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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Senior Expert - Biodiversity Conservation

**Consultancy reference number: CCD/22/GI/C/33**

#### **Background**

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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). ([www.unccd.int](http://www.unccd.int))

The G20 (or Group of Twenty) is the annual international forum for the governments of 19 industrialized countries and the European Union (EU). The G20 Leaders' Declaration, issued on Sunday, 22 November 2020, launched a "Global Initiative on Reducing Land Degradation and Enhancing Conservation of Terrestrial Habitats". Building on existing initiatives and on a voluntary basis, the G20 countries share the ambition to achieve a 50 percent reduction in the amount of degraded land by 2040. The Global Initiative (GI) with oversight from UNCCD, will focus on capacity building, engaging the private sector and civil society and showcasing success. The Director, under the oversight of the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, manages the Initiative Coordination Office (ICO).

In ecosystem restoration and management, it is important to ensure that issues relating to biodiversity conservation are addressed. The Initiative coordination office is looking for a senior expert on biodiversity conservation to support the initiative.

#### **Objective of consultancy**

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Conservation and Restoration of Wetlands are fully integrated into the G20 planning.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

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Under the direct supervision of the Director Global Initiative the incumbent will undertake the following tasks:

- Prepare a review paper on Addressing Biodiversity During Land Restoration and Habitat Conservation.
- To organize an international expert group meeting on Addressing Biodiversity During Land Restoration and Habitat Conservation.
- To support the production of knowledge and communication products on Addressing Biodiversity During Land Restoration and Habitat Conservation.
- To conduct webinars and training sessions on Addressing Biodiversity During Land Restoration and Habitat Conservation.
- To identify important institutions (up to 20) around the world who has been active in the field of Addressing Biodiversity During Land Restoration and Habitat Conservation.
- To identify key experts (up to 100) around the world who have been active in the field of Addressing Biodiversity During Land Restoration and Habitat Conservation.
- To prepare a listing of major restoration projects and how biodiversity issues were addressed.
- To represent the G20 Initiative in international fora upon request from the Director of the Global Initiative.



- To be the domain lead in the G20 Land Initiative Community of Practice on Addressing Biodiversity During Land Restoration and Habitat Conservation

### Deliverables

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Key deliverables are:

- ✓ A report Addressing Biodiversity During Land Restoration and Habitat Conservation
- ✓ List of key institutions and individuals involved in the field of Addressing Biodiversity During Land Restoration and Habitat Conservation
- ✓ Events organized and represented
- ✓ Final report

### Contractual terms

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The services of the selected individual contractors will be required for 50 days during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, home based. All products resulting from this contractual arrangement are the exclusive property of the Global Initiative/UNCCD.

### Requirements

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- A PhD in Science, Engineering or Management, with publication record in Wetland Conservation and Restoration is required.
- At least 20 years of international experience in Biodiversity Conservation and Restoration is required.
- Excellent writing, editing and oral communication skills in English is required.

### Special notice

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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

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Applications should be submitted by e-mail to [staffing@unccd.int](mailto:staffing@unccd.int) with a UNCCD Personal History Form<sup>1</sup>, CV and cover letter, specifying the reference number: [CCD/22/GI/C/33](#).

The deadline for applications is **31 July 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 application to an individual at the Secretariat or Global Initiative. Candidates who do not receive any feedback within three months of the deadline should consider their application as unsuccessful.

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