



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
Terms of Reference for Consultant /PSA

Minimum number of years of relevant experience required: 1 year ; 5 years ; 12+years

Job Title	Tree Improvement and Breeding Expert (International)		
Division/Department	FAOLK		
Programme/Project Number	GCP/SRL/048/GEF		
Location	Colombo based with possible travel to field locations island-wide		
Expected Start Date of Assignment	4 th May 2015	Duration:	20 working days up to 9 months
Reports to Name:	Beth Crawford	Title:	FAOR

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

- Participate as a resource person in the research symposium organized in Sri Lanka on fuel wood plantation and biomass energy production
- Review of species and provenance trials conducted in Sri Lanka and other countries in the region, and recommend further species and provenance trials for priority regions in Sri Lanka identified for developing biomass resources.
- Evaluate the seed and planting materials used for establishing *Gliricidia*, *Calliandra* and other multipurpose tree stands established under different systems and suggest approaches to obtain high-quality seeds of genetically superior planting materials
- Provide technical assistance to local production of high-quality seeds of fuelwood / multipurpose trees by setting up multiplication units / nurseries

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs:

- Potential fuelwood tree species for Sri Lanka through review of research and development work conducted in Sri Lanka identified
- Research on identifying species / provenances for different agro-ecological regions reviewed and recommendations for further trials provided
- seed and planting materials used for establishing *Gliricidia*, *Calliandra* and other multipurpose tree stands established under different systems evaluated and approaches to obtain high-quality seeds of genetically superior planting materials suggested

Required Completion Date:

31st December 2015

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

Academic Qualifications:

Postgraduate degree in Forestry with majoring in tree improvement

Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements

Practical experience in tree improvement with knowledge on fuelwood and multipurpose tree species. The consultant should be a senior and highly qualified tree improvement specialist with minimum of 10 years' experience in this field. S/he should have previous experience in *Gliricidia*, *Calliandra* and other common multipurpose tree improvement.

HOW TO APPLY

- Interested applicants are required to create an online Personal Profile form (PPF) in iRecruitment. To create the PPF, please follow the instructions available at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>
- Please upload to your Documents section an application letter stating your expression of interest and qualifications as well as a CV.
- In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line profile are completed.

The PPF should be sent via e-mail to: FAOLK-Vacancies@fao.org

- **Deadline for submission of your applications: 25 March 2015**

Applications received after the closing date will not be given consideration. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.