



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Senior Expert to support the ICO

Consultancy reference number: CCD/22/GI/C/71

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). (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 Coordination Office (ICO) with oversight from UNCCD, will be helping the G20 countries to deliver on the commitments on the G20 countries by (a) promoting best practices (b) working with civil society (c) working with private sector and (d) building capacity at scale.

The initiative is looking for a Senior Expert to support the ICO in its mission.

Objective of consultancy

The G20 Global Initiative and the Initiative Coordination Office receives high quality advice as well as increased visibility at international level.

Duties and Responsibilities

The consultant is expected to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Provide strategic advice to G20 Initiative and the Initiative Coordination Office (ICO) on land-related issues (biodiversity, climate change, forestry, social inclusion, water)
2. Help connect the Global Initiative Coordination Office to a wider network of partners (public and private) who are engaged in land restoration
3. Represent G20 Global Initiative Coordination Office at select events and meetings at the request of the Director of the Initiative Coordination Office
4. Review reports and other publications produced by the G20 Global Initiative on matters relating to land restoration
5. Other tasks as agreed with the director of the initiative coordination office.

Deliverables

Key deliverables:

- ✓ Written reports on the activities and missions undertaken on behalf of the Initiative Coordination Office.

Contractual terms

The service of the selected consultant is estimated to be for 100 days within the period from 05 December 2022 until 30 November 2023. The consultancy is home based. All products resulting from this contractual arrangement are the exclusive property of the UNCCD.



Requirements

- A PhD in science-related topic
- At least 25 years of international experience with progressive responsibilities including at the level of Director or above.
- Demonstrated experience in establishing and maintaining professional network.
- Fluency of English language 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/P11 and cover letter, specifying the reference number: **CCD/22/GI/C/71**.

The deadline for applications is **27 November 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>