



## Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

### CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Contract duration: 40 days on when actually employed basis (NTE: 31 December 2016)

**Vacancy No. IRC3400**

**Deadline for Applications: 15 June 2016**

#### Tasks and responsibilities:

##### Purpose of the assignment

FAO, with financial support of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), is implementing a full-sized project on Sustainable Land Management in the provinces of Konya and Karaman in Central Anatolia, Turkey. Ecosystems in that region are threatened by land degradation, deforestation, unsustainable agricultural intensification and climate change. The FAO-led project on "Sustainable Land Management and Climate-Friendly Agriculture" aims to improve sustainability of agriculture, pasture and forest land-uses through the diffusion and adoption of low-carbon technologies with benefits in climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation as well as farm and forest productivity. Project components consist of:

- Rehabilitating degraded forest and rangelands;
- Introducing climate-smart agriculture to be applied across productive landscapes; and
- Creating and enhancing an enabling environment for sustainable land management.

Under overall supervision of the FAO Sub-regional Coordinator for Central Asia and FAO Representative in Turkey, technical guidance of the Lead Technical Officer (LTO), and in close cooperation with the National Project Coordinator and the project team (consultants and government staff), the **International Consultant for Dryland Forests and Grasslands** will perform the following tasks through deskwork (homebased, 25 days):

- Submit refined **consultancy work plan** including dates of field missions and trainings/workshops;
- Recommend innovative ecosystem-based approaches for rehabilitating and managing dryland forests and afforested areas in the project area through a **concept proposal**. This proposal will integrate biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services. It will use and adapt global best practices including inter alia the "FAO Global guidelines for the restoration of degraded forests and landscapes in drylands";
- Revise the overall project **implementation strategy** and the **specific strategic rehabilitation plan** for demonstrative interventions in dryland forests and pasture/rangelands in cooperation with national consultants;
- Develop **training materials** for capacity building of government staff (ministries and local forest authorities);
- Prepare **terminal consultancy report**, including main findings and recommendations.

The incumbent will perform the following tasks during missions to Turkey, indicative dates (scoping mission of 5 days during July 2016 & training mission of 10 days during October 2016) to be agreed during work plan submissions with LTO:

- Provide technical guidance to project team to achieve project outputs;
- Work with national consultants to implement visionary activities related to rehabilitating dryland forests, pastures and grasslands in the project area;
- Deliver trainings and other capacity building activities to government staff (ministries and local forest authorities) during the missions to Turkey;
- Contribute to forest management planning and certification activities in the project area, with a focus on integrating biodiversity and ecosystem-based approaches;
- Carry out any other activities relevant to this assignment.

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
Refined workplan	Within one week after start of assignment

Concept proposal for ecosystem-based rehabilitation of dryland forests	Within two months after start of assignment
Revised implementation strategy and strategic rehabilitation plan	Within two months after start of assignment
Training delivery	Within three months after start of assignment
Back to Office Reports	Within one week after each mission
Terminal Consultancy Report	Within one week after end of assignment

## Candidates should meet the following requirements:

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in forestry or related natural resources management;
- Minimum 15 years of working experience in forest and pasture/rangeland management in drylands;
- Relevant experience and knowledge in afforestation, biodiversity conservation, forest and pasture/rangeland rehabilitation, and provision of ecosystem services in dryland areas;
- Working knowledge of English (C Level).

### Additional Information

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.

### 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.

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