



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Terms of Reference for Consultant □/PSA ×

Minimum number of years of relevant experience required: 1yr □ 5yrs ☒ 12+yrs □

Job Title: International Consultant - Chief Technical Advisor, UN-REDD Sri Lanka Programme		
Division/Department: FOMD / FAO RAP		
Programme/Project Number:		UNJP/SRL/064/UNJ
Location: Colombo, Sri Lanka		
Expected Start Date of Assignment:		1 st January 2015
Duration:		11 months (possibility of extension)
Reports to:	Name : <i>Beth Crawford</i> <i>Ben Vickers</i>	Title: FAO Representative Sri Lanka Regional Programme Officer (REDD+)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

Under the supervision of the FAO Representative (FAOR) in Sri Lanka, the technical guidance of the Director FOM (with the technical backstopping of the FAO Forestry Department), and in close collaboration with UN-REDD Project Management Unit (PMU) and the National REDD+ office, the incumbent will provide support to the implementation of the UN-REDD Sri Lanka programme. In particular, the incumbent will:

- Provide effective oversight and coordination of all technical aspects of the programme, in consultation with National Programme Director (NPD) and Programme Manager (PM);
- Build capacity of the NPD, national implementing partners and other key stakeholders in all technical and management aspects of REDD+ and the UN REDD Programme.

Specific responsibilities are as follows:

Programme Implementation Support

- Provide technical assistance to NPD and PM in strategic planning process and programme coordination;
- Assist the NPD and PM in establishing effective technical working relationships with national and international counterparts;
- Document and analyze the programme's effectiveness;
- Develop and implement a mechanism for Technical Quality Assurance for the programme;
- Identify required technical inputs and develop Terms of Reference (ToRs);

Technical Advice

- Provide overall technical guidance and quality assurance to the programme;
- Advise the programme on key policies, barriers, opportunities and partnerships;
- Advise key national partners and UN Organizations on policy and strategy;
- Provide substantive technical inputs into legal, policy and strategy documents; and
- Review all the technical outputs (e.g. reports etc.) to be generated within the scope of the Programme.

Capacity development:

- Advise the NPD/PM on the performance and capacity needs of national partners in Programme implementation;
- Provide technical guidance to project staff and national / international consultants and contractors;
- Support the PM in collecting, analyzing and sharing information regarding REDD+ initiatives in the country, and international developments regarding REDD+; and
- Liaise with other initiatives and stakeholders to share knowledge and enhance coordination with regard to technical matters.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs: • Detailed ToRs for technical programme activities;	Required Completion Date: 31 st November 2015
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- Detailed programme implementation strategy documents, including REDD+ Readiness Roadmap and National REDD+ Strategy;
- Quarterly and annual technical reports on progress made including lessons learned;
- High quality of delivered Programme results.

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

- Knowledge and practical experience of a broad range of forestry and sustainable development issues, such as: REDD+, socio-economic aspects, poverty and forest resources, forest assessment, biodiversity conservation, illegal logging, land tenure, spatial planning, Indigenous Peoples, community empowerment, drivers of deforestation;
- Up-to-date knowledge of climate change negotiations within the UNFCCC, particularly relating to REDD+;
- Advising and managing large scale and complex projects related to forestry, natural resources management and biodiversity conservation; advanced analytical and problem-solving skills;
- Working in complex teams and programmes and defining and achieving developmental targets; Strong managerial/leadership and decision-making skills; interpersonal skills; commitment to team work and to working across disciplines and stakeholders at all levels; and Capacity to liaise and effectively work with international development agencies and government agencies.

Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements

Education: Post graduate degree in forestry, environment, earth sciences, environmental economics or a closely related field.

Experience: At least 7 years of experience in senior technical advisory roles in forestry management, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development, including work within the South Asian region (experience of Sri Lanka preferred). Track record of successfully working with a broad variety of stakeholders, from senior government officials to local communities.

Language Requirements: Proficient in English language, spoken and written.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants are required to create an online Personal Profile form (PPF) in iRecruitment. To create the PPF, please follow the instructions available at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>

The PPF along with a cover letter should be sent via email to: VA-UNREDD-SRL-CTA@fao.org

Deadline for applications: 15 November 2014

Applications received after the closing date will not be given consideration. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.