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# Announcement:

## Offer to provide direct assistance to government institutions Non-VPA countries

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The Food and Agriculture Organizations of the United Nations (FAO) invites the government institutes to submit their direct assistance requests through its European Union/FAO Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Programme (EU FAO FLEGT Programme).

The EU FAO FLEGT Programme is a four-year initiative funded by the European Union and implemented by FAO. It follows from the FLEGT Support Programme, which is in its closing phase. EU FAO FLEGT Programme began on 1 May 2012 and will end on 30 April 2016.

The objective of the programme is to improve governance in the forest sector through improvement of policy, legal and regulatory frameworks. Among the programme's diverse aspects, the EU FAO FLEGT Programme provides that the government institutions of the **non-VPA countries** (countries eligible for the Programme but not involved in the negotiation process of a VPA) can benefit from direct support by submitting project proposals.

The direct assistance requests can target the development of FLEGT strategies and priorities that could, where applicable, be submitted as proposals. The requests can also respond to urgent needs that concern an aspect of the FLEGT Action Plan of the European Union.

Only government institutions can submit direct assistance requests. Applications can be submitted throughout the duration of the programme and are gradually evaluated. Each application may not exceed the amount of **25 000 euros**.

The guidelines concerning the formulation of direct assistance requests and the conditions for eligibility are provided in detail on the website of the EU-FAO FLEGT Support Programme at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/eu-flegt/en/>.

Submissions of the proposals may be sent by e-mail to the following address: EU-FLEGT-Direct-Requests@fao.org. The signature page must be signed, scanned and submitted together with the electronic version of the proposal. Completed and signed proposals can also be sent by fax to the attention of the Programme Manager, at +39 06 570 55514.

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