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TRAINING WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT: UNDERSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL STANDARDS AND INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICES IN LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENTS

WWF-Kenya and Base Titanium are delighted to invite you to apply for a Training Workshop on Understanding Environmental and Social Standards and International Best Practices in Large Scale Developments.

Dates: 27th Nov -1st Dec 2017

Venue: Diani, Kwale County

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The promotion of environmentally and socially responsible development is becoming increasingly important. The value of protecting and enhancing biodiversity, the fight against climate change and the recognition of the need to integrate human rights and wellbeing of the affected communities into economic development have never been greater. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) include among others ending poverty, the promotion of sustainable, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, the need for actions to combat climate change and the protection, restoration and promotion of sustainable use of natural resources.

As developing countries strive to achieve economic growth, there is push to embolden international and multi-national investors in mining, oil and gas, larger scale agriculture projects, energy production and mega infrastructure projects to invest in these countries. These developments are integral to achieving economic growth, particularly in countries where the living poverty index is very low. Such developments, if not implemented and managed responsibly, often come at a high cost to the environment and often impact on communities. However, developments that have adopted best practices and embraced responsible pathways have often improved the wellbeing of communities and promoted environmental sustainability.

In many developing countries, the capacity of authorities responsible for ensuring that projects are developed in compliance with legislative requirements and in a manner that protects the interest of the people and the environment is often limited. In circumstances in which weak institutional frameworks exist, developers, if not guided by their own internal policies and procedures that embrace responsible development and best practices, have the potential to fail in the delivery of sustainable development. Many of these investors do not or have limited internal environmental policies that meet International Best Practices (IBP) and standards. Where they exist, implementation remains a challenge.

Kenya faces these challenges as it strives to achieve Vision 2030; the national development blue print. In response to this, WWF has identified the need to develop institutional capacity to encourage the development of internal policies and adoption of International Best Practices (IBP) in the implementation of development projects, and particularly large scale developments.

PURPOSE OF THE TRAINING



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This training workshop is therefore aimed at building much needed capacity, understanding and creating awareness around International Best Practices and Standards in large scale development targeting private sector investors, local lenders, academic institutions and Government Agencies. The intention is to create a constituency of change champions with capacity and ability to adopt and champion initiatives that ensure that developments are implemented in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Objectives of the Training Workshop:

1. To create understanding of environmental and social standards for large scale developments.
2. To share International Best Practices.
3. To build a constituency of change champions who will positively influence future development and investment plans in Kenya.

TRAINING APPROACH

The four day workshop will broadly encompass two components: Presentation in a workshop environment and a case study site visit. Summary of each is provided below.

Component 1: Presentations and Experiences

This will involve presentations and experience sharing in a workshop environment. During the training workshop principles, details of local and international best standards and practices will be shared. This will enable participants to gain a better understanding of some of the existing standards and practices. The following standards and principles will be covered:

- Kenya environmental and occupational health and safety law, International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards on Social and Environmental Sustainability,
- The Equator Principles,
- International Labour Organization (ILO) standard
- The Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights and the IFC and World Bank Group Environmental Health and Safety (EHS)
- Guidelines and WWF social policies and principle

Component 2: Case Study Site Visit

This will involve site visit to Base Titanium's Kwale Mine. Base Titanium and its Australian parent company Base Resources. The company has put in place Policies and systems that publically commit to providing and maintaining social and environmental management systems.

The site visit will provide the participants with the opportunity to interact with these policies, standards and practices, ensuring cross sharing of experiences hence deepening and enhancing understanding provided in Component 1.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

- Private sectors
- Financial institutions
- Senior management and policy makers from key government agencies
- Environmental and social standards practitioners Policy and technical team from county governments
- Academia
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Facilitators:

The facilitators will be drawn from WWF, Base Titanium, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and international independent experts involved in the implementation of international standards in large developments who will share experiences from across Africa and elsewhere.

Sponsorship:

All training cost will be covered by the organisers. However the organizers have limited funds to sponsor a limited number of participants. The sponsorship will include travel costs, full accommodation and training costs. Those wishing to apply for sponsorship are encouraged to make application in writing to:

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