TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultant for Analysis of UNCCD reporting of Financial Flows and Technology Transfer in Support of the Convention

Consultancy reference number: CCD/20/GM/09

Background

Desertification, along with climate change and the loss of biodiversity were identified as the greatest challenges to sustainable development during the 1992 Rio Earth Summit. Established in 1994, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is the sole legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management. The Convention seeks to support countries to address Desertification, Land Degradation, and Drought (DLDD).

At UNCCD COP13, countries agreed (decision 7/COP.13) on a new global roadmap to address land degradation. The new UNCCD 2018-2030 Strategic Framework (“The Strategy) includes a set of 5 “strategic objectives” adopted to guide the actions of all UNCCD stakeholders and partners in the period 2018–2030. The Strategic objective 5 (SO5), in particular, aims at mobilizing substantial and additional financial and non-financial resources to support the implementation of the Convention by building effective partnerships at global and national level.

The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD (GM) supports countries to translate the Convention into action. With regard to the SO5, The GM has a central responsibility to contribute to financial mobilization, support technology transfer and explore opportunities for increasing financing for the implementation of the Convention and The Strategy.

The GM also supports the development of indicators that can be used by countries to measure the progress towards SO5. The Strategic Framework established four indicators for SO5 that have already been used by countries to report to the UNCCD: (i) Trends in international bilateral and multilateral official development assistance; (ii) Trends in domestic public resources; (iii) Trends in number of co-financing partners; and (iv) Resources mobilized from innovative sources of finance, including from the private sector.

Additionally, the Framework also defined a series of indicators linked to technology transfer that could be considered as future source of information (these include “Total amount of approved funding for developing countries and countries with economies in transition to promote the development, transfer, dissemination and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies”.

Country Parties at COP14 requested the GM to develop options to improve the SO5 indicators along two dimensions: (i) Include additional quantitative data and (ii) develop progress indicators in terms of technology transfer.
**Objective of the consultancy**

The objective of this consultancy is to conduct an analysis and propose options to enhance the level of quantitative information that could be reported with respect to the four existing SO5 indicators as well as developing a new set of progress indicators on technology transfer.

**Consultants tasks**

Under the overall supervision of the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism and relevant Programme officer and in close cooperation with Global Mechanism and UNCCD Secretariat colleagues, the expert will:

- Review and analyze the existing SO5 reporting template in the context of including additional quantitative data for reporting.
- Identify quantitative sources of data for DLDD in addition to the ones currently being used such as the OECD-DAC databases.
- Propose options to enhance the existing SO5 indicators with additional quantitative data. These options should consider the need to strike an appropriate balance between increases of accuracy by moving to more quantitative measures and the level of increased complexity this may imply for the reporting process.
- Analyze and proposed a definition of “technology transfer” in the context of the DLDD objectives of the Convention (Decision 15/COP12).
- Make an inventory of the technologies that address DLDD and develop criteria for the identification of these technologies.
- Investigate technology transfer in the context of North–South and South–South cooperation.
- Identify available data sources for reporting against the proposed indicator on technology transfers.
- Propose a new set of indicators and sub-indicators under SO5-5.
- Propose methodology for analysis of reported data by country Parties.
- Support the development of CRIC19 report on the subject.

**Expected Outputs**

Expected outputs will be discussed and agreed with the Managing Director and the Programme Officer, including:

- Comprehensive Report consisting of elements mentioned in the above section, including recommendations.
- CRIC19 report on the subject/SO5 related sections in UNCCD documents related to reporting for CRIC 19.

**Requirements**

- Advanced university degree in environmental engineering, natural resource management, development economics and finance, or related disciplines.
- A minimum of 10 years working experience related to natural resource management (NRM).
- Knowledge on the UNCCD or related Conventions. Experience in working with UNCCD stakeholders in the country an asset.
• Knowledge of English is required. Knowledge of additional UN languages would be an asset
• Demonstrated ability to work independently, handle multiple tasks, work under pressure and deliver assignments on time
• Excellent writing, presentation and analytical skills

Contractual Terms
This consultancy will be home-based. Consultancy fees will be based on qualifications and the level of experience. Expected duration: 6 months

Submission of application
Applications should be submitted by e-mail to staffing@unccd.int together with a UN Personal History Form¹ and/or CV, specifying the position: CCD/20/GM/09.

The deadline for applications is 29 February 2020. Only applications submitted by the deadline will be considered. No telephone calls will be returned.

Due to the volume of applications received, receipt of applications cannot be acknowledged individually. Please address your application as indicated above and please do not address or copy your application to an individual at the Secretariat or Global Mechanism. Candidates who do not receive any feedback within three months of the deadline should consider their application as unsuccessful.

Date: 14 February 2020

¹ https://www.unccd.int/sites/default/files/inline-files/UNCCD%20P-11%20Form_1.pdf