



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

International Chief Technical Advisor

Contract duration: 11 months (with option for extension up to in total 34 months)

Vacancy No. IRC3807

Deadline for Applications: 18 January 2017

Duty station: Skopje, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Supervision Received/Exercised

International Chief Technical Advisor will be working under the overall supervision of the FAO Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia, technical supervision of the Lead Technical Officer / Project Director and in close cooperation with the National Project Coordinator (NPC) from Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (MAFWE), national authorities, international experts, national and local consultants.

Tasks and responsibilities

- be in charge of the daily management of the project and provide in country technical assistance to MAFWE and line agencies;
- act as Team Leader for national and local consultants and guide them on all project components in accordance to the provided Terms of Reference and the project document;
- coordinate the planning, preparation and execution of advisory missions of FAO Technical support and other international consultants;
- participate in meetings of the Project Steering Committee and be the first contact for the Delegation of the European Union to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EUD) and MAFWE for operational matters, assess project progress and achievements, identify constraints and make recommendations to alleviate them;
- organise and guide the identification and recruitment of national and local consultants;
- organise and guide the procurement of feasibility studies, design of rural infrastructure, re-allotment planning and implementation of works;
- steer and organise the cooperation between the Action (project) staff and the MAFWE team involved, including the steps and progress related to the Action's handover and exit strategy;
- prepare, guide, supervise and provide technical inputs to, the implementation of the awareness raising activities, the capacity development activities, development of procedures and tools, development of the rural development support measures, selection, preparation and implementation of land consolidation (LC) projects and setting up of the monitoring and evaluation procedures for the national land consolidation programme;
- take the lead (in coordination with the NPC, MAFWE staff, FAO officers and national consultants) in the formulation of the relevant activity and work plans, including the organization of, and participation in relevant project workshops, such as national workshops, training workshops, etc;
- provide technical advice within the context of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT);
- prepare annual progress reports and a terminal report;
- take the lead in the presentation of final documents, recommendations and guidelines to policy-makers;

- represent FAO towards Government institutions, UN Country Team, international organizations and donors as required in close collaboration with the National Correspondent;
- support the coordination with other FAO projects and activities in the country including activities related to the Regional Initiative on empowering smallholders and family farms for improved rural livelihood and poverty reduction;
- plan and organize communication and visibility activities in close consultation with the Delegation of the European Union and MAFWE.

Candidates should meet the following requirements

Minimum Requirements

- Master's degree in land management, land administration, agriculture, law or related fields;
- Minimum of ten years relevant experience in land consolidation and rural development from EU member countries and Western Balkan countries including with technical assistance to land consolidation, setting up National Land Consolidation programmes and linking land consolidation with funding from the Rural Development Programmes;
- In depth knowledge of international best practise on land consolidation;
- Knowledge of EU agriculture and rural development programmes and policies;
- Experience in land consolidation and rural development sectors in Western Balkan countries;
- Proven project management and team leader skills;
- Good analytic and report writing skills;
- Professional knowledge of the English language with strong oral and written communication and presentation skills.

Selection criteria

- Relevance and extent of experience with setting up and managing a National Land Consolidation Programme in a EU member country;
- Relevance and extent of experience projects providing technical assistance to land consolidation and rural development in Western Balkan and Eastern European countries;
- Relevance and extent of experience and knowledge on EU agriculture and rural development programmes and policies;
- Level of relevant experience from FYR Macedonia and other Western Balkan and Eastern European countries;
- Proven project management and team leader skills.

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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