



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

GEF Project Design Expert - Consultancy Roster

Contract duration: 30 to 132 days (Ongoing)

Vacancy No. IRC3671

Deadline for Applications: 30 November 2016

Duty station: Home based, with travel as required.

Background

FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) is responsible for leading FAO's efforts to achieve food security for all in the Asia-Pacific region. FAO's three main goals are: the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition; the elimination of poverty and the driving forward of economic and social progress for all; and, the sustainable management and utilization of natural resources, including land, water, air, climate and genetic resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

FAO assists member countries to mobilize financing from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) as one of ten agencies through which countries can request GEF funds. FAO's portfolio of GEF-financed projects has been growing steadily both at RAP and the global level, and collaboration with GEF has been identified as a priority due to strong links between FAO and GEF strategic objectives and programme priorities.

The GEF Strategic Program complements the FAO's Strategic Objectives to a large extent. For this reason an increasing number of FAO member countries regard GEF financing as important to furthering the synergies between sustainable agricultural/rural development and achieving global environmental benefits. In light of this, the FAO is looking for proven expertise in order to lead the GEF project development processes for its member countries.

Reporting Lines

The incumbent will work under the overall technical supervision of the Senior NRE Officer and the supervision of the RAP GEF expert, lead Technical Officers and the FAO Representation in the relevant country, in close collaboration with the national GEF Executing Agency. The GEF Project Design Expert (PDE) will lead the GEF project development process to a successful conclusion. The PDE's main task will be to coordinate the input from different stakeholders in order to generate quality GEF CEO Documents and full sized project (FSP) documents that meet the expectations of governments, as well as the FAO, the GEF Secretariat, and key co-funders.

Tasks and responsibilities:

In particular, the incumbent will:

- Provide overall conceptual guidance in preparation of the GEF Full-size Projects (FSPs) in compliance with the focal area results framework and priorities targeted by the project, as well as specific inputs to analysis and assessments where needed.
- Support the formulation of FAO and GEF project documentation (i.e., PIFs, PPGs, and CEO endorsements; FAO Prodocs; GEF tracking tools; Letters of Co-finance), undertaking development travel as needed.
- Review baseline projects to identify critical information gaps, weaknesses in analysis, and provide advice on project component design.
- Participate in validation workshops.
- Identify and suggest priorities and entry points for FAO assistance in forestry, fisheries, land, water, climate change and related sectors considering areas of FAO's technical strengths and programs such as CSA, regional and country priorities, ongoing FAO initiatives and recommendations of technical commissions of FAO.

- Catalyze and coordinate the development of GEF project concepts in close collaboration with technical officers of RAP Technical Officers and the RAP GEF Programme Officer.
- Provide analysis of options for cost-effective institutional arrangements, for project implementation, defining specific roles and responsibilities of project partners, and the coordination and consultation mechanisms with other GEF projects and the project partners.
- Performs other related duties as required.

Key performance indicators	
Expected Outputs: FAO-GEF project documentation, formulated as required.	Required Completion Date: As required.

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University degree in a discipline relevant to natural resources management, international development or closely related fields;
- A minimum of 12 years of working experience in one or more of the following areas; biodiversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation, sustainable forest management, sound chemical management/persistent organic pollutants;
- At least 2 years of experience in the formulation of GEF projects and programmes;
- Working knowledge of English, French, Spanish, or Portuguese

Competencies

- Relevance of experience with and knowledge of GEF procedures;
- Analytical skills and conceptual skills with ability to write project documents and papers and ability to analyse and integrate diverse information from various sources;
- Experience in project preparation, monitoring/supervision of multidisciplinary projects, particularly GEF projects;
- Demonstrated success in developing at least 2 GEF projects from preparation to submission and approval by GEF;
- Good oral and written communication skills, including demonstrated capacity to write technical reports in a clear and concise manner

Knowledge of two UN languages amongst English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese or Arabic would be an asset.

Technical/Functional Skills

- Conception and implementation of landscape scale natural resource management, biodiversity conservation, forestry, fisheries and integrated development frameworks.
- Significant leadership and cross-cutting technical expertise covering the six GEF focal areas, i.e. biodiversity, international waters, land degradation, climate change mitigation and adaptation and sustainable forest management.
- Significant expertise developing sustainable NRM frameworks and/or policies.
- In-depth understanding and detailed knowledge of GEF programme characteristics, modalities and requirements.
- Strong analytical, communication, documentation and presentation skills with experience facilitating and chairing meetings with multiple stakeholder groups.

Selection criteria

- Level, extent and relevance of proven past experience both developing and implementing large scale GEF projects;
- Level, extent and relevance of proven past experience in NRM project and team leadership roles in the Asia Pacific Region;
- Level, extent and relevance of cross-cutting technical expertise.

- Knowledge and understanding of GEF and FAO in the identification, formulation and implementation of projects;
- Familiarity with GEF funding models, focal areas and processes;
- Depth of English language skills;
- Ability to participate and work in a team under tight deadlines
- Experience conducting GEF tracking tools is a distinct 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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