



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4701

Issued on: 25 September 2017

Deadline For Application: 9 October 2017

**JOB TITLE:** Climate Change Mitigation Specialist

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** International Consultant

**DUTY STATION:** Nairobi, Kenya

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** FAO REPRESENTATION IN KENYA

**DURATION:** 60 days WAE to 31 December 2017

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

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### Organizational Setting

The main aim of the FAO country offices, which are headed by an FAO Representative, is to assist governments to develop policies, programmes and projects to achieve food security and to reduce hunger and malnutrition, to help develop the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors, and to use their environmental and natural resources in a sustainable manner.

The position is located in the FAO Representation in Kenya

The Government of Kenya with technical and financial support from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO Kenya office) intends to submit a project proposal to the Green Climate Fund (GCF). A team of national consultants has developed the Concept Note for the full project proposal. The Concept Note will be an input in to the main project proposal on *Transforming Landscapes and Livelihoods in Kenya through a Water-Food-Energy Nexus Approach*. The full project to be developed on the basis of a Concept Note is to be implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, HIVOS International, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Greening Kenya Initiative Trust, National Drought Management Authority and Ministry of Health.

The proposed project is centered on the following specific objectives:

- i. Harness the linkages between water, food and energy for climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- ii. Increase water security through sustainable conservation and management of the target climate-sensitive yet economically significant landscapes.
- iii. Improve access and up-scale use of cleaner energy sources and technologies in households, institutions and agro-industries to reduce GHG emissions and deforestation, and improve human health.
- iv. Enhance sustainable food and nutrition security through application of viable climate smart agricultural (CSA) practices and technologies in the crops, livestock, and fisheries sub-sectors.
- v. Support market-based livelihood diversification through development, promotion and up-scaling of strategic enterprises
- vi. Enhance knowledge management and learning to support up scaling of evidence-based interventions at the national, county and community levels.

### Reporting Lines

The FAO Representative in Kenya will provide overall strategic guidance. The consultant will work under the direct supervision of the GCF Focal Officer for FAO Kenya. The officer will be the primary contact for the consultant. The consultant will provide an update on a weekly basis with regard to progress.

The consultant will work closely with a lead international consultant and a team of national consultants as well as technical officers in the proposed executing entities.

### Technical Focus

The technical focus of this position covers issues associated with climate change mitigation, sustainable energy solutions, and project design.

## Tasks and responsibilities

1. Support to the lead international consultant to develop the climate change mitigation aspects of the proposal according to the GCF template;
2. Lead the process of Green House Gas (GHG) emission reduction calculations for the proposed project;
3. Carry out a critical review of the Concept Note with a view to identifying gaps (technical and structural) and providing sufficient technical input to fill the gaps;
4. Work with FAO Kenya and stakeholders to obtain necessary background and baseline information and prepare background analysis.
5. Work closely with the national energy expert and representatives of HIVOS International and GKIT to ensure that component two of the project (Improve access and up-scale use of cleaner energy sources and technologies in households, institutions and agro-industries) is evidence-based and watertight;
6. Lead the process of establishing a baseline of GHG emissions due to deforestation and charcoal production within the proposed project sites;
7. Maintain close communication with other project consultants to ensure that all components and activities are interlinked.
8. Adequately address all climate change mitigation-related comments from the GCF, FAO and stakeholders;
9. Participate in a series of consultation discussions with stakeholders and obtain technical inputs and strategic guidance as deemed relevant;
10. Participate in scoping missions to the project sites;
11. Participate in stakeholder validation workshops to validate the design and input in to the full proposal to strengthen buy-in and enhance country ownership of the proposal;

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
1. Inception report	13 October 2017
2. Scoping mission report	27 October 2017
3. Baseline: GHG emissions due to deforestation and charcoal production within the proposed project sites	
4. Stakeholders validation workshop	18- 20 December 2017
5. Comments of stakeholders, GCF and FAO addressed	29 December 2017
6. Full project proposal finalized in coordination with other consultants	

## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Climate, Environmental, Natural resources economics, climate policy and finance, renewable energy, energy policy, sustainable development or related fields
- At least 10 years of relevant work experience in the renewable energy sector is required; experience in developing GHG mitigation projects in international developing countries setting is highly desirable
- 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

### Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work
- Extent and relevance of experience in developing project funding and policy documents, conducting research analysis and articulating findings and recommendations
- Good technical knowledge of GHG emissions accounting and monitoring, reporting and verification schemes in the energy sector
- Demonstrated record of accomplishment in the preparation of documents, project proposals, evaluation reports and, preferably publications within the theme of climate change mitigation is a highly sought qualification for this position.
- Specific experience with GCF/GEF project development, with a demonstrated track record in preparation of full project proposals, is highly preferred as is a track record of approved proposals

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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