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Deadline For Application: 2 November 2017

**JOB TITLE:** EX-ANTE CARBON-BALANCE TOOL (EX-ACT) Specialist

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** Consultant

**DUTY STATION:** Rome, Italy

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA)

**DURATION:** Up to 11 month (with possibility of extension)

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

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**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.**

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### Organizational Setting

The Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA) is the focal point for FAO's research and policy analysis on agricultural and economic development.

The division produces evidence-based policy analysis and strengthens the capacity of member countries to improve decision-making on food security and nutrition, resilience, climate smart agriculture, and agribusiness and rural transformation.

The EX-ACT team, which is part of the Sustainable Market Agri-business and Rural Transformation Group (SMART), host (i) the EX-Ante Carbon-balance Tool an appraisal system developed by FAO to provide estimates of the impact of agriculture and forestry development projects, programmes and policies on the carbon-balance, (ii) the EX-ACT Value chain tool built to cover also socio-economic performance in addition to climate mitigation, resilience and other environment performances.

The team is engaged in different areas of (i) country and donor support work, such as GHG appraisal, projects design, projects implementation and MRV, EX-ACT tools (EX-ACT, EX-ACT Value Chain and EX-ACT MRV designed for NDBs), (ii) training and capacity building to partners (NGOs, ministries, IFIs, UN organization, EU, GEF, AFD) and projects, (iii) methodologies for carbon fund, e-learning training, EX-ACT technical support, (iv) tools upgrading with new modules (biodiversity, climate resilience, agroforestry database...)

### FAO International Consultants and Call purpose

The Organization frequently engages experts to work on short-term activities and projects as international consultants or under personal service agreements (PSA.SBS) at various levels of experience (see minimum requirements below). International consultants or PSAs are engaged by the Organization to provide expertise, skills or knowledge for the performance of a specific task or piece of work, which is short-term by nature. The assignment may involve full-time or part-time functions, with duration ranging from 1 month up to 11 months. The possibility of extension is subject to satisfactory performance and dependant on the availability of resources and needs of the Organization. Assignments can require travel or missions/appointment to field locations.

Individuals meeting or exceeding the requirements of the Call, determined through an interview process, will be included in the ESA Divisional Roster. Experts who are registered in the Roster are available for consideration for a period of up to 48 months. ESA Division will use this roster as the primary mechanism to resource future vacancies within the technical requirements covered by the Call.

### Reporting Lines

Selected applicants will work under the overall supervision of the Division Director and the direct supervision of the EX-ACT team Leader, in close collaboration with broader EX-ACT team and other FAO Division, Strategic Programmes and external partners as required. When activities are carried out in countries, consultants will be required to work in close collaboration with the FAO Representation in the relevant country of assignment, as well as the relevant FAO regional office.

### Technical Focus

The consultants will conduct climate mitigation, resilience and socio economics analysis on a broad range of projects/programmes and policies related to sustainable agriculture and value chains (from design, implementation and monitoring), conduct trainings, support the technical development of the tools. Main technical capacities required are the following:

- Confirmed experience on GHG accounting tools (including EX-ACT)
- Practical Working experience on using EX-ACT Tool in project, policy and value chain analysis and on analysis of Climate smart agriculture practices in projects and value chains.
- Global Experience in Value chain analysis, sustainable value chain approaches and use of carbon foot print, familiarity with EX-ACT VC tool
- Experience in capacity building and trainings, focused on computer- application oriented training courses for technical partners and national institutions on estimation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the Agriculture, Forestry and Land Use (AFOLU) sector (which also includes livestock, watershed management, fisheries, aquaculture, peatlands and coastal wetlands) to promote Climate Smart Agriculture.

## Tasks and responsibilities

The assigned tasks and responsibilities related to this area of work can include the following:

- Oversee and coordinate the EX-ACT related activities
- Provide GHG appraisal and reports delivery (on project and value chain). Work includes data collection on field or work desk and GHG appraisal report with economic and financial analysis when required
- Provide tailored tools to partners
- Provide technical support on EX-ACT tools
- Work directly with external partners
- Produce trainings and information material (e-learning and webinars)
- Perform other task when required

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Formal education in agricultural sciences, biology, agribusiness management, economics or a closely related field:
  - Consultant level B - Advanced university degree (PhD level considered an asset)
  - Consultant level C – Advanced university degree (master level considered an asset)
  - PSA.SBS – University degree
- Relevant experience in climate change, GHG analysis in the AFOLU sector
  - Consultant level B – at least 5 years of relevant experience;
  - Consultant level C/PSA.SBS – at least 1 year of relevant experience;
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, or Russian. In the case of PSAs, the requirement is for working knowledge in one of the FAO official languages.

### FAO Core Competencies

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

### Technical/Functional Skills

- Extent of experience with EX-ACT tools and protocols considered a strong asset.
- Excellent communication skills, especially written communications and group facilitation skills.
- Proficient in the use of MS Word, Excel, Access, Power-point, and internet communication.

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

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## 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).
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: [iRecruitment@fao.org](mailto: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/>

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## HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/iemployment-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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