

Request for Proposals

Achieving green growth through terrestrial natural capital restoration in Ethiopia, Rwanda and Kyrgyzstan



GIZ's ELD Initiative and the GGKP launch this Request to identify partners in Ethiopia, Rwanda and Kyrgyzstan to engage local stakeholders, support data collection and apply a new methodology to restore terrestrial natural capital to meet the SDGs.

The deadline to respond is **31 May 2019**. More information is available here:
<http://www.greengrowthknowledge.org/news>

SCOPE OF THE REQUEST

The [ELD Initiative](#) and [GGKP](#) launch this request to identify partners in Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Kyrgyzstan to apply a joint methodology to restore terrestrial natural capital to achieve national SDG targets. With guidance and supervision from the ELD Secretariat, GGKP Secretariat and [GGKP Natural Capital Expert Working Group](#), project partners will be specifically responsible for engaging stakeholders, collecting local data, and preparing a national assessment.

Proposals are invited which focus on establishing the link between flows and benefits from land assets as well as co-benefits such as poverty reduction and/or employment creation. The assessment will be based on scenarios, which indicate changes in the terrestrial natural capital and respective ecosystem services flows comparing the impacts of business as usual and restoration interventions. Attention should be given to downstream sectors and the wider national economy.

There is a preference for submissions focusing on the following countries: Ethiopia, Rwanda and Kyrgyzstan. Other case studies with a clearly defined opportunity to address ongoing national and local policy processes will also be considered.

OUTCOMES OF THE REQUEST

Applicants are asked to present a set of activities to achieve the following outcomes:

1. Robust stakeholder engagement for data collection, co-creation of the report and validation of results by local and national officials and other relevant stakeholders;
2. Production of a peer-reviewed report applying the joint ELD / GGKP methodology in the national context;
3. Participation in dissemination workshops in collaboration with the ELD Initiative, GGKP and local partner organizations to facilitate uptake of the results.

[RESTORING TERRESTRIAL NATURAL CAPITAL WOULD NOT ONLY ACHIEVE SDG 15, BUT PRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL YIELD OF UP TO US\$ 75.6 TRILLION.]

WHO CAN APPLY

The call for proposals is open to all institutions involved in work related to land degradation economics and/or sustainable land management in the national context.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- (a) scientific quality and “value for money”;
- (b) capacity to address identified policy processes within the respective context and outlined potential for impact with stakeholders;
- (c) ability to integrate the concept of natural capital into the [ELD methodological framework](#);
- (d) potential for integration of results across scales and replicability;
- (e) relevance to international political agendas, such as the UNCCD, UNFCCC, AFR 100.

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Proposals must be written in English and submitted to the GGKP by **31 May 2019**. Length should not exceed 2000 words. The subsequent evaluation of proposals will be carried out by the Scientific Coordinator of the ELD Initiative, the ELD Secretariat, and the GGKP until 30 June 2019. Final notification will be provided until 15 July 2019.

Proposals must be designed to ensure that initial results are available by 30 November 2019. Final results, including the incorporation of peer review and stakeholder comments, formatting and copy-editing, must be completed by 31 March 2020.

WHO WE ARE

The [Economics of Land Degradation \(ELD\) Initiative](#), based at GIZ in Bonn, was founded by BMZ, the European Commission and UNCCD in 2011 at the UN General Assembly in New York. ELD offers advisory support for the economic valuation of terrestrial ecosystems to local, regional and national decision-makers. In 2018, ELD embarked on a new workstream assessing the contribution of land to macro-economic well-being using a capitals approach, including natural capital. It ultimately aims to achieve SDG 15.3, “*Land Degradation Neutrality*” while creating co-benefits with additional SDGs, including 2, 3, 8, 13 and 15.9.

The [Green Growth Knowledge Platform \(GGKP\)](#) is a global network of institutions and experts addressing major knowledge gaps in green growth theory and practice. To mainstream natural capital in green growth, the GGKP with the MAVA Foundation and [Economics for Nature](#) launched the [GGKP Natural Capital Expert Working Group](#) at the World Bank in November 2017. The GGKP supports the ELD Initiative in linking the economics of land degradation to global green growth through joint knowledge generation, management and sharing. In this Request, the ELD and GGKP joined forces to apply a joint methodology for terrestrial natural capital restoration in selected countries.

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