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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Development of Global Rangeland Standards

**Consultancy reference number: CCD/23/C/28**

#### **Background**

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. Rangelands make up 54% of the world's terrestrial surface but represent an underutilized opportunity in terms of investment potential. Rangelands are often neglected in the land restoration agenda despite being a major store of carbon with great potential for sustainable development. Rangelands not only provide large ecosystem services including carbon storage but also extensive livelihoods opportunities in niche crops, forage and feed, as well as animal fiber and other animal products. Large parts of rangelands are also expected to face impact from climate change, as highlighted by the rangeland Atlas.

Despite the extensive global coverage, rangeland management approaches have not been standardized, nor has there been a sustainability relevant standard applied to rangeland issued products. On the basis of the work undertaken previously on mapping existing standards and recommendations for the development of Rangeland Standards the current work will focus on the development of Rangeland Standards taking into account the work previously undertaken. The current work is funded by the European Commission in support of advancing Land Degradation Neutrality.

#### **Objective of consultancy**

The objective and final expected output from the International Consultant will be the Development of a Global Rangeland Standard with concrete technical elements on the basis of international benchmark and framework for consultation process.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

Under the overall supervision of the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism and reporting to the assigned Programme Officer, the consultant will perform the following tasks:

- Develop key technical elements of a globally applicable principles for a Global Rangeland Standard which includes at minimum areas of sustainable land management, biodiversity, post-harvest, human rights (decent work), supply chain management. The technical elements should be based on the recommendations made from previous mapping and analysis undertaken in the area by UNCCD (available upon demand) and on the basis of existing global benchmark for standards such as ISEAL or any other existing and relevant sustainability approach.
- For the consultation of the key technical element (undertaken through another contract), identify all main institutions and key stakeholders for the consultation process. At all levels participants need to include sector specific stakeholders including farming communities, herders, associations, processors off-takers, women farmers and relevant government entities and other relevant private sector entities.
- Set up committees for each sub-section developing TOR and preparing the consultations.



## Deliverables

Under the overall supervision of the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism and reporting to the assigned Programme Officer, the consultant will perform the following tasks:

Deliverable	Due date	Days
Deliverable 1: Technical elements of the Rangeland Standard	60 days after contract signature	50
Deliverable 2: Consultation participant list	90 days after contract signature	5
Deliverable 3: Creation of relevant sub-committees	100 days after contact signature	10

## Contractual terms

The service of the selected consultant is estimated to be for 65 days during the period of 01 June – 31 December 2023). This contract is based on deliverables and payment is defined by output. The consultancy is home based or remote.

All products resulting from this contractual arrangement are the exclusive property of the UNCCD.

## Requirements

- University degree in relevant social science.
- A minimum of 6 years of relevant professional experience with evidence of achievements in the area of standards and private sector engagement – preferably in rangeland issues including with internationally recognized standards.
- Proven track record working on SLM issues of at least 5 years.
- Demonstrated experience working with stakeholders’ coordination and consultation of at least 5 years.
- Demonstrated experience in value chains and food systems of at least 4 years, preferably in rangeland issues.
- Demonstrated network with global multi-nationals is considered an asset.
- Knowledge of the UNCCD and related intergovernmental processes is considered 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

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/23/C/28**.

<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>



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The deadline for applications is **26 May 2023**. 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. Candidates who do not receive any feedback within three months of the deadline should consider their application as unsuccessful.

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