

## **USAID Seeks Proposals from the Private Sector to Enhance Food Security, Nutrition, Biodiversity and Conservation in Uganda**

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Uganda is aiming to engage the private sector to develop new solutions in two key priority areas: (1) food security and nutrition; and (2) biodiversity and conservation. In line with this goal, the United States Government, represented by USAID/Uganda, has issued an Annual Program Statement (APS) to solicit Public-Private Alliances (PPAs) with private sector companies in areas where a company's core business interests intersect with USAID's development objectives. The APS will fund a limited number of PPAs to enhance food security and nutrition, and address issues of biodiversity and conservation.

USAID/Uganda seeks partnerships that include promising methods for substantially advancing coffee, maize, beans, agro-inputs, nutritional food products, financial services, and information and communication technologies solutions. Biodiversity priorities include innovative methods for promoting ecotourism as well as averting ecological and trans-boundary threats.

The APS is open for three years with multiple staggered deadlines for submission of brief proposals, or "Concept Papers," during that time period. The amount of available funding and the number of awards is variable and subject to change. Successful resource partners will be expected to leverage USAID resources on a 1:1 basis, with a strong preference for realizing a 3:1 leverage ratio (Partner:USAID).

Detailed information on the APS can be reviewed at:

Grants.gov: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)  
USAID/Uganda: <http://uganda.usaid.gov>  
APS number: APS-617-12-000010

USAID/Uganda will hold an Interested Parties Conference in Kampala, Uganda, on February 29, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. To receive an official invitation to the Interested Parties Conference RSVP by email to [KampalaUSAIDAPS@usaid.gov](mailto:KampalaUSAIDAPS@usaid.gov) no later than February 15, 2012. Attendees are limited to two per organization. RSVP is required in order to attend this first event.

This Interested Parties Conference is for informational purposes only. At the conclusion of the presentation on public-private alliances, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions. The presentation and all questions and answers from the conference will be posted to grants.gov and the USAID/Uganda mission's website after completion of the conference. **Interested organizations are therefore advised to regularly check both websites for future updates.**