



**Food and Agriculture Organization
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CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

International ecosystem Based Adaptation (EBA) Expert

Contract duration: (WAE) between January 2017- 30 September 2017

Duty Station: Home-based with visit/s to the pilot districts in Konya province, Turkey

Vacancy No. IRC3765

Deadline for Applications: 23 December 2016

Tasks and responsibilities

Purpose of the assignment

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Sub-regional Coordinator for Central Asia and FAO Representative in Turkey, the direct technical guidance of the LTO, and in close liaison with Project Chief Technical Advisor, the International EBA Expert will facilitate the process of preparation of EBA strategy for steppe ecosystems in Turkey with reference to relevant institutions. He will be responsible to perform the following tasks:

- The EBA expert will work with a pool of local and international experts and through coordinated efforts will be responsible for assessing the current situation in the pilot districts, elaborating possible agriculture and landscape transitions and developing the assessment methodology to go be included in the strategy
- The process will include the preparation of a draft EBA strategy based on the experience gained during relevant initiatives including efforts emanating from grass-root and donor assisted projects. The process will include a 2-day local workshop on ecosystem services with the participation of app. 50 people, which the expert will conduct together with other relevant experts.
- The importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are assessed and the nexus between ecosystem and its role in adaptation to climate change is envisaged
- To examine the status of ecosystem resilience and the contribution of biodiversity to carbon stocks
- Envisage enhancement, restoration and conservation measures of degraded ecosystems, thereby contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to combating desertification in KCB.
- EBA strategy development that provide effective road map to effectively and equitably manage the ecosystems through area-based conservation measures aimed at adapting to climate change, and integrated into the wider landscape.
- The EBA strategy should focus on ensuring that ecosystems essential services, related to water, and contribute to health, livelihoods and wellbeing, are restored and safeguarded, taking into account the needs of women, indigenous and local communities, and the poor and vulnerable groups to climate change.
- Capture elements that ensure ecosystem goods and services, mainly terrestrial but also wetlands stocks, are managed and harvested sustainably, legally and applying ecosystem based approaches
- Organizing of a two days EBA Strategy Meeting with app. 80 participants to discuss, improve and finalize the draft EBA Strategy
- Together with communication expert, publish and disseminate the EBA Strategy document

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
- Draft an Inception Report	- Within first week after start of assignment
- Report on the background information related to the overall landscape and farming systems that form the component of the larger ecosystem in the pilot districts	- Within one month of the start of the assignment

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Producing the draft EBA strategy including plan for dissemination. The second workshop for refinement is also conducted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Within six weeks after start of assignment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final EBA strategy is submitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Within two months after the start of assignment

Candidates should meet the following requirements

Minimum Requirements

- Master degree in natural resources (forestry, integrated NRM, etc.) with at least 10 years of experience in managing ecosystem goods and services. The candidate should have experience in climate change adaptation and mitigation preferably in similar eco-regions (As we are dealing with Central Anatolian Steppe eco-region with dry temperate grass lands, therefore we expect that the expert have substantial knowledge with similar ecosystems).
- Working knowledge of English.

Additional Information

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