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CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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Deadline For Application: 8 October 2017

ROSTER: GEF PROJECT DESIGN EXPERTS	TYPE OF CONTRACT: International Consultant
JOB TITLE: GEF PROJECT DESIGN EXPERTS	DUTY STATION: Various locations
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: INVESTMENT CENTRE DIVISION, TCI	DURATION: Assignments from two to six weeks, on a when-actually-employed basis; and Assignments for 11 months when applicable

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

The Investment Centre Division (TCI) promotes investment in food security, nutrition, agriculture and rural development (FSNARD), sustainable natural resource management (NRM) and climate change mitigation and/or adaptation (CCM/A) in developing countries and countries in transition, assisting governments and country stakeholders, main development partners, in particular international financing institutions with the strategic planning and implementation of their investments to achieve growth, poverty alleviation, food security and nutrition goals.

FAO's Coordination Unit for the Global Environment Facility (GEF) supports governments, civil society, and FAO Decentralized Offices to conceptualize, develop and deliver strategic GEF co-financed investments. FAO-GEF's work focusses on the critical nexus between global environmental issues and sustainable agriculture and on the nexus between FAO's own Strategic Programmes and the GEF's Programming Directions. FAO's GEF portfolio encompasses the range of investment priorities across GEF's priority areas of work, including biodiversity, climate change (mitigation and adaptation), land degradation, chemicals and waste, international waters and sustainable forest management.

TCI is a multidisciplinary division composed of three regional services, namely Africa Service, Asia and the Pacific Service, and Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean Service, as well as FAO's Coordination Unit for the GEF.

FAO International Consultants and Call purpose

The purpose of this call is to provide the GEF unit in the FAO's Investment Centre Division (TCI) with a list of qualified candidates to support and/or lead GEF project formulation, monitoring and evaluation and/or planning processes. The assignment may be home based with required travel for field missions.

Reporting Lines

The GEF Project Design Expert will work under the overall technical supervision of the Senior GEF Coordinator and the direct supervision of the lead Technical Officer, in close collaboration with the FAO Representation in the relevant country of assignment, and in close collaboration with the national GEF Executing Agency.

Technical Focus

Identification, design, implementation support and monitoring of FAO-GEF projects and programmes and those of other environmental financing mechanisms. It includes strategic and policy work, with a focus on the nexus between global environmental challenges and sustainable agriculture, including climate change and resilience, land, water, fisheries, forestry, biological diversity and other environmental services.

Specific functions

- Provides technical expertise or advice and project design guidance to project proponents in the identification, development and implementation of natural resource/environmental project proposals that address country priorities and further FAO and GEF (or other environmental funds) strategic objectives, programme priorities and operational policies and procedures.
- Participates in, and/or leads, multidisciplinary teams to assist governments and Decentralized Offices in the identification and formulation of natural resource and environmental management projects for financing by the GEF Trust Fund, Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF), Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) or other environmental funds.
- Ensures quality control of the GEF project concepts and full project proposals in line with GEF eligibility criteria and alignment with GEF Programming Directions.
- Coordinates and as required takes a lead role in preparing project proposals.
- Participates in, and/or leads, the design and delivery of capacity development activities to FAO technical staff in headquarters and Decentralized Offices on the strategies, priorities and procedures, trends and issues related to GEF, adaptation and other environmental funds.
- Contributes to and/or advise on strategic and programmatic concepts for consideration under the next four-year phase of the GEF (GEF-7).

- Contributes to, and/or advise on FAO GEF implementation support including, conducting mid-term reviews of projects.
 - As required, supports the management of the FAO-GEF portfolio, monitors and supervises implementation of assigned projects, and ensures quality control at all stages of the FAO and GEF project cycles
 - Perform other related duties as required.
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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in natural resources management, environment, or natural resource economics, or in a field directly related to one or more of the following areas: biodiversity, climate change, energy, sustainable land, forest or water management
- Seven to ten years of relevant experience in biodiversity conservation, climate change, energy, land, water, forest or fisheries management, including GEF project and programme preparation experience
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other languages of the Organization (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish).

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, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Demonstrated analytical and conceptual skills with proven ability to write project documents and papers and ability to analyse and integrate diverse information from various sources
- Extent and relevance of experience in preparation of projects and programmatic approaches (particularly GEF projects and programmes) and in results-based monitoring and supervision of multidisciplinary projects
- Extent and relevance of experience with and knowledge of the procedures of GEF and other environmental funds
- Extent and relevance of experience in one or more of the GEF focal thematic areas (biodiversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation, sustainable forest management, sound chemicals management/persistent organic pollutants) that in turn is relevant to FAO's priorities and comparative advantages
- Extent and relevance of experience in providing technical expertise or advice to project proponents at national, sub-regional and regional levels with regard to project development, results-based management, monitoring and evaluation planning, and monitoring for project impact
- Demonstrated capacity to write technical reports in English

Terms and Conditions

- Language certificates should be submitted as attachments as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted.
- Applicants unable to provide the above mentioned certificates will be tested through online assessments.

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. If selected, candidates will be notified of their inclusion on the Investment Operations Experts Roster.
 - 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).
 - Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org
 - Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
 - For other issues, visit the FAO employment website: <http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>
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HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

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