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Deadline For Application: 10 October 2017

JOB TITLE: Senior Consultants – Management and Restoration of Dryland forests and landscapes

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant (Category A)

DUTY STATION: Home-based

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FORESTRY POLICY AND RESOURCES DIVISION

DURATION: 11 months (when actually employed)
Start Date of consultancy (1 November 2017)

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 Forestry Policy and Resources Division leads FAO's work in promoting sustainable forest management and providing leadership on the environmental, social and economic dimensions of forestry, including its contributions to poverty reduction and food security and nutrition. It liaises with member countries, civil society and the private sector in aspects ranging from development of effective forest policies to forest conservation and management issues, and strengthens the role of forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Division also collects, analyses and disseminates information on the world's forest resources and on the production, trade and consumption of wood and non-wood forest products.

Under its Dryland forestry programme and project portfolio, FAO will hire 2 qualified international Senior Consultants (home-based with duty travels to Rome and the field), with complementary profiles /different specializations to enhance and scale up FAO's capacity to provide the required support to its member countries on sustainable management and large scale restoration of Dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral landscapes, in particular in terms of:

- design of project concepts and proposals, and technical papers on methodologies and approaches for scaling-up FAO's global drylands sustainable management and restoration programme
- backstopping implementation of ongoing FAO's dryland restoration project portfolio,
- organization of technical workshops, meetings and conferences
- compilation, publication and dissemination of lessons learnt, preparation of case studies, analytical papers and technical guidelines
- monitoring and quantifying impacts of dryland restoration related projects in terms of food and feed security, climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience and other environmental and socio-economic benefits

Reporting Lines

The two international senior consultants will be working in a team (including other consultants and projects staff) under the direct supervision of the forestry officer (Drylands) and overall supervision of the Team Leader, Climate Change and Resilience.

Technical Focus

- Sustainable management and restoration of dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral landscapes
- Monitoring and quantifying impacts of restoration/sustainable forest management field projects in drylands, in terms of food and feed security, climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience and other environmental and socio-economic benefits

Tasks and responsibilities

a) International Senior Consultant, Large-scale landscape restoration in drylands

- Contribute to the technical content design and organization of regional and International Conferences, Workshops and Meetings on dryland restoration
- Undertake backstopping missions / field visits for technical assessment and review of restoration approach, outcomes and lessons learnt of ongoing FAO-implemented led dryland restoration/SFM projects
- Analysis and evaluation of restoration and rehabilitation field data collected in countries involved in restoration projects
- Contribute with technical content to the production of FAO drylands' technical papers and publications, compilation of case studies and lessons learnt for wider dissemination

- Contribute to the finalization and review of the technical content and analyses/outcomes of FAO's Dryland Restoration Initiative on-line Platform (DRIP)
- Support the development of a strong South-South technical network between Dryland experts and practitioners across dryland regions
- Explore opportunities and develop collaboration with restoration related research in support of FAO's dryland restoration programme
- Contribute to restoration technical content of project proposals under development with Africa's Great Green Wall partner countries to be submitted to the Green Climate Fund and other financial partners

b) International Senior Consultant, Socio-economic assessments and livelihoods in drylands

- Analysis of the contribution of large scale restoration for small scale farming (crop and pastoral systems and resilience of livelihoods) in the drylands: defining enabling factors, developing a conceptual framework, contribute to data collection, organization and analysis and technical papers
- Undertake backstopping missions / field visits for technical assessment and review of livelihoods related activities in ongoing FAO-implemented dryland restoration projects
- Prepare country based case studies reviewing Non Wood Forest Products community-based production systems for potential development into Small and Medium Scale Enterprises
- Contribute to technical content (pastoral development, market value chains development, and risk and social assessment) of project proposals under development with Great Green Wall partner countries to financial partners such as the Green Climate Fund
- Technical review of management plans (village development and watershed management / landscape level plans) developed under FAO-implemented dryland restoration projects – funded by EU and GEF;
- Contribute and engage with community based organizations in the management of the areas under large scale restoration including governance, land tenure and access rights, and benefits sharing

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in the fields of ecology, forestry, sustainable management of natural resources and/ or economics related to natural resources management / forestry
- 12 years of relevant experience in dryland restoration, sustainable management of forests/ land and natural resources, and governance/ land management,
- 12 years of experience of technical writing skills with demonstrated record of publications and papers
- 12 years of experience in training and other capacity development activities linked to land restoration and management in drylands
- Working knowledge of English and French and limited knowledge of Spanish (for consultancy a)
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French (for consultancy b)

FAO Core Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in drylands countries and more than one dryland region
- Extent and relevance of field experience in dryland and agrosilvopastoral management and/or restoration
- Extent and relevance of experience in preparation of technical publications and papers on the subject
- Extent and relevance of experience in technical organization of seminars, workshops and conferences on subjects related to management or restoration of dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 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.

- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
- For other issues, visit the FAO employment website: <http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>

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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