



TERMS OF REFERENCE

National consultant to support to the development of the Abidjan Legacy Programme

Consultancy reference number: CCD/22/GM/C/16

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 addresses specifically the arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas, known as the drylands, where some of the most vulnerable ecosystems and peoples can be found.

Under the leadership of the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, an ambitious multi-partner Abidjan Legacy Programme will be launched at UNCCD COP15 in May 2022 to boost long-term environmental sustainability across major value chains while protecting and restoring forests and lands and improving communities' resilience to climate change

Objective of consultancy

Successful organisation of the Abidjan Legacy Programme including provision of support to

1. Organization of the private sector virtual stakeholder consultation including follow-up in terms of possible further engagements and at least three pledges from the private sector to be announced during the launching event
2. Development of the legacy programme document including sections on recent national strategic and legislative priorities, general market trends, consolidation of input of different stakeholders. The final version should be validated by the government of Côte D'Ivoire
3. Organization of the Abidjan legacy programme launch event at COP 15.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision of the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism and reporting to the assigned Programme Officer, the consultant will perform the following tasks:

- Research, compile analyze, summarize and present relevant national information/data and integrate the background data in the draft programme document including national ongoing and pipeline projects, current trends in relevant value chains, as well as relevant national policies, strategies and legislation
- Assist the drafting team with the organization of meetings and collection of national data to be integrated in the programme
- Ensure consultation with relevant government entities in the development of the Abidjan Legacy Programme
- Support the organization of the private sector consultation for the Abidjan Legacy Programme
- Assist in the preparation of the Government of Cote d'Ivoire Abidjan COP15 Legacy Programme launch event at COP 15

Deliverables

Key deliverables are:

- ✓ Deliverable 1: Private sector virtual consultation Tasks include organization of consultation with companies in Cote d'Ivoire, as well as where possible international companies. Identifying at least three pledges from the private sector to the Abidjan Legacy programme.



- ✓ Deliverable 2: Final draft of ALP document. Tasks include a literature review of existing legislative and regulatory frameworks to be included in the Legacy Programme Document, as well as relevant market trends and the integration of input from the private sector through concrete activities.
- ✓ Deliverable 3: Launch event for the ALP. Tasks include the launching of the Programme during a dedicated session of the COP15, all relevant organizational issues including invitations, speaker coordination, logistics for the organization of the event.

Contractual terms

The service of the selected consultant is estimated to be for a period of 2 months. This contract is based on deliverables and payment is defined by outputs. The consultancy is home based, Start date: as soon as possible.

Requirements

- University degree (Bachelor's or equivalent) from a recognized university in a relevant field of work (e.g. communications, external relations, natural resources management, knowledge and/or project management);
- Minimum of 6 years of relevant professional experience with evidence of achievements in the area of environmental ecosystems management in Africa.
- Proven track record working with the private sector.
- Demonstrated experience working with stakeholders' coordination and consultation.
- Demonstrated experience in value chains and food systems
- Demonstrated network with global multi-nationals
- Knowledge of the UNCCD and related intergovernmental processes
- Professional working knowledge of English and French language is required. Knowledge of other UN languages is an asset.

Special notice

Only individuals who can act as independent, individual economical operators are qualified to apply. Individuals who can provide their services only on account of an institution or enterprise not in their individual capacity are not eligible under this procedure.

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Submission of application

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to staffing@unccd.int with a UNCCD Personal History Form¹, CV and cover letter, specifying the reference number: [CCD/22/GM/C/16](#).

The deadline for applications is **23 March 2022**. Only applications submitted by the deadline and with complete documentation will be taken into consideration.

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

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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.

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