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Deadline For Application: 7 July 2017

JOB TITLE: Regional Programme Development Consultant - Green Climate Fund, Climate Finance and partnerships

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Bangkok, Thailand

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: RAPD

DURATION: 6 Months (WAE basis)

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.

Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.

All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Organizational Setting

UN FAO's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO-RAP) is responsible for leading FAO's response to regional priorities for food security, agriculture and rural development through the identification, planning and implementation of focused, multi-disciplinary projects and programmes. FAO-RAP has developed a regional strategy to better support its member countries to scale-up action to address the impacts and drivers of climate change in the agriculture and land-use sectors; particularly adaptation and mitigation actions identified as part of countries intended Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) under the Paris Agreement.

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) is a financial mechanism under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) which helps fund climate finance investment in low-emission and climate-resilient development. The GCF was established by 194 countries in December 2010, and funding of USD 10.2 billion has been pledged thus far. The GCF has identified several strategic impact areas that are directly within the remit of FAO: agriculture and related land use management, REDD+ implementation, renewable energy, and sustainable forest management to support mitigation and adaptation. FAO has recently become an Accredited Entity under the Green Climate Fund. FAO country offices have started engaging with member country governments and other partners to develop a GCF project pipeline that will contribute to country NDC priorities and the FAO-RAP regional climate strategy.

In this context, FAO-RAP is seeking a consultant to support the development of GCF project pipeline and other climate finance projects in the region. The consultant will manage the day-to-day support to the GCF project pipeline in Asia-Pacific, support the preparation of concept notes and funding proposals for submission to the GCF and other climate finance mechanisms. This will be the timely provision of programming and technical support for various FAO teams at the country and regional levels, preparing assessments and documentation to support the preparation of short project proposals, concept notes, full proposals and other materials necessary to support applications for climate finance in support of FAO member country priorities related to climate change, agriculture, land-use and food security.

Reporting Lines

The consultant will work under the supervision of the FAO-RAP Resilience and Natural Resources Officers (Climate Change), and in collaboration with relevant technical officers – members of the FAO-RAP Climate Change Task Group. The consultant will also work directly with FAO country office teams responsible for developing specific GCF projects and in collaboration with relevant GCF programme and technical staff at FAO Headquarters (HQ).

Technical Focus

The technical focus of this position covers issues associated with climate change in the agriculture and land-use sectors, climate finance and project/programme design.

Tasks and responsibilities

Key Functions

- 1) Provide expertise for the development, approval and delivery of climate investment projects for FAO member countries in Asia-Pacific in accordance with FAO Strategic Framework, GCF programming and country priorities.
- 2) Ensure the RAP-GCF portfolio of projects/programmes are developed and will be implemented and managed efficiently and effectively to consistently deliver high quality, high impact, sustainable climate adaptation, mitigation and development results.
- 3) Contribute to the strategic programming of FAO's GCF and climate change work, and assist in coordinating FAO-RAP GCF work in the region.
- 4) Ensure quality control at all stages of the GCF project cycle, in line with GCF and FAO-RAP eligibility criteria and programme directions.

Specific Functions

- 1) Review and further develop the existing RAP pipeline of GCF Short Project Proposals (SPP), Concept Notes (CN), Project Preparation Facility Applications (PPFA) and Full Proposals (FP);

- 2) Assist to screen and prioritize SPP, CN and PPFAs for additional support from FAO-RAP using the FAO-RAP GCF screening process and FAO GCF submission process;
- 3) Provide, facilitate and manage support, including by other consultants, to FAO country offices and technical officers to develop high quality SPP, CN, PPFAs and FP for submission to country-level stakeholders and the GCF including answering queries on GCF processes and issues related to quality of SPP, CN, PPFAs and FP;
- 4) Prepare regular update, briefing, reports and guidance on the progress with development of the FAO-RAP GCF pipeline and the GCF processes, board meetings and other events;
- 5) Identify existing and pipeline investments (public, private, MDB, donor, other) that could serve a sound basis for expanding the portfolio of GCF and climate finance projects in forestry, land (including tenure issues), water, renewable energy, and agriculture sectors where FAO technical focus and comparative advantages are leveraged;
- 6) Work with FAO-RAP technical officers to identify possible regional projects ideas that could be developed by FAO, in collaboration with related governments in the region, the GCF as well as other climate financing partners;
- 7) Consult with key stakeholders including specific country government officials, GCF National Designated Authority (NDAs), FAO counterpart Ministries, potential fiduciary entities, and other partners needed for project proposals and confirmation of support and partnerships;
- 8) Support other elements of the GCF and climate finance processes and issues as required by RAP and HQ.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in natural resource economics, natural resource management or a related fields.
- At least seven years of relevant experience in developing countries on natural resource management, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and project/programme design.
- High level of proficiency in English.

FAO Core Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work
- Extent and relevance of experience in preparing successful proposals and applications, especially investment projects, targeting multilateral sources of climate and/or other finance sources.
- Extent and relevance of experience in working with country level stakeholders to develop activities to address complex problems related to climate change, natural resource management and agriculture related challenges.
- Ability to work with diverse teams at country, regional and global levels.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
 - FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.
 - FAO does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
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Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

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