

TERMS OF REFERENCE

To Produce a Working Paper for the Global Land Outlook (GLO)

"The role of ecological restoration and rehabilitation in production landscapes: An enhanced approach to sustainable development"

Consultancy reference number: CCD/16/ERPA/24

BACKGROUND

The objective of the Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is to combat desertification and land degradation, and to mitigate the effects of drought in affected countries around the world, particularly in Africa, through effective action at all levels. This is supported by international cooperation and partnership arrangements, in the framework of an integrated approach consistent with Agenda 21, with a view to contributing to the achievement of sustainable development.

The Global Land Outlook (GLO) is the UNCCD's new flagship publication to be published every 4 years. It is a state-of-the-art strategic assessment providing a transformative framework and vision for land management practice, policy and planning at global and national scales. Each background document or working paper is expected to be a stand-alone product and potentially provide significant input to one or more chapters of the GLO main report. If a paper is edited to produce an entire GLO chapter, the author(s) will be acknowledged as the chapter author(s); otherwise, they will be acknowledged as the contributing author(s). The publication of working papers in this format does not prevent authors from publishing them elsewhere, especially in peer-reviewed journals, provided that due acknowledgment to the UNCCD and the GLO is included. In fact, wider dissemination of the work done by working paper authors is encouraged taking advantage of social media, public presentations and other venues. The digital concept note for the GLO is available at: <https://global-land-outlook.squarespace.com/home/#intro>

CONSULTANT'S TASKS AND DELIVERABLES

Under the overall supervision of the coordinator of the External Relations, Policy and Advocacy (ERPA) unit of the UNCCD and the direct supervision of an assigned Officer, the consultant will prepare a **Working Paper** for the UNCCD's GLO. This will entail the following:

- A review of ecological restoration and rehabilitation projects and programmes that have been integrated with sustainable land management, urban planning, infrastructure development and other land-based activities. The review would be focused on those activities that involve collaboration and coordination, as well as shared risks and benefits among multiple stakeholders. The purpose of the review is to demonstrate how restoration in landscapes can be a source of multiple social, economic and environmental benefits:
 - Present a representative selection or typology of restoration and rehabilitation projects and programmes, how they are implemented in both customary and legal terms, and compare and contrast the appropriateness and effectiveness

- of either top-down and bottom-up methods within different ecological and socio-economic contexts.
- Describe how appropriate restoration activities can and should leverage the natural synergies for multi-sector coordination and help make progress to many of the key priorities in the Sustainable Development Goals, including to combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation.
 - Use case studies at local, national and regional scales to highlight the technical and design aspects of restoration and rehabilitation projects and programmes as well as the governance and market factors that empower stakeholders and foster a convergence of diverse priorities. These case studies could include, for example, issues related to the green economy, improved management of rural-urban linkages or the revitalization of abandoned production lands.
 - Produce a 20-30 page paper that provides a practical forward-looking vision for governments, communities and corporations to integrate restoration and rehabilitation projects and programmes within wider landscape approaches to improve the economic opportunities resulting from the more sustainable management of land resources.
 - Produce a 2 page Policy Brief that distills the key findings and messages for decision-makers.

CONTRACTUAL TERMS

- The consultancy will be carried out over two months, starting from **01 July 2016**;
- The consultant will prepare an overall work plan for the entire contract period at the beginning of the assignment, which will be discussed and agreed with the supervisors at the UNCCD.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A Master's or PhD degree in ecological restoration, natural resource management, economics or any related field relevant for the consultancy;
- Research experience and publishing in the field of ecological restoration and rehabilitation with an emphasis on environmental or landscape management;
- Experience in transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary work;
- Ability to communicate effectively in English with demonstrated writing skills.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to **staffing@unccd.int** together with a UN Personal History Form or CV, specifying the position **CCD/16/ERPA/24** in the subject line. Please also submit a cover letter with a brief work plan and expectations for remuneration.

The deadline for applications is **25 June 2016**. Only applications submitted by the deadline will be considered. No telephone calls will be returned. Please address your application as indicated above and do not address or copy your application to an individual at the Secretariat of the UNCCD.

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