



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consultants for the Evaluability Assessment of FAO's Strategic Objective 2 (SO2)

Contract duration: up to 40-45 days over 3 months

Vacancy No. IRC4032

Deadline for Applications: 19 April 2017

The FAO Office of Evaluation (OED) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from qualified individuals to conduct the **Evaluability Assessment of FAO's Strategic Objective 2 (SO2)**, scheduled to be conducted between May to July 2017.

Background

The FAO Strategic Objectives: The FAO's Reviewed Strategic Framework 2010-19, approved at the 38th Session of the FAO Conference in June 2013, outlined five new Strategic Objectives representing the areas of work on which FAO will focus its efforts in support of Member Nations, as follows:

1. Contribute to the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition (SO1)
2. Increase and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner (SO2)
3. Reduce rural poverty (SO3)
4. Enable more inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems at local, national and international levels (SO4)
5. Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises (SO5)

The FAO Office of Evaluation (OED) has been requested to conduct an evaluation of FAO's Strategic Objective 2 "Increase and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner". The evaluation is scheduled to commence in September 2017, with subsequent submission of the evaluation report to the FAO Governing Bodies in autumn 2018. Bearing in mind the size of this major programme, the diversity of thematic interventions and countries covered, as well as inherent inter-linkages with other Strategic Objectives of FAO, the evaluation will be designed on the basis of an evaluability assessment to be completed by mid-2017.

The highlights of the Strategic Objective 2: The design of Strategic Objective 2 is innovative in its emphasis on the integration of work relating to the three "pillars" of sustainability - environmental, economic and social. It also aims at promoting the adoption of sustainable practices by producers and resource managers. The SO2 focus reflects the outcome of the RIO+20 Conference, and aims at linking multiple contributions made by the agriculture, forestry and fisheries' sectors to the concept of sustainable production and consumption. Implementation of SO2 seeks to pursue a holistic approach across sectors by promoting sustainable development practices, viable governance arrangements, and evidence-based decision-making.

Objectives of the assessment

The evaluability assessment will determine the evaluability of SO2 programme, assess availability of relevant information and inform the design of subsequent SO2 evaluation. In particular, the evaluability assessment will:

- Review the SO2 intervention logic (i.e. results framework, assumptions, intended implementation strategies and delivery mechanisms, monitoring and reporting practices), and develop the theory of change leading to expected outcomes of the programme;
- Assess the availability of data and necessary information for the subsequent evaluation, including primary and secondary data and the likely ease and cost of access;
- Identify existence of any evaluability constraints that need to be considered, and propose methods to address these;

- Suggest the scope of evaluation, its timeframe and most suitable methodological approaches appropriate to assess the design, strategy, resources and implementation mechanisms given the intervention logic and associated theory of change;
- Identify key stakeholders and partners and seek their views into how the evaluation could be best carried out and used;

Scope:

The evaluability assessment will focus on reviewing documentation related to SO2 covering the period from 2013-2017. It will:

- (i) Summarize and analyze the SO2 programme intervention logic and its linkages of the expected results, including outcomes, outputs and activities. In defining the time period under investigation for the evaluation, the evaluability assessment will also suggest criteria for the inclusion of intervention, projects and activities in the scope of SO2 evaluation.
- (ii) Identify and collect available and accessible data and information resources that will be used for subsequent evaluation, and make suggestions on filling data gaps before the conduct of the evaluation, including a detailed plan for primary data collection where relevant. The assessment will also review previous evaluations (project, country, and thematic/strategic) and assessments to determine which of these may be relevant and useful for the purposes of the SO2 evaluation.
- (iii) Identify key stakeholders and clarify their information needs. Key stakeholders within FAO will be consulted throughout the evaluability assessment in order to develop a clear understanding of the intended use of the evaluation, and ensure agreement on agree on the collaboration. The evaluability assessment will also identify external stakeholders who should be consulted during the subsequent SO2 evaluation.
- (iv) Prepare a conceptual framework, defining the purpose, scope and methodology of the SO2 evaluation, including proposal on different methods for conducting the evaluation;
- (v) Prepare the evaluability assessment report and initial draft of the Terms of Reference for SO2 evaluation, following the standard OED templates.

Management arrangements:

The evaluability assessment will be managed by FAO Office of Evaluation (OED). An international consultant will conduct the evaluability assessment under the supervision and guidance of OED Evaluation Manager. The assessment will involve meetings with stakeholders within FAO, most notably the SO2 core team members and management.

Duration of the evaluation process

The assignment is home-based, and the consultant will be required to travel to/be present at the FAO headquarters in Rome during inception phase and meetings related to the assessment. A contract duration of 40-45 working days spread over 3 months between May-July 2017 is envisaged for this assignment.

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

- Postgraduate degree (MSc or PhD) in economics, agricultural development, environmental science, or other relevant disciplines;
- At least 12 years of relevant experience in strategic planning, organizational development, policy development processes in sustainable agricultural production, natural resources management, climate change mitigation and/or experience in managing development cooperation programmes in relevant areas;
- Excellent analysis, writing and verbal communication skills;
- Strong evaluation background and experience in undertaking similar evaluation assignments.
- Excellent knowledge of English; knowledge of additional FAO official language 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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IMPORTANT NOTE: Your application should also include:

1. A detailed Curriculum Vitae, containing information on current residence and nationality; expected daily fee rate; list of relevant evaluation reports or evaluability assessments undertaken; and contacts of persons who could provide a professional references;
2. Brief description of the proposed methodological approach for conducting this evaluability assessment.

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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