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Deadline For Application: 12 November 2017

JOB TITLE: Senior Evaluation Consultant

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Home-based with mission to Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: OFFICE OF EVALUATION

DURATION: From 30-40 days

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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.

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Background

The FAO Office of Evaluation (OED) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from qualified individuals to conduct the Evaluation of the FAO project **“Building a global agenda of action in support of sustainable livestock sector development”** (GCP/GLO/360/MUL), scheduled from November 2017 to March 2018. The candidates should not have been involved in the design or implementation of the FAO activities being assessed by the evaluation and will be required to sign a conflict of interest declaration. The evaluation will be managed by the Office of Evaluation (OED), which is responsible for ensuring conformity with standards for project/programme evaluation in FAO.

The goal of the project is to improve the sustainability of the livestock sector by establishing a multi stakeholder platform to build consensus on policies and actions for the sustainable development of the sector. The rationale for the project was the increasing awareness and evidence of the negative environmental impact of the livestock sector as well as its potential for contributing to sustainable development and poverty reduction. As mentioned, the FAO Committee for Agriculture (COAG) in its 22nd session in 2010 recommended that such a platform be established and that it should be hosted in FAO. The project therefore established the Global Agenda of Action (AoA), as a multi-stakeholder partnership committed to sustainable development of the livestock sector from a social, economic and environmental perspective. The AoA aims at providing a global platform, regionally and locally rooted, to comprehensively address the sector's multiple challenges towards sustainable development. It facilitates global dialogue to foster local practice and policy change, focusing on innovation, capacity building, and incentive systems and enabling environments. The AoA is now also known as the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock Development (GASL).

The activities of the project aimed ad delivering the following outputs:

- Establish the Global Agenda as a functioning multi stakeholder platform
- Technical reports and methodologies are provided to Global Agenda members

The project was implemented between December 2011 and September 2017 with a total budget of USD 4,750,000. The main donor is the Federal Office for Agriculture of Switzerland, which contributed around 85% of the project funds, while other donors are the Governments of France, Ireland, the Netherlands and New Zealand, and the Livestock Research Centre of Wageningen University (Netherlands).

Objectives of the evaluation

The purpose of the final evaluation is to provide accountability to the donor and partners by assessing FAO's contribution to the establishing and managing the Global Agenda. Also, the evaluation aims at drawing lessons from the implementation processes and provide recommendations to FAO staff and Global Agenda stakeholders for its programmatic improvement in its next phase. These lessons would also be useful for similar ongoing and future initiatives. Finally, the evaluation will contribute to FAO and other development practitioners' understanding of multi stakeholder processes as a tool for achieving the 2030 development agenda.

The evaluation will assess the entire implementation period of the project, from December 2011 to September 2017. The evaluation will cover all key activities undertaken within the framework of the project as described in the project document. The focus will be on design and delivery of output and outcome against the goals.

Methodology

The evaluation will adhere to the UNEG Norms & Standards and be in line with OED Manual and methodological guidelines and practices.

The evaluation will address a set of evaluation questions, which will be contextualized based on the activities and stakeholders involved. The evaluation team will gather and triangulate information from a number of sources, including FAO staff, stakeholders, donors and development partners, as distil evaluative information from relevant project documentation. A mix of quantitative and qualitative methods will be used, drawing on multiple levels and lines of evidence. The evaluation will use of a number tools to collect primary data and evidence that answer the evaluation questions and sub-questions: desk-review of project documents, reports and studies conducted by FAO and other partners; semi-structured interviews with key informants; a survey of all Global

Agenda members based on the evaluation sub-questions, administered through an online questionnaire; direct observation during sessions of the Global Agenda's Guiding Group held in Rome in September 2017 and February 2018.

Timetable

The evaluation will take place from the period October 2017 to April 2018. The consultant will spend around 10-15 days on mission in Rome, while the remaining 20-25 days home based, some of which before the mission for background reading and analysis and some after the mission for additional analysis and report preparation. The first draft of the report will be produced by end of February 2018.

Composition and profile of the evaluation team

The evaluation will be managed by an OED evaluation manager. The team will be composed of an Senior Evaluation Expert/Team Leader (that will lead the writing of the report) and the OED evaluation manager. The team leader will possess expertise in the areas of multi stakeholder partnerships for international development and livestock sector policies.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree (MSc or PhD) in relevant disciplines (animal health or production, agricultural sciences, environmental sciences, agricultural economics development studies, policy development or other relevant disciplines)
- At least 15 years of professional experience in the areas of livestock sector policy/strategy development, evaluation of multi stakeholder processes and partnerships and of project/programme management.
- Strong analytical and research skills (document review, ability to synthesize solid evaluative findings out of raw evidence);
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish.

FAO Core Competencies

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

Additional selection criteria

- Demonstrated knowledge of work of the Global Agenda work;
- Fluency in Spanish or French;
- Knowledge of FAO structure, focus areas and projects.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The candidate should not have been involved in the design or implementation of the project under evaluation.
- 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.

HOW TO APPLY

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

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