



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

TCP Ex-Post Assessment Independent Consultant Roster

Vacancy No. IRC2466

Deadline for Applications: 13 March 2014

The Ex-Post Assessment (EPA) is a mandatory independent project assessment aiming to enhance FAO's capacity to effectively analyze, report and learn from Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) projects. The overall objective of the assessment is to measure the project's performance in terms of: achievements of results, fulfillment of TCP criteria, project sustainability and catalytic effects, implementation of follow-up actions, alignment with FAO corporate and country results, mainstreaming of FAO gender and capacity building objectives, and lessons learned.

Who are we looking for:

The EPA is to be done by an independent consultant, who cannot have been previously involved in the formulation and/or implementation of the project to be assessed. He/she would be fully responsible for conducting the assessment exercise independently and drafting the EPA report according to the FAO standard template and in accordance with the "Code of conduct for Evaluations" of the UNEG. The Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia is building a Roster of independent consultants from the countries of the region, who if recruited, would be requested to evaluate and assess the impact of the respective TCP project, and would in particular:

1. Review all relevant project information and background documentation outlined in this TOR and submitted by the TCP Coordinator
2. Conduct meetings with key informants and field visits as required
3. Complete the standard EPA Report, more specifically:
 - a. Develop an executive summary of key findings of the EPA exercise by addressing four major aspects: problem description, identified response, results achieved and required follow-up actions. The narrative to be developed should not exceed 600 words (150 words for each of the four aspects to be addressed).
 - b. Complete a Scorecard Questionnaire by assigning a score (on a scale from 1 to 4) to each question and providing comments supporting the scores given.
 - c. Indicate what are the new technical skills acquired by each group of beneficiaries (farmers; administrators/national services/policy makers), and what type of expertise (FAO technical officer/International consultants/TCDC/TCCT consultants, etc.) the project used to bring about this knowledge transfer.

- d. Complete the “Follow-up actions” table by verifying if the actions planned in the TS/TR have been implemented satisfactory and indicating eventual additional actions that might be required.
- e. Enter a brief description of the “Lessons Learned”.

Location and duration of the assignment:

The independent consultant would usually be a national of the country where the TCP project was implemented and where the assessment would be conducted.

It is expected that the assignment could in general be completed in no more than 15 working days in a period of one to two months.

Required competencies:

- Advanced university degree in a related field
- Sound experience in “Result Based Management” and “Monitoring & Evaluation”
- Knowledge of the broader aspects of the project subject matter (in line with the FAO mandate)
- Adequate knowledge of the region/country
- Familiarity with the FAO TCP and its regulations
- Language qualifications: English + the language of the country of assignment
- Experience in project analysis, formulation and operation of projects would be an asset

Additional information:

All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be notified of their inclusion on the Roster. Interviews per country may be done when the need for an EPA comes up.

How to apply:

[Note: This Vacancy Announcement cancels and supersedes Vacancy Announcement No. IRC2465. Applicants who applied to VA No. IRC2465 must apply to the present vacancy in iRecruitment in order to be considered.](#)

All applications are to be made through FAO’s iRecruitment system. Click on the link below to access iRecruitment, complete your online profile and apply for this Call for Expression of Interest.

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