



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4566

Issued on: 31 August 2017

Deadline For Application: 14 September 2017

JOB TITLE: TCDC Expert (Forestry Research)

TYPE OF CONTRACT: PSA

DUTY STATION: Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FAMYA

DURATION: 70 days WAE up to 31 December 2018

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Organizational Setting

Forest Research Institute of Myanmar of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MoNREC) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nation (FAO) are initiating the project “*Strengthening Capacity of Forest Research Institute (FRI) in Myanmar*” with the funding from technical cooperation fund of Food and Agriculture Organization.

The project is aim to improve capacity and knowledge to the next generation of researchers who will guide the research programs of FRI in the future. The improved visibility of FRI through enhanced research outputs will help attract additional grants from the national government and external donors to sustain and further improve research activities. Key areas of focus for the project will include Improved research capacity and knowledge for sustainable management of natural forests, enhanced productivity of forest plantations and restoration of degraded forests and landscapes. The post is located in Forest Research Institute (FRI), Nay Pyi Taw.

Reporting Lines

TCDC Expert (Forestry Research) reports to the FAO Representative (FAOR) in Myanmar and works under the direct technical guidance of the Lead Technical Officer (LTO) at FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP), with the support of national consultants and in coordination with Senior National Programme Coordinator in FAO Representative Office in Myanmar, National Project Coordinator (NPC) and relevant national government officials.

Technical Focus

Technical leaderships, planning, technical supervision and management of the Strengthening Capacity of Forest Research Institute (FRI) in Myanmar project, including ensuring delivery and reporting activities at a high technical standard according to the agreed work plan.

In particular:

- Technical support on project implementation;
- Capacity Building and Institutional strengthening;
- Implementation of the project.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Oversee the implementation of project activities and ensure regular communication with FAO;
- Lead the organization of the inception workshop;
- Conduct assessment of capacity gaps through review of technical capabilities and research outputs of scientists at Forest Research Institute (FRI) with the support of national consultant;
- Develop a training program based on the results of the gap assessment and priority forest research needs in the country, including identification of training topics and conceptualization of the program;
- Identify and propose suitable trainers and host institutions of the training program and facilitate contracting of such institutions;
- Oversee the implementation of training program in coordination with the service providers;
- With the support of national consultant, compile, review and analyse relevant information such as research outputs, existing strategies, organizational structure, status of human resources, financial information, etc., as well as stakeholder perspectives on Forest Research Institute (FRI)'s current performance and research priorities.
- Up-to date forest resource information made available to decision-makers and stakeholders through National Forest Monitoring and Information System (NFMIS) and Decision Support platform
- Develop a business plan for Forest Research Institute FRI based on the above; and
- Draft the Terminal Statement at the end of the project including recommendations.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in *Forestry, Resources Management or related field.*
- At least 10 years of experience in working in forestry, research and development and rural development sector.
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

FAO Core Competencies

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

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 does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
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- Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
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Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

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