



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultancy – Global Mechanism

Consultancy reference number: CCD/25/C/09

Background

The objective of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification around the world, particularly in Africa, through effective action at all levels, supported by international cooperation and partnership arrangements with a view to contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in affected areas.

The Global Mechanism (GM) assists countries in the mobilization of resources from the public and private sector for activities that prevent, control or reverse desertification, land degradation and drought.

Viable, adequate and sustained financing for effectively combating desertification, land degradation and drought worldwide can only be achieved through a significant involvement of the private sector (i.e. investors, financial intermediaries, businesses, consumers, and civil society including philanthropic foundations). In this context, public development finance is expected to play a crucial catalytic and supplementary role as part of a whole range of enabling governmental and intergovernmental activities. Investments in and via the UNCCD help to facilitate policy reform, leverage large investments and initiate change at the national level.

The purpose of the Consultancy is to support the private sector engagement and resource mobilization initiatives of the GM. The focus of tasks will be on research, communication, and resource mobilization/donor management.

Objective of consultancy

The GM Consultant will ensure delivery of timely, client focused support to the Innovative Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Coordinator of the Global Mechanism. Under the overall supervision of the Innovative Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Coordinator and in close collaboration with other members of the GM UNCCD team, the incumbent will coordinate the efficient, consistent implementation of GM assigned activities.

Duties and responsibilities

Under the direct supervision of the Innovative Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Coordinator of the Global Mechanism, the Consultant will provide effective support to the private sector engagement and innovative financing team. The consultant will undertake the following tasks:

- Prepare a comprehensive concept note and narrative on the full range of private sector engagement work of the GM, including the Business4Land initiative, innovative finance initiatives, technology transfer, and trade.
- Prepare a concept note and support the development of a “Trade for Land” initiative.
- Provide support in donor mapping and outreach to potential development partners for fundraising, including of philanthropic and other foundations/organizations.
- Provide support on drafting of briefing notes, progress reports, talking points, speeches and resource mobilization strategies for the private sector engagement team.
- Assist in preparation and finalization of knowledge products, resources, and background material for internal and external use, including programme and project documents for outreach and advocacy with donors.



- Assist the private sector engagement team members in outreach, building partnerships with the private sector, external communications and any other task as required.
- Provide additional research, writing and support on substantive topics related to innovative financing and resource mobilization.
- Mapping of potential development partners to approach to support private sector development work of the GM.
- Additional concept notes, research, and briefing materials as required.
- Support the organization of webinars, workshop, consultations, conferences, meetings, events and trainings.
- Any other responsibilities as delegated by the supervisor.

Deliverables

The consultant is expected to provide effective support to the team as above mentioned.

Contractual terms

The service of the selected consultant is estimated to be for 06 months. The consultant will be based and work in UNCCD office in Bonn, Germany and valid residency permit to work and live in Bonn is required. UNCCD does not provide health insurance to consultant and individual contractors. Incumbents selected for the consultancy are fully responsible for arranging, at their own expense, such life, health and other forms of insurance covering the period of their services as they consider appropriate. Proof of valid health insurance will be required before signing of the contract.

All products resulting from this contractual arrangement are the exclusive property of the UNCCD.

Requirements

- Advanced university degree (Master's or equivalent) from a recognized university in a relevant field of work (e.g. finance/economics, politics, international relations, communications and/or any relevant field directly related to environment or international development).
- Strong research and written communication skills;
- Excellent organizing, multi-tasking, research, and project management skills;
- Previous experience in a relevant area such as private sector, relationship management, partnerships or resource mobilization/fundraising.
- Previous experience working on sustainable development or on environmental issues is an advantage.
- Previous experience working with in an international environment (UN, International Organisation, Private Sector or NGO) is an advantage.
- Knowledge of project development and financing is an advantage;
- Fluency in English language (both oral and written) is required. Working knowledge of French language is an asset. Knowledge of German language is desirable.

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 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/25/C/09**.

The deadline for applications is **29 January 2025**. 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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¹UNCCD P-11 form in electronic fill-in .pdf OR .docx format available: <https://www.unccd.int/convention/opportunities/vacancies/guidelines>