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Deadline For Application: 13 June 2017

JOB TITLE: Forest Policy and Climate Change Consultant

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Home-based

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE TEAM, FORESTRY
POLICY AND RESOURCES DIVISION

DURATION: 60 days until 30 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 Forest Policy and Resources Division (FOA) 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. FOA 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, analyzes and disseminates information on the world's forest resources and on the production, trade and consumption of wood and non-wood forest products.

The Division has been requested by the FAO Committee on Forests in 2016 to update the Climate Change Guidelines for Forest Policy-Makers. The Guidelines were developed in 2011 to assist countries incorporate climate considerations into their national forest programmes, forest policies and related strategies and actions. However, since the preparation of the guidelines, the international climate change dialogue has progressed substantially particularly with the advent of the Paris Agreement and the NDCs. Countries have made new commitments and through their NDCs they have articulated how they plan to achieve these. Forests have taken an increasingly prominent place in the new international agreement.

Reporting Lines

The consultant will work within the Climate Change and Resilience Team under the overall guidance of the Chief, Policy and Resources, FAO Forestry Department and the technical supervision of the Forestry Officer, Climate Change and Bioenergy, and will share acquired knowledge on the current international policy discourse on forests and climate change and take the lead in the preparation of the revised guidelines in accordance with the Division's objectives and FAO Strategic Objectives.

Technical Focus

Forest policy, climate change adaptation and mitigation, sustainable development goals, national forest programmes

Tasks and responsibilities

More specifically the consultant will:

- Prepare an initial annotated outline for the revised guidelines that will constitute the starting point for the internal FAO discussions. This includes further specifying the contents as well as the scope, potential users, and objectives of the guidelines.
- Incorporate input from internal discussions and prepare revised outline.
- Develop the first draft of the (revised) guidelines (40-50 pages), in close consultation with the responsible officer and provide a print ready draft document for peer review. [Peer review will be done by experts from FAO and external partners through internal and an expert consultation.]
- Provide input to the agenda for the expert consultation, present the draft guidelines for discussion and act as facilitator during the discussions.
- Prepare (short) meeting minutes of the consultation which includes a synthesis and evaluation of the discussions and recommendations for the further development/improvement of the guidelines
- Prepare the final draft of the revised guidelines for FAO approval, incorporating the results of the expert consultation.

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annotated outline of the guidelines • Revised outline • First draft of revised guidelines • Duty Travel to FAO HQ to attend the expert consultation meeting • PowerPoint presentation of draft revised guidelines • Meeting minutes of the expert consultation • Second draft of revised guidelines • Final draft of guidelines. 	<p>Within 1 week after assignment start Within 1 week following receipt of feedback Within 1 month following acceptance of revised outline During August 2017</p> <p>To be delivered at expert consultation Within 1 week following expert consultation Within 2 weeks following expert consultation Within 2 weeks following receipt of feedback</p>

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Forestry, Environmental Sciences or Natural Resources Management with strong experience in Forest Policy.
- At least five years of relevant experience on Forest Policy and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. Excellent knowledge of UNFCCC processes and current climate policy dialogue, including at national level.
- Experience in facilitating expert consultations.
- Working knowledge of English.

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 Forest Policy and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- Extent and relevance of experience of UNFCCC processes and current climate policy dialogue, including at national level.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
- FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.
- 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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