



**Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations**

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Team Members for the Final Evaluation of the “Second Project Cycle of the Benefit-Sharing Fund of the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)”

Contract duration: 30-40 days between April-September 2016

Duty station: home-based with missions to FAO HQ (Rome) and selected sample countries

Vacancy No. **IRC3311**

Deadline for Applications: 21 April 2016

Expressions of Interest for the Evaluation

The FAO Office of Evaluation is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from qualified individuals to conduct the independent final evaluation of the “Second Project Cycle of the Benefit-Sharing Fund of the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)”. The candidates should not have been involved in the design or implementation of FAO activities being assessed by the evaluation and will be required to sign a conflict of interest declaration.

Tasks and responsibilities:

The Team Members will contribute to the evaluation for his/her area of specialization. His/her mandate will be derived from and must fully comply with the overall Terms of Reference for the Evaluation.

The Evaluation Team Member(s) is responsible for conducting the evaluation and applying the methodology. The team will participate in briefing and debriefing, discussions, field visits, and will contribute to the evaluation with written inputs.

Composition of the evaluation team

Desired team members profile

The FAO Office of Evaluation will lead and manage the evaluation. The Evaluation Team will be comprised of one international expert and two regional or national experts with an appropriate balance of evaluation experience and expertise in two or more of the following areas:

- In-depth experience in plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA);
- Expert in On-farm management and conservation of PGRFA;
- Food security and resilient livelihood support to farmers and rural population;

- Broad understanding of policies and governmental processes of PGRFA. Some experience in the field of PGRFA policies and related capacity development is preferable;
- In depth experience in at least one of the four regions (Africa, Asia, Near East and Central and South America);
- Gender and Human Rights Based Approach.

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced degree in relevant disciplines of PGRFA;
- At least 7 years of professional experience in PGRFA;
- Proven expertise in two or more subject matters and areas highlighted above;
- Relevant evaluation experience;
- In-depth experience in at least one of the four regions;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English and one of the following languages (French, Spanish and Portuguese).

Additional Information on selection criteria

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

All candidates should adhere to FAO values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency.

Additional Information

Project Background

The Benefit-Sharing Fund (BSF) of the ITPGRFA is a multi-lateral fund, hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), is overseen by a Governing Body and managed by FAO staff (The Secretariat).

In support of the fund's vision: "mobilized financial resources to support projects that benefit increase food security and community resilience among vulnerable farmers and rural population through the management and conservation of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture". The fund's activities are organized under three priority areas:

- Information exchange, technology transfer and capacity building
- On-farm management and conservation of PGRFA
- Sustainable use of PGRFA

Since the fund's launch in 2008, the Benefit-Sharing Fund has invested in three project cycles. This evaluation is focused on the second project cycle, which covers four regions: Africa, Asia, Near East and Central and South America. (See <http://www.planttreaty.org/content/benefit-sharing-fund> for further information).

Purpose and scope of the evaluation

This evaluation is the final evaluation of the “*Second Project Cycle of the Benefit-Sharing Fund of the ITPGRFA*”. The evaluation will be both a summative exercise, providing accountability on outputs and outcomes achieved and a formative exercise, providing valuable recommendations for the overall enhancement of the BSF grant mechanism.

The evaluation will be undertaken between March and September 2016 for the 19 concluded projects under the second project cycle. The evaluation will focus on results achieved across the three priority areas at the national, regional and international/global level.

Duration of the evaluation process

The evaluation will take place from **March 2016 to September 2016** and will require around 30 to 40 working days, including travel and work at home station, with some degree of flexibility. The indicative timeline for the country visits is between May and June 2016.

Individual Terms of reference will be developed for each team member.

How to apply

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.

<http://www.fao.org/employment/iRecruitment-access/en/>

In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of your iRecruitment account are completed. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org