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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CERTIFICATION OF TREE NURSERIES AND FOREST CONTRACTORS

The **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)** is implementing the Sawlog Production Grant Scheme (SPGS) Phase III Project on behalf of the Government of Uganda, with funding from the European Union (EU). The objective of the SPGS III project is to support private sector tree farmers to establish commercial forest plantations, through provision of grants and technical support.

Since 2004, SPGS has supported the establishment of close to 50,000 hectares of planted forests in Uganda, for timber, poles and fuelwood. An additional 30,000 hectares will be established by 2020.

As part of the support to tree farmers, SPGS III implements an annual certification programme for tree nurseries and forest contractors. The objective of the certification programme is to ensure that tree nursery operators and contractors adhere to recommended standards that enhance forest services through which private commercial tree growers can get quality seedlings and establish plantations of acceptable national standards.

FAO invites applications from interested registered companies, either operating tree nurseries or involved in forestry contracting to express interest for certification for the year 2019/2020.

Application requirements:

a) Tree Nurseries

- i. Should be a legally registered company or organization (Registration certificates **MUST** be attached).
- ii. Should have the capacity to produce 100,000 seedlings per season.
- iii. Should be able to raise a variety of these species: *Pinus caribaea*, *Pinus patula*, *Maesopsis eminii* (Musizi), *Terminalia superba*, *Tectona grandis* (Teak), *Eucalyptus*

grandis and *Eucalyptus* clones, *Araucaria cunninghamii*, *Cupressus lusitanica*, *Melia volkensii*, *Gmelina arborea*, *Bathedavia* (Exotic Mvule), *Casuarina equisetifolia*, *Grevillea robusta* and Bamboo.

b) Forest Contractors

- i. Must be a legally registered company (Company registration certificates **MUST** be attached).
- ii. Indication of previous experience in forest contracting work (Details of previous relevant assignments should be attached).
- iii. Individual contractors (technical personnel) must have attained training in forestry (Attach certificates)

Interested applicants are required to submit a hard copy of the application, clearly marked either, Nursery or Contractor, not later than **Friday 15 March 2019 at 2pm**.

Applications should be addressed to:

The FAO Representative
Attn: SPGS III Project Coordinator,
Plot 88 Buganda Road, Wandegeya
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Applications can be delivered to any of the following FAO offices:

1. FAO/SPGS III, Plot 92, Luthuli Avenue, Bugolobi - Kampala
2. FAO, Plot 88, Buganda Road, Wandegeya – Kampala
3. FAO, Plot 19, Upper Churchill Drive, Senior Quarters- Gulu

NB: Female applicants are encouraged to apply.