





Clare Brogan

Senior Consultant: Forest Governance and Natural Resource Management

SUMMARY

Clare Brogan is an international development consultant with professional expertise in the governance of natural resources and particular experience in supporting initiatives and processes aimed at strengthening civil society's engagement in forest policy dialogue at both the local and national level. Clare has excellent analytical and report-writing skills and her strong facilitation and communication skills enable her to build effective dialogue between sector stakeholders.

KEY STRENGTHS

-  Strong analytical, strategic planning and report-writing skills
-  Effective facilitation and communications skills;
-  Excellent multi-stakeholder process facilitation skills
-  Effective project implementation and evaluation skills

QUALIFICATIONS

MSc Natural Resource Management (1999-2000), Cranfield University, UK

BsC (Hons) in Tropical Environmental Science (1994-1996), University of Aberdeen, UK

BSc Environmental Science (1990-1993), University College Dublin, Ireland

COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

Botswana, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Ghana, Liberia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tunisia and Tanzania

LANGUAGES

English (mother tongue), French (working knowledge)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, European Forest Institute, (April-May 2010) Provide informal briefing to a range of stakeholders including government, private sector, civil society and Development Partners in both PNG and Solomon Islands on the EU FLEGT approach and the Voluntary Partnership Agreement concept in particular.



Ghana, Liberia: Advisory support to the EU Delegations in Ghana and Liberia on the FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) negotiation processes, DFID (2007-Present). Provide technical backstopping to a Liberia-based consultant who acts as adviser to the EU Delegation offices in Monrovia on the negotiation of a VPA with the EU and upto four months/year support to the EU Delegation office in Ghana on the implementation of their VPA, which was ratified in November 2009. The role also requires working closely with other FLEGT-financed activities to ensure coordination with initiatives underway with financing from the Government of Ghana.

Cameroon, DRC, Tunisia: Co-Interim Coordinator of the AfDB-hosted Congo Basin Forest Fund (CBFF) for DFID and then AfDB (August 2008 to February 2010). This fund was launched in June 2008 to support innovative proposals from government, the private sector and civil society organisations that seek to develop the capacity of the people and institutions of the Congo Basin to enable them to reduce the rate of deforestation and forest degradation. The role was to provide support to the establishment of systems for the management of this Fund to prepare for a smooth transition to the permanent secretariat. Responsibilities included the development of systems and procedures for the disbursement of large and small grants and supporting the assessment of the first round of proposals to the Fund.

Ghana: FLEGT awareness mission, DFID, (Jan-May 2005). Worked with two local consultants to provide briefing on the status of development of the FLEGT-VPA concept at the level of the European Commission and to gauge interest in government, civil society and the private sector stakeholders in Ghana in entering into negotiations on a VPA. The work comprised a series of meetings with a range of stakeholder groups and key individuals and culminated in a national multi-stakeholder workshop during which a decision was taken to proceed towards formal negotiations with the EU.

Ghana: Support to the design of a Natural Resources and Environmental Governance (NREG) sector budget support mechanism, The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, (September 2007, January 2008 and July 2008). Responsible for leading much of the dialogue with the forest sector institutions in the development of their element of a multi-donor Natural Resources and Environmental Governance sector budget support mechanism covering the forestry, mining and environmental protection sectors. This work has involved: Liaising with key sector stakeholders to brief them on the process of Programme design (e.g. defining policy objectives, expected outcomes, targets, and means of verification) and facilitating multi-sectoral workshops to further the discussion during the design phase. Clear alignment between the forest sector objectives under this mechanism and the stated reform objectives contained within the VPA has enabled NREG to serve as the financing mechanism through which development assistance for VPA implementation is provided.

UK, Ghana and Cameroon: Interim Forestry Adviser for Africa Equatorial Department, DFID (July 2006–March 2007). Acted as the interim DFID Forestry Adviser for Africa Equatorial Department (AED) where responsibilities included: provision of technical advice and monitoring progress with reforms achieved under the forest sector development project (FSDP2) in Ghana; supporting the Ghana-EU FLEGT VPA process; providing technical advice and backstopping to DFID's forest governance programme in Cameroon; supporting an output-to-purpose of DFID's Forest Governance Facility in Cameroon; provision of support to regional forest law enforcement and governance processes including a watching brief on the Congo Basin Forest Partnership; and provision of comprehensive briefing to the newly appointed AED Forestry Adviser.

Ghana: Project Manager for the Civil Society Strengthening Facility, DFID (Jul. 2004-Sep 2006)
The purpose of this facility was to enable Community Based Organisations in the forest sector in Ghana to engage in forest policy dialogue at both local and national level. The role included: Provision of technical support to the project team on rights based issues related to collaborative forest management in Ghana and production of reports and presentations to share lessons with similar initiatives and interested parties.

CAREER HISTORY

2001- 2003 Associate Professional Officer (internship) with DFID

An initial 3 months spent at DFID head office in London for the purpose of familiarisation with DFID policy and procedures. Posted to the DFID programme office in Yaoundé, Cameroon, with a remit focussed on the forestry sector. Later, seconded to the Ghana Forestry Commission, focussing on participatory forest management and civil society strengthening initiatives with members of their Collaborative Resource Management Unit.