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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Landscape Restoration Expert

**Consultancy reference number: CCD/22/GI/C/78**

#### **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 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 India Presidency of G20 has decided to focus on restoration of landscapes after mining and forest fires. Germany has e. The first of these is the Center of Excellence on Land Restoration at the Indian Council for Forest Research and Education with Mine Restoration Agencies in Germany. Additional potential partnerships between institutions in Germany and other G20 countries are being planned in future. Support from an expert is needed to facilitate this collaboration and also map out other potential collaborative arrangements.

#### **Objective of consultancy**

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Partnerships established between the Center of Excellence for Land Restoration in India and institutional partners in Germany, Europe and EU.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

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The consultant is expected to accomplish the following tasks:

1. To visit the Center of Excellence in Land Restoration at Indian Council for Forestry Research and Education and conduct an institutional capacity assessment
2. To visit Angul Mine in India and scope out the requirements for land rehabilitation after mining and prepare recommendations for institutional partnerships for rehabilitation
3. To visit Indian Institute of Forest Management and conduct an institutional capacity assessment
4. To take part in the corporate round table on mine restoration in India and provide inputs on best practices from Germany
5. To coordinate with German/European and EU institutions who are involved in mine restoration, ecological rehabilitation, forest fire management and other land degradation issues for establishing long term partnerships with India and other G20 countries
6. To liaise with Society for Ecological Restoration about restoration standards after mining
7. Provide technical input to a compendium on best practices in abandoned mine restoration.

#### **Deliverables**

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Key deliverables:

- ✓ Institutional capacity assessment of ICFRE Center for Excellence in Land Restoration for mine restoration and other training activities



- ✓ Institutional capacity assessment of IIFM for forest fire management as well as acting as a global capacity building hub on forestry
- ✓ Technical inputs to the global best practices compendium on mine restoration
- ✓ Presentation at the Mine Restoration Round Table and Side Events
- ✓ Reports on potential institutions in Germany, Europe and EU for institutional partnerships for land restoration
- ✓ Monthly reports on activities undertaken

### **Contractual terms**

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The service of the selected consultant is estimated to be for 80 days within the period from 01 January 2023 until 31 July 2023. The consultancy is home based. Few travel missions to/from Bonn will be organized and paid separately. All products resulting from this contractual arrangement are the exclusive property of the UNCCD.

### **Requirements**

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- An advanced degree in any of the following fields: forestry, land management, remote sensing, geography or any other related field.
- At least 10 years of experience in land restoration, including partnership building
- Excellent skills and working experience in environment, natural resources, or restoration. Fluency in English and German languages are 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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The following documents should be sent to [staffing@unccd.int](mailto:staffing@unccd.int) as **one document**: UNCCD Personal History Form<sup>1</sup> /CV and cover letter, specifying the following in the email subject line:  
**CCD/22/GI/C/78.**

The deadline for applications is **29 December 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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<sup>1</sup> UNCCD P-11 form in electronic fill-in .pdf OR .docx format available: <https://www.unccd.int/about-us/secretariat/vacancies/applying-unccd>