



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Senior Expert Capacity Building

Consultancy reference number: CCD/22/GI/C/54

Background

Desertification, along with climate change and the loss of biodiversity, was 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)

The G20 (or Group of Twenty) is the annual international forum for the governments from 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).

The initiative is looking for a senior expert to frame its capacity-building activities.

Objective of consultancy

A fully developed capacity building strategy and plan, including potential partners.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The consultant is expected to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Review the G20 Global Initiative Strategy to understand the scope of the capacity-building activities
2. Engage with the UNCCD Capacity building team to understand their capacity-building plans
3. Review the strategy of the Decade for Ecosystem Restoration and engage with those responsible for understanding their capacity building plans
4. Review the global landscape of training and capacity-building activities, including UNCCDs Capacity Building Marketplace, and prepare a summary document
5. Prepare a needs assessment for training and capacity building for various stakeholders through focus group discussions and surveys as appropriate
6. Identify key institutional partners for developing long term capacity building activities for the initiatives
7. Design training outlines suitable for various stakeholders to be developed in association with institutional partners.
8. Participate in meetings and events organised by the Initiative or on behalf of the initiative.

Deliverables

Key deliverables:

- ✓ Written report on each of the 8 activities
- ✓ Mission reports after attending events



Contractual terms

The service of the selected consultant is estimated to be for 50 days during the period from 01 November 2022 until 15 February 2023. This contract is based on deliverables and payment is defined by output. The consultancy is home based however, there will be several missions organized. Travel will be paid and organized separately.

Requirements

- Doctorate degree in science, social sciences or engineering.
- At least 20 years of international experience in natural resources management, including experience in conducting training programmes and training needs assessments
- Good written and oral communication skills. Excellent networking skills
- Fluency in English language, both oral and written, is required.

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/GI/C/54](#).

The deadline for applications is **11 October 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 Mechanism. Candidates who do not receive any feedback within three months of the deadline should consider their application as unsuccessful.

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¹ UNCCD P-11 form in electronic fill-in .pdf OR .docx format available: <https://www.unccd.int/about-us/secretariat/vacancies/applying-unccd>