



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultancy: Strategic Advisor

Consultancy reference number: CCD/24/C/44

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, the African Union and European Union (EU). The G20 Leaders' Declaration, issued in 2020, launched a "Global Initiative on Reducing Land Degradation and Enhancing Conservation of Terrestrial Habitats" (G20 Global Land Initiative). Building on existing initiatives and on a voluntary basis, G20 countries share the ambition to achieve a 50 percent reduction in the amount of degraded land by 2040.

The initiative is currently in its third year of operation and is working globally on a range of activities from information management to capacity building. In order to continue to develop its activities and maximise impact, the initiative is planning to hire a strategic advisor.

Objective of consultancy

The unit receives high quality support for implementing its mandate within and externally.

Duties and responsibilities

Key Responsibilities

1. Act as a co-curator of the Bundeskunsthalle Exhibition on "United for Land" contributing technical input and guidance, and assisting with its delivery (from Dec 2024).
2. Support National Center for Vegetation Cover and other Institutions with strategic advice for institution building
3. Mentoring youth and green entrepreneurs on business start ups and investment cases providing guidance and training
4. Represent G20 Global Land Initiative in various international meetings and discussions
5. Other Duties are assigned by the supervisor

Deliverables

1. Visit reports to Bonn for the exhibition work as well as other written report (15 days)
2. Reports on visits to NCVC and other institutions to provide strategic advice and institutional support (20 days)
3. Mentoring sessions online and in person and associated reports (15 days)
4. Represent G20 Global Land Initiative in various international events (10 days)
5. Reports of any other activities undertaken (10 days)

Contractual terms

The service of the selected consultant is estimated to be for 70 days in the period from 01 August 2024 until 31 March 2025. Payment is defined upon submission of time sheet. The consultancy is home based



however travel to Bonn is needed and it will be organized and paid separately by the organization. All products resulting from this contractual arrangement are the exclusive property of the UNCCD.

Requirements

- PhD Degree in Science, Engineering or Management. Work experience in the domain of land management, agriculture, forestry or mining.
- High level of diplomatic skills, interpersonal skills and presentation skills (written and oral).
- Fluency in oral and written English is required. Knowledge of another UN official language is an advantage.

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 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/24/C/44**.

The deadline for applications is **28 June 2024**. 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>