



Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations

## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Contract duration: 50 days on when actually employed basis (NTE: 31 December 2016)

**Vacancy No. IRC3401**

**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, and in close cooperation with the National Project Coordinator and the project team (consultants and government staff), the **National Consultant for Soil and Water Resources** will perform the following tasks (including frequent travel to local project sites, and to project partners based in Ankara ):

- Submit work plan, methodology and tentative dates for each activity to be conducted under the consultancy;
- Prepare a **concept proposal** detailing interventions to improve soil conditions in agriculture and pasturelands and to achieve irrigation efficiency in the project area, based on consultations with local stakeholders;
- Support demonstrative interventions on improvement of irrigation practices and soil protection in pilot sites in close cooperation with project stakeholders;
- Support activities related to soil carbon mapping in the project area;
- Contribute to preparation and dissemination of training and information material (e.g. brochures, leaflets, booklets, and CDs);
- Provide technical guidance to project team to achieve project outputs;
- Prepare **terminal report**, including main findings and recommendations;
- Carry out any other activities relevant to this assignment, including ensuring and monitoring women's participation.

<b>Expected Outputs:</b>	<b>Required Completion Date:</b>
Inception report.	Within one week after start of assignment
Concept proposal on intervention for soil and irrigation.	Within two 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

- University degree in soil sciences, irrigation/water management or a related field;
- Minimum 5 years of working experience in soil and water management particularly in irrigation methods;
- Relevant experience and knowledge of soil protection, erosion control and efficient irrigation;
- Ability to organize and conduct trainings, workshops and Field Days, and to develop training materials.
- Working knowledge of Turkish (level C)
- Working knowledge of English would be an asset

#### **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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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.

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