



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

## **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **International Consultant: National Forest Monitoring System and REDD+ Reference Levels**

Contract duration: 11 months (with the possibility of extension)

Vacancy No. IRC3735

Deadline for Applications: 31 December 2016

Duty station: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

#### **Tasks and responsibilities:**

Under the overall managerial administrative leadership of the FAO Representative (FAOR) in China, DPRK and Mongolia, the general guidance of the Director FOM, the technical backstopping of the Forestry Department and FAO forestry experts, and under the guidance and supervision of the National Programme Director of the Mongolia UN-REDD Programme, the consultant will provide support for the implementation of the Programme. In particular, the consultant will:

- Work closely with partners in Mongolia and elsewhere to ensure coordination in the implementation of activities under the UN-REDD National Programme, in synergy with regional and international initiatives, and with related national initiatives including the FAO GEF project ‘Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation, SFM and carbon sink enhancement into Mongolia’s productive forest landscapes’;
- Supervise the implementation of the activities of the UN-REDD programme concerned with National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) and Forest Reference Level (FRL) development, in close collaboration with other institutions and projects contributing to the other activities of the National REDD+ Roadmap and NFMS action plan;
- Provide technical guidance on FRL development and NFMS through the Mongolia UN-REDD National Programme, as a key member of the Programme Management Unit (PMU);
- Participate in regular consultation meetings with PMU staff and national partners in the UN-REDD National Programme;
- Support Mongolia national REDD+ focal point and other institutions in the development of draft FRLs for submission to the UNFCCC;
- Support the national system for Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) as part of the NFMS for REDD+, and support appropriate institutional and procedural arrangements in particular for the preparation of the GHG inventory;
- Provide technical advice and coordination for national multi-stakeholder working groups on FRL, and MRV for REDD+;
- Advise, assist and, as required, supervise national consultants on FRLs, NFMS, GHG inventory, and MRV hired for the implementation of the UN-REDD National Programme;
- Design and undertake capacity development activities for FRL and NFMS development;
- Support the preparation of country specific training materials;
- Support the preparation and finalization of data sharing agreements, and data collection to support NFMS and FRL activities;
- Supervise the establishment of a national Forest Information System (FIS), including a web-GIS platform;
- Contribute to planning process of PMU, including development of FAO-supported components of Annual Work Plan
- Organise monthly meetings between FAO technical officers in PMU and Operations Officers in FAOR, for monitoring and recording of expenditure
- Perform any other tasks required, under the direction of FAOR, National Programme Director, regional and global UN-REDD technical support team.

<b>Key performance indicators</b>	
Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly reports and end of mission report;</li> <li>• Minutes of the FRL/NFMS/MRV working group meetings;</li> <li>• NFMS action plan updated;</li> <li>• Training materials on FRL, NFMS, GHG-I, remote sensing systems developed and delivered;</li> <li>• Proceedings of the technical trainings and workshop are provided;</li> <li>• Draft FRL produced;</li> <li>• National circumstances for FRL development analysed;</li> <li>• National FIS developed</li> <li>• Activity data developed, land cover and land use maps and emission factors data collected;</li> <li>• Satellite imagery analysed and recommendations for forest monitoring provided;</li> <li>• Communication materials on FRL and NFMS in the context of REDD+ in Mongolia developed.</li> </ul>	December 2017 (possibility of extension)

## **Candidates should meet the following requirements:**

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced university degree in forestry, environmental sciences, or a closely related field;
- Five years of relevant experience related to forest management or monitoring, preferably in developing countries;
- Excellent working knowledge of English. Knowledge of Mongolian or Russian is an advantage.

### **Competencies**

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

### **Technical/Functional Skills**

- Good knowledge of climate change negotiations, REDD+, NFMS and FRL procedures and methodologies under the UNFCCC;
- Extent and relevance of academic achievements in subjects relevant to forest monitoring, remote sensing and GIS;
- Knowledge of Greenhouse Gas inventory preparation and land cover assessment, especially in Asia;

### **Selection criteria**

- Experience in the United Nations or international organizations;
- Experience working with governments in developing countries;
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work as an effective team member in complex multi-cultural environments;
- Demonstrated initiative and ability to deliver results within deadlines;

### **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**

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