conversations regarding Community Land Rights Law and nine steps including the additional steps 10 &amp;11</p> <p>Number # of telephone responses from forest dependent indigenous community members and local actors at FM interactive radio broadcast programs on the Community Land Rights Law and nine steps including the additional steps 10 &amp;11</p> <p>Number # of Community opinion collected in participatory video on Community Land Rights Law of 2009 and nine steps including the two steps 10 &amp;11</p>	<p>Local authorities will see it as limiting their economic power, hinder by CFMB and CFDC</p>



<p>OBJECTIVE 4: Mobilizing, documenting and sharing knowledge among hundred IP&amp;LCS through focus group discussions and community exchange dialogues</p>	<p>Undertake two Focused Group Discussions (targeting women and youth ) as a community engagement model to engage more deeply on Liberia’s REDD+ Benefits sharing Arrangement FGDs discussion and position statement on Liberia’s REDD+ Grievance Redress Mechanisms and documenting its outcome</p> <p>Undertake a study on IK and gender on community forest management and livelihoods systems.</p> <p>FGDs report on input and community engagement to Liberia’s REDD+ program</p> <p>Documentation and dissemination of knowledge products based on the outcome of various aspects of this project.</p>	<p>Four strong and capable Forest User Groups/cooperatives of the forest dependent indigenous communities established and begins engagement to catchment communities on the Liberia REDD+ Program</p> <p>Four Forests User Groups of IP&amp;LCS brainstorms and hold discussions on community exchange dialogues</p> <p>Consultative knowledge mobilization process</p>	<p>Community protocols signed accepting consensus for subsequent actions on benefit sharing arrangement</p> <p>Number of newly established Forest User Groups turns Cooperatives.</p> <p>Number # of knowledge product documented and disseminated</p>	<p>Local authorities challenging the national authorities of limiting their source of income</p> <p>Other community member will discouraged participants from participating in the project</p>
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