



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Global Mechanism Junior Consultant

Consultancy reference number: CCD/22/GM/C/18

Background

The objective of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification around the world, particularly in Africa, through effective action at all levels, supported by international cooperation and partnership arrangements with a view to contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in affected areas.

The Global Mechanism (GM) assists countries in the mobilization of resources from the public and private sector for activities that prevent, control or reverse desertification, land degradation and drought. Viable, adequate and sustained financing for effectively combating desertification, land degradation and drought worldwide can only be achieved through a significant involvement of the private sector (i.e. investors, financial intermediaries, businesses, consumers, and civil society including philanthropic foundations). In this context, public development finance is expected to play a crucial catalytic and supplementary role as part of a whole range of enabling governmental and intergovernmental activities. Investments in and via the UNCCD help to facilitate policy reform, leverage large investments and initiate change at the national level.

The purpose of the Junior Consultancy is to provide support for the preparation of the 15th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) and for effective follow up. The main focus of tasks will be on research, communication, working with databases and programme planning and implementation.

Objective of consultancy

The GM Junior Consultant will ensure delivery of timely, client focused support to the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism. In close collaboration with other members of the GM UNCCD team, the incumbent will coordinate the efficient, consistent implementation of GM assigned activities.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Under the direct supervision of the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism, the Junior Consultant will provide effective support to the GM Front Office in support of GM COP15 related activities. The consultant will undertake the following tasks:

- Provide various research, writing and communications support on substantive topics related to the GM (i.e. restoration, energy, job creation, PPP, and value chain investments).
- Support the organization of webinars, workshop, consultations, conferences, meetings, events and trainings.
- Provide support on drafting of briefing notes, progress reports, talking points, speeches, evaluations and reports,
- Assist in preparation and finalization of knowledge products and resources and background material for internal and external use, including programme documents.
- Provide support in identifying opportunities for philanthropic foundation engagement in the development of transformative projects and programmes and liaising with potential partners
- Support follow up of COP 15 outcomes and coordination between internal and external GM clients and partners at the technical, regional and country level.
- Any other responsibilities as delegated by the GM Managing Director



Deliverables

Key deliverables are:

- ✓ Undertaking research, developing written outputs and consulting key resource partners and GM colleagues, engaging in preparatory work and continued engagement with the internal and external clients
- ✓ Briefing notes, talking points, speeches, questionnaire surveys, evaluations and reports of consultations, conferences, workshops, meetings, events and trainings are produced with high standards of service provision.

Contractual terms

The services of the selected individual contractors will be required for a duration of 6 months starting as soon as possible and paid on a monthly basis. The consultant will work remotely. All products resulting from this contractual arrangement are the exclusive property of the UNCCD.

Requirements

- University degree (Bachelor's or equivalent) from a recognized university in a relevant field of work (e.g. in finance, business, economics, international affairs, natural resources management, communications, external relations, knowledge and/or project management and/or any relevant field directly related to international development). Master's degree is desirable.
- Minimum 2 years of work experience in a relevant area such as sustainable development, partnerships or resource mobilization.
- Strong research and communication skills;
- Excellent writing skills (experience in writing analytic papers and reports);
- Excellent organizing, multi-tasking, research, and project management skills;
- Knowledge of project development and financing is an advantage;
- Previous experience working with in an international environment (UN, International Organisation, Private Sector or NGO) is an advantage.
- Excellent command of written English and/or French, other UN languages 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.

Individuals engaged under a consultancy or individual contract will not be considered "staff members" under the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations Secretariat and will not be entitled to benefits provided therein (such as leave entitlements and medical insurance coverage). Their conditions of service will be governed by their contract and the General Conditions of Contracts for the Services of Consultants and Individual Contractors. Consultant and individual contractor is responsible for determining tax liabilities and for the payment of any taxes and/or duties, in accordance with local or other applicable laws.

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/18](#).

The deadline for applications is **29 March 2022**. Only applications submitted by the deadline and with complete documentation will be taken into consideration.

¹ UNCCD P-11 form in electronic fill-in .pdf OR .docx format available: [Guidelines | UNCCD](#)



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.

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