

PROGRAMME AIMS TO PROMOTE INCLUSIVE INVESTMENT IN WOOD SECTOR

FAO, EU START INITIATIVE
TO **EMPOWER** TIMBER
PROCESSING COMPANIESBy Simon Okitela
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The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations is inviting eligible wood processing enterprises across Uganda to express interest in joining an initiative aimed at strengthening the wood processing industry through certification.

To qualify, applicants must be legally registered businesses engaged in primary wood processing

and able to demonstrate sustainable sourcing of logs, possession of appropriate machinery and willingness to comply with certification audits and recommendations.

The programme, being implemented under the Forest Partnership Programme, focuses on promoting sustainable wood-based value chains while supporting businesses involved in primary wood processing.

The initiative seeks to encourage responsible timber sourcing, improve processing

standards and strengthen Uganda's growing wood industry.

At the centre of the project is a voluntary certification scheme targeting companies that process timber from planted forests.

According to FAO, the certification process is expected to help businesses demonstrate commitment to sustainable forest management, legal timber trade and environmentally responsible practices.



One of the timber processors in Kampala. FAO is set to offer technical support to timber processors and contractors

BENEFITS FOR COMPANIES

Through the programme, participating companies will receive technical support in areas such as assessments, training, compliance systems, documentation and preparation for pre-audit processes.

The support is intended to strengthen the capacity of local wood processors and improve efficiency in timber production while reducing wastage.

The initiative is also intended to encourage wider participation in sustainable and legal timber trade, including among women and youth-led enterprises in the sector.

Applications can be submitted online using the link <https://shorturl.at/4eF3T>. Other than online submissions, one can also physically submit completed applications to the FAO office or soft copies in PDF format via email, UG-SustainableWood-Team@fao.org, subject line: Expression of Interest-Certification of primary wood processors.

DOCUMENTS TO PRESENT

1. Cover letter expressing interest in the certification scheme.
2. Fully filled and duly signed application form.
3. Valid business registration documents.
4. Statement of commitment to pursue certification.
5. Any existing certifications (if applicable).

Deadline for submission of the applications is May 29,

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**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN
CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME
FOR TIMBER CONTRACTORS**

Relatedly, eligible timber harvesting contractors are being invited to submit expressions of interest to join

the certification programme.

To qualify, applicants must be legally registered timber harvesting enterprises operating in Uganda, demonstrate access to a legal and sustainable timber supply for at least one year and possess suitable harvesting equipment.

FAO, with support from the European Union (EU), has rolled out a new certification initiative aimed at improving sustainability and professionalism within Uganda's timber harvesting sector.

The programme is being implemented under the "Sustainable Wood-Based Value Chains" project, which seeks to promote inclusive investment in Uganda's wood industry while supporting the growth of a sustainable and profitable wood-based economy.

According to FAO, the initiative introduces a voluntary certification scheme targeting timber harvesting contractors across the country. The programme is being implemented in partnership with the ministry of water and environment alongside private sector players involved in timber harvesting operations.

The certification scheme is intended to encourage sustainable forest management, promote legal timber trade and strengthen responsible harvesting and processing practices.

Applicants are also required to commit to compliance and audit requirements as part of the certification process.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMISSION****EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT NO.2- 2026**

Local Government Finance Commission was established under Article 194 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda and mandated to advise the President on all matters concerning the distribution of revenue between the Government and local governments and the allocation to each local government of monies out of the Consolidated Fund among others. Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified Ugandans to fill the following positions. The job advertisement can also be accessed on the LGFC website www.lgfc.go.ug

The interested applicants should submit hard copies of the application in triplicate specifying the position with a detailed curriculum vitae, cover letter, photocopies of certified academic certificates, and testimonials or may submit applications through LGFC Email: lgfc@lgfc.go.ug.

NB: Details of the Job Descriptions can be accessed from the LGFC Website: www.lgfc.go.ug

No	Post	Number of vacancies
1	Principal Human Resource Officer	1
2	Senior Accountant	1

APPLICATIONS

All applications must be accompanied with recent CVs detailing work experience, present position, and current remuneration, certified professional and educational qualifications. Applicants must also include a copy of their National Identity Card and three (3) referees (including their names, workplace and contact details). Females are encouraged to apply and applications should be physically delivered to the address below not later than 5th June, 2026 or may be submitted through LGFC Email: lgfc@lgfc.go.ug.

To:
The Commission Secretary,
Local Government Finance Commission
10th Floor, Northern Wing, Workers House
Plot 1 Pilkington Road

P.O. Box 23143 -Kampala - Uganda.

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ADAM S. SIKALE
COMMISSION SECRETARY

Date: 22.05.2026