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## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **Consultancy – GGW Project Preparation & Implementation Support**

**Consultancy reference number: CCD/25/C/10**

#### **Background**

The objective of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is to combat desertification and land degradation, and to mitigate the effects of drought (DLDD) in affected countries around the world, particularly in Africa, through effective action at all levels. Established in 1994, the UNCCD is the sole legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management.

The Global Mechanism (GM) is an institution of the UNCCD, mandated to assist countries in the mobilization of financial resources from the public and private sector for activities that prevent, control or reverse desertification, land degradation and drought.

The Global Mechanism is currently steering several activities related to the Green Great Wall Initiative, notably a project entitled “Strengthening Coordination and Implementation of the Great Green Wall Initiative – Phase 2: Enhancing Sustainability and Expansion of the Great Green Wall Initiative” (ESEGGWI), funded by ADA, the Austrian Development Agency.

The Great Green Wall (GGW) was launched in 2007 under the leadership of the African Union and Pan-African Agency of the GGW. It aims to restore Africa’s degraded landscapes and transform millions of lives in one of the world’s poorest regions, the Sahel.

In recent years, the GGW vision has evolved into an integrated ecosystem management approach, striving for a mosaic of different land use and production systems. Hence the GGW should be understood as a strategic comprehensive national and regional development plan focusing not only on environmental protection but also combining economic and social dimensions and ensuring synergies among the various existing policies and programs that contribute to its strategy and goals.

UNCCD is seeking to hire a GGW Project Preparation & Implementation Support Consultant to support the implementation of the ESEGGWI Project in its efforts to contribute towards combatting desertification, land degradation, and drought while strengthening regional cooperation and ensuring security and prosperity in the region. The consultant will provide technical support to the team, which will consist of both UNCCD and GGWI staff, as well as relevant stakeholders in the region.

#### **Objective of consultancy**

Progress in the implementation of the ESEGGWI Project.

#### **Duties and responsibilities**

Under the direct supervision of the Programme Management Officer (PMO) of the Great Green Wall Accelerator of UNCCD’s Global Mechanism, the consultant will support project preparation, programme implementation activities, reporting and monitoring as described below:

1. Support in conceptualizing and developing scale-up projects/models to replicate the pilot project implemented in phase 1.
2. Support in facilitating the formation, and coordination of GGW national coalitions.



3. Support the convening and reporting on national coalition meetings, technical and financial partner meetings, and GWG stakeholder meetings to ensure effective coordination.
4. Support the organization and management of cross-country learning exchanges to foster knowledge sharing and collaboration.
5. Support different GWG task forces' management and ensure alignment with the objectives of national coalitions, including the task forces created regarding drought resilience, project preparation and resource mobilization.
6. Support facilitation of regional consultations to enhance collaborative platforms.
7. Support the development and delivery of online tutorials to train GWG Observatory members to report and monitor project results.
8. Support in building partnerships and efforts towards mobilizing innovative finance for the GWG.
9. Supports tracking and monitoring project financing opportunities and the GWG project pipeline.
10. Updates and maintains distribution lists; assembles documents, reports and other materials for dissemination, where possible using electronic formats; coordinates courier services.
11. Assists with publications and other information materials management, including archiving print and electronic materials and maintaining their physical storage.
12. Supports administrative and logistic processes related to human resources, unit email management, procurement, travel and events, in collaboration with the relevant administration units.
13. Performs other duties as assigned.

### Deliverables

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Tasks and deliverables will be prepared on the beginning of the assignment with Hiring manager.

### Contractual terms

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The service of the selected consultant is estimated to be for 12 months starting 01 March 2025. 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

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- Advanced degree (Master's or PhD) in a relevant field such as international management, political science, management, environmental science, or sustainable development;
- At least 2 years of professional experience supporting international development programs. Experience in and around Sub-Saharan Africa is an added value.
- Demonstrated expertise in project preparation, and programme support;
- Experience working with relevant stakeholders in the region, including governments, civil society organizations, and the private sector;
- Strong analytical and writing skills;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills;
- Advanced Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages
- Adobe InDesign expertise is an added value.
- M&E Background is an added value
- Fluency in English and French (both oral and written) is required.

### Special notice

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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](mailto:staffing@unccd.int) as **one document**: UNCCD Personal History Form<sup>1</sup> /CV and cover letter, specifying the following in the email subject line: **CCD/25/C/10**.

The deadline for applications is **14 February 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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<sup>1</sup>UNCCD P-11 form in electronic fill-in .pdf OR .docx format available: <https://www.unccd.int/convention/opportunities/vacancies/guidelines>