

PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER 5-15.2-2021-REDD

**Advancing jurisdictional sustainability in Vietnam, focusing on the Central
Highlands region**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1

Is it possible to extend the deadline for submission of the proposal for at least 2 weeks, allowing us to submit a high-quality proposal?

Answer for question 1

The deadline will not be extended further.

Question 2

The Terms of Reference indicate in the objectives that stakeholders' engagement will be supported in at least one jurisdiction (a district in Lam Dong), but later in the text it is mentioned that data collection and consultations with stakeholders will take place in two jurisdictions (Lam Dong and Dak Nong). It seems at first sight that both indications are contradictory except if stakeholders' engagement is conceived separately from data collection and consultations with stakeholders on land-use finance mapping activities. Could you please clarify?

- The stakeholder engagement in at least one subnational jurisdiction (provisionally a district in Lam Dong) refers to the land-use planning work specifically. The other two components (land-use finance mapping and jurisdictional sustainability monitoring) will need to be conducted in more than one jurisdiction. Note that different types of data collection and engagement are likely needed for the three components of this tender.

Answer for question 2

The variations in the different part of the text exist because they refer to different components of the work. The stakeholder engagement in *at least* one subnational jurisdiction (provisionally a district in Lam Dong) refers to the land-use planning work specifically. The other two components (land-use finance mapping and jurisdictional sustainability monitoring) will need to be conducted in more than one jurisdiction. Note that different types of data collection and engagement are likely needed for the three components of this tender.

Question 3

In the evaluation grid specifying the team qualifications, the criteria M.V. / M.VIII. / M.XII. mention the proficiency in both English and Vietnamese for all experts. Would a mixed team of international and national experts be allowed, provided that at least one of the experts is fluent in Vietnamese, or are the experts all supposed to be national experts?

- All three (3) identified experts identified in the Tender Specifications (2.1) are required to have “Understanding, speaking, and writing English and Vietnamese”

Answer for question 3

For operational reasons all experts need to be fluent in Vietnamese.