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Consultancy Analysis of UNCCD reporting Strategic Objective-5

Consultancy reference number: CCD/23/C/03

Background

Desertification, along with climate change and the loss of biodiversity were identified as the greatest challenges to sustainable development during the 1992 Rio Earth Summit. Established in 1994, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is the sole legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management. The Convention seeks to support countries to address Desertification, Land Degradation, and Drought (DLDD).

At UNCCD COP13, countries agreed (decision 7/COP.13) on a new global roadmap to address land degradation. The new UNCCD 2018-2030 Strategic Framework ("The Strategy") includes a set of 5 "strategic objectives" adopted to guide the actions of all UNCCD stakeholders and partners in the period 2018–2030. The Strategic objective 5 (SO5), in particular, aims at mobilizing substantial and additional financial and non-financial resources to support the implementation of the Convention by building effective partnerships at global and national level.

The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD (GM) supports countries to translate the Convention into action. With regard to the SO5, The GM has a central responsibility to contribute to financial mobilization, support technology transfer and explore opportunities for increasing financing for the implementation of the Convention and The Strategy.

Decision 11/COP14 requested the Global Mechanism to consider options to improve the reporting template for financial flows by including additional quantitative data for reporting. Therefore, based on this Decision, the UNCCD Global Mechanism recommended a series of improvements and new developments in the reporting for strategic objective 5 in the context of UNCCD 2021-2022 reporting cycle. In this round, it will be possible for Parties to report both in qualitative and quantitative manner through a tier-based approach depending on the information available with each country Party. The reporting process will then capture in a more comprehensive way the wide range of financial and non-financial resources targeting desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD). By offering parties the opportunity to also reflect on mainstreamed issues such as gender and tenure, the reporting process will give a greater perspective on how investments deliver environmental, social and economic impact.

The UNCCD reporting system also looks at future resources for activities related to the implementation of the Convention. Decision 13/ COP 15 "6. *Requests the Global Mechanism and the secretariat, within their respective mandates and subject to the availability of financial resources, and in collaboration with relevant financial and technical partners in position to do so, to: (a) Develop a methodology and conduct a needs assessment to determine the financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention, building on national reporting and on a voluntary targeting-setting exercise; (b) Develop a time-bound strategy to increase fund mobilization based on this needs assessment to support the Parties in the achievement of the objectives of the Convention;*"

Objective of consultancy

To prepare and provide analytical framework for SO5 component, conduct the analysis and to follow up on CRIC official documentation.

Duties and Responsibilities

Under the overall supervision of the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism and relevant Programme officer and in close cooperation with Global Mechanism and UNCCD Secretariat colleagues, the expert will:



- Provide feedback to the quality criteria established for reviewing country reports submitted by Parties;
- Review country reports on PRAIS4 portal against the established quality criteria, and provide feedback to countries through the portal;
- Provide assistance and address queries of countries in developing and finalizing their reports;
- Develop an analytical framework for conducting a detailed analysis of the data and information received from the countries through reporting;
- Conduct an analysis of the data received from the Parties, identifying the main results and trends of the reporting;
- Use visualization tools for illustrating the main results and trends, including maps, graphs, others;
- Facilitate developing a technical report based on the main results and trends of the reporting process and assist in the preparation of CRIC official documentation.

Deliverables

Key deliverables:

- ✓ Detailed workplan, submission and approval
- ✓ Report highlighting the Review of PRAIS4 reports.
- ✓ Analytical framework for Strategic Objective – 5 reporting
- ✓ Analysis of SO5 reporting
- ✓ Official documentation for CRIC21

Contractual terms

The service of the selected consultant is estimated to be for a period of 6 months starting mid-February until 31 December 2023. This contract is based on deliverables and payment is defined by outputs. The consultancy is home-based.

Requirements

- Advanced university degree in environmental engineering, natural resource management, development economics and finance, or related disciplines.
- A minimum of 10 years working experience related to natural resource management (NRM)
- Knowledge on the UNCCD or related Conventions. Experience in working with UNCCD stakeholders in the country an asset.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently, handle multiple tasks, work under pressure, and deliver assignments on time.
- Excellent writing, presentation, and analytical skills
- Fluency in English language, both written and oral is required.

Special notice

Only individuals who can act as independent, individual economical operators are qualified to apply. Individuals who can provide their services only on account of an institution or enterprise not in their individual capacity are not eligible under this procedure.

Individuals engaged under a consultancy or individual contract will not be considered “staff members” under the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations Secretariat and will not be entitled to benefits provided therein (such as leave entitlements and medical insurance coverage). Their conditions of service will be governed by their contract and the General Conditions of Contracts for the Services of Consultants and Individual Contractors. Consultant and individual contractor is responsible for determining tax liabilities and for the payment of any taxes and/or duties, in accordance with local or other applicable laws.

Submission of application



The following documents should be sent to staffing@unccd.int as **one document**: UNCCD Personal History Form¹ /CV and cover letter, specifying the following in the email subject line: **CCD/23/C/03**.

The deadline for applications is **02 February 2023**. Only applications submitted by the deadline and with complete documentation will be taken into consideration.

Due to the volume of applications received, receipt of applications cannot be acknowledged individually. Please address your application as indicated above and please do not address or copy your application to an individual at the Secretariat or Global Mechanism. Candidates who do not receive any feedback within three months of the deadline should consider their application as unsuccessful.

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¹ UNCCD P-11 form in electronic fill-in .pdf OR .docx format available: <https://www.unccd.int/about-us/secretariat/vacancies/applying-unccd>