



TERMS OF REFERENCE

International Consultant to support the development of a Rangelands Flagship Programme

Consultancy reference number: CCD/23/C/64 (re-advertised)
(Those who have applied before need not to apply again)

Background

The Global Mechanism (GM) is an institution of the UNCCD, mandated to assist countries in the mobilization of financial resources from the public and private sector for activities that prevent, control or reverse desertification, land degradation and drought. As the operational arm of the convention, the GM supports countries to translate the Convention into action. The GM is currently spearheading several initiatives to implement its resource mobilization mandate by supporting countries in the development of a pipeline of projects and programmes for financing by donors and partners. We are also promoting multi-sector, multi-stakeholder approaches to facilitate the financing and implementation of projects contributing to synergies across the objectives of the three Rio Conventions.

A number of important flagship initiatives have emerged globally that showcase the potential impact of large-scale efforts to conserve, sustainably manage and restore land.

Global rangelands cover 79,509,421 km², over 54 percent of the world's terrestrial surface, the largest land use type in the world. 78 percent of global rangelands are considered as Drylands, mainly in tropical and temperate latitudes and ranging from hyper-arid to sub-humid types according to their aridity index.

Rangelands are quite diverse, hosting a great range of biomes. They support the livelihoods of 2 billion humans. They are also the main source of feed for a wide range of livestock production systems based on grazing, browsing and pasture management.

Rangeland degradation is a global threat that also demands a global framework to face it. However, rangelands are diverse and multifunctional showing a great difficulty to a standard approach. Different groups can use rangeland for a variety of purposes, targeting diverse resources and managing them under distinctive production systems. All those systems can eventually coexist and overlap in time and space, generating different patterns. Rangelands have been historically used under less restrictions than other lands, which has contributed to changing conditions and rapid transformation of land uses. Furthermore, the natural variability of rangeland ecosystems with irregular regimes of precipitation and other ecological conditions has also contributed to permanently changing situations, also subject to global change and pressure scenarios.

In this context, the GM of the UNCCD in collaboration with various partners is developing a global programme in preparation for the 2026 International year of rangelands and pastoralists.

Objective of consultancy

The expected outputs from the consultant include:

1. Parties and critical stakeholders are fully informed about the challenges, opportunities, ongoing projects and implementation gaps to be filled in globally.
2. There is a coordinated approach to advocacy, awareness raising and resource mobilization and a common understanding of the goals and indicators of success.



3. A pipeline of projects and programmes, under the Rangelands flagship and aligned with requirements of identified funding sources, is developed.

Duties and Responsibilities

Under the overall supervision of the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism and direct supervision of the LDN and Land Restoration Programme Coordinator and assigned officer, the consultant will be supporting in the development of Rangelands global flagship programme. Duties will be carried out in close collaboration with the various strategic partners and country Parties.

The consultant will be responsible for the following critical duties:

- Writing a situational analysis (key physical features, socio-economic data etc) and identification of the key issues and investment pillars that the initiative will be designed to address based on the Global Land Outlook Thematic Report on rangelands and pastoralists and other resources
- Mapping of the donor landscape and investments in rangelands
- Mapping of relevant partners (financial, technical) and key stakeholders (focal points for financing)
- Mapping of relevant projects, programmes and initiatives that are complete/under implementation/under development (baseline year to be agreed), and that contribute to the investment pillars and cross-cutting issues with the aim of developing a base map and to inform the development of new projects and programmes that will fill implementation gaps.
- Establishing criteria for projects and programmes to be considered as falling under the Rangelands global flagship programme.
- Supporting consultations on the development of theory of change and harmonized results framework (including core targets and critical indicators under each of the investment pillars and cross-cutting issues).
- Supporting the organization of a series of events to consult with Parties and stakeholders on key decision and documents or for policy advocacy, awareness-raising and resource mobilisation.
- Leading project preparation and supporting resource mobilization to develop a portfolio of investment-ready project and/or programme concept notes and proposals. The projects and programmes will be developed in close collaboration with partners and country representatives.

Deliverables

The expected deliverables from the consultant include:

1. Workplan with key milestones upon inception meeting with the GM team
2. Financing landscape
3. Partner and stakeholder map/database.
4. A base map of projects and programmes that are complete/under implementation/under development (baseline year to be agreed), and that contribute to the investment pillars and cross-cutting issues.
5. Validation/consultation workshops organized to consider:
 - Criteria and a format for future submissions to a pipeline of projects and programmes, under the Rangelands flagship programme.



- A theory of change and draft harmonized results framework.
- 6. Reports of three events/meetings organized on policy advocacy, awareness-raising and/or validation/consultation.
- 7. Project/programme documents (the documents needed depend on the targeted funding and may include pre-concept notes, concept notes, project proposals, project identification forms, feasibility studies, among others). *Total number of project/programme documents will depend on level of effort to be agreed in advance.*

Contractual terms

The service of the selected consultant is estimated to be for a period of 12 months. The consultant will be paid on a monthly basis upon the submission of timesheets. The consultancy is home based. Where travel is deemed relevant and necessary, for example to organize meetings or events, it will be organized and funded separately by the UNCCD or a partner organization of the GGWI.

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

Requirements

- ✓ Advanced university degree in climate/development finance, environmental science, agriculture, forestry, climate change, soil sciences, environmental economics, renewable energy, business development and management, public policy or related fields;
- ✓ A minimum of ten years of experience in project preparation, climate and /or development finance and resource mobilization from multilateral developments banks, bilateral donors, private sector investors, or for financing institutions such as the Global Environment Facility, Green Climate Fund or Adaptation Fund;
- ✓ Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of rangelands and the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists preparations;
- ✓ Experience in responding to Calls for Proposals and Expressions of Interest
- ✓ Experience in developing project budgets, project/programme coordination and monitoring and evaluation;
- ✓ Experience organizing events and meetings for policy advocacy, awareness-raising or consultation;
- ✓ Experience working on advancing gender equality and social inclusion in projects and programmes is a strong asset;
- ✓ Experience engaging with private sector stakeholders is an asset.
- ✓ Demonstrated ability to work independently, handle multiple tasks, work under pressure and deliver assignments on time.
- ✓ Good skills in coordination and facilitation of consultations with diverse stakeholders
- ✓ Fluency in English, both oral and written, is required.
- ✓ Fluency in another UN language is 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 as **one document**: UNCCD Personal History Form¹ /CV and cover letter, specifying the following in the email subject line: **CCD/23/C/64**.

The deadline for applications is **16 October 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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¹ UNCCD P-11 form in electronic fill-in .pdf OR .docx format available: <https://www.unccd.int/about-us/secretariat/vacancies/applying-unccd>