



# LandCam

## Call for proposals

### LandCam Small Grants Scheme Round 2018-2019

#### Background on LandCam

Large land areas in Cameroon are held under agribusiness and logging concessions. While private sector investments hold out promise for green growth and poverty reduction, the country is currently undergoing profound changes in land and resource legislation, and is characterized by insufficient regulation on some key issues.

In 2008, the government launched a series of reforms in the natural resources sector to update land, forest, mining and environment laws. But the process has been too sectoral, both among ministries and non-governmental bodies.

Meanwhile, land under customary tenure (some 85 per cent of Cameroon's land) is becoming increasingly insecure. Investors are seeking extensive areas for developing concessions. Mining, forestry and agribusiness concessions overlap with one another and with protected areas and community lands, leading to conflict.

A major coordination effort is needed to ensure that the voices of all stakeholders are heard in the reform process, and that all stakeholders are well informed of both the reality on the ground and of good practice in securing rights and improving governance.

Over five years, from February 2017 to December 2021, this project is piloting approaches to secure rights to land and natural resources in selected sites and supporting inclusive national-level debate about workable reforms of the relevant laws.

The LandCam project will work with key stakeholders across Cameroon to negotiate rights to land and natural resources through demonstrable good governance and workable reforms of the



relevant laws. We will work to create new spaces for more informed, effective and inclusive dialogue and analysis, engaging the public and media, as well as civil society platforms. And we will monitor changes on the ground, track legal reforms, and share lessons nationally and internationally.

From 2018-21, LandCam will focus its efforts at the grassroots level. Working directly with local civil society organisations and community groups, LandCam is launching a series of bottom-up interventions to clarify legitimate land tenure rights in three different districts through a small grants scheme.

### **LandCam objectives**

- To strengthen capacity and pilot approaches to improve land tenure security in selected sites that enable stakeholder voices to be heard and rights to be secured ;
- To create spaces for more informed, effective and inclusive dialogue on designing and implementing reforms; and
- To track land and natural resource governance, including legal reforms, and share lessons nationally and internationally.

### **The Small Grants Scheme**

The small grants scheme is designed to maximise stakeholder engagement in plugging gaps in approaches to securing land and resource rights, linking local-level work to national reform debates, responding to knowledge needs as they are identified by stakeholders in LandCam dialogues, building capacity of different actors on effective, inclusive and transparent land governance and testing tools for analysis or action.

The scheme will be administered by the Centre for Environment and Development (CED) in conjunction with IIED and RELUFA, the three LandCam consortium organisations.

- ***Eligible grant activities*** – the small grant scheme will support activities that:
  - Deepen understanding of land and natural resource governance challenges and possible solutions;
  - Deepen understanding of implications and outcomes for different social groups, including gender dimensions, and effective ways for addressing social differentiation;
  - Test the design, scalability and replicability of a tool for analysis or action;



- Promote dialogue at the local level (e.g. community-local government, community-company).

Further information on eligibility, the application process and award criteria can be found in the document *“LandCam Small Grants Scheme Round 2018-2019 Grant Guidelines”* which is available at [www.cedcameroun.org](http://www.cedcameroun.org) or [www.relufa.org](http://www.relufa.org) or can be obtained by emailing: [contact@cedcameroun.org](mailto:contact@cedcameroun.org).