Ecosystem-based Adaptation through South-South Cooperation

(EbA South)

"Enhancing Capacity, Knowledge and Technology Support to Build Climate Resilience of Vulnerable Developing Countries"

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Terms of Reference

National Policy Specialist (Nepal)

BACKGROUND

The adverse effects of climate change are being experienced by local communities within a wide range of economic sectors in developing countries across Africa and Asia-Pacific. The overall goal of the GEF-funded project EbA South is to reduce the vulnerability of developing African and Asia-Pacific countries to climate change impacts by providing capacity, knowledge and technology support. The project comprises three components to be implemented over four years (2013-2017), namely: i) inter-regional coordination and capacity building for developing countries to plan and implement Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA); ii) inter-regional online EbA knowledge support; and iii) transfer of EbA technologies to pilot countries. The latter component consists of concrete, on-the-ground EbA interventions in Seychelles, Nepal and Mauritania, representing coastal, mountain and arid/semi-arid ecosystems respectively.

In Nepal, the project is implementing community-based watershed restoration through EbA technologies, within a long-term research framework. Interventions are being conducted at selected sites, which are highly vulnerable to climate change impacts.

In order to meet the project objectives, a National Policy Specialist (NPS) will be hired to strengthen the project team in Nepal.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The NPS will be evaluated in accordance with the successful implementation of certain project activities related to policy. Duties and responsibilities of the consultant will include:

General activities

- Provide technical, policy and regulatory support to the National Focal Point (NFP) and other members of the project team, whenever relevant.
- Communicate frequently with the field stakeholders, the national project team and with the international experts involved in the project implementation.
- Periodic reporting.

Special activities

- Collate and synthesize relevant sector policies, plans and strategies in Nepal.
- Propose revisions to relevant sector policies, plans and strategies to mainstream EbA in Nepal.
- Identify regulatory gaps present in changing local institutions, and take proactive actions to remedy the identified gaps.
- Develop a procedural framework to support project implementation in Nepal, including fund transfer and procurement processes.
- Prepare periodic communications and documents in relation to project implementation.

Key deliverables

- A stocktaking report compiled to review the institutional environment and existing policies, plans and strategies relevant to EbA mainstreaming in Nepal.
- At least two policy briefs produced and presented to national stakeholders at a policy workshop organized by the NPS.
- Detailed revisions to relevant national policies, plans and strategies.

REPORTING

The consultant will report to the Nepal NFP, and cooperate with other national consultants, Project Management Unit (PMU), Technical Advisor (TA) and other members of the project team to ensure the implementation of the project tasks.

TIME FRAME

This is a short-term, full-time consultancy position.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Advanced degree and a minimum of 5 years' work experience in the field of climate change adaptation, natural resources management, forestry, agriculture and relevant fields.
- Excellent policy analysis and report writing skills.
- Good communication and computer skills.
- Fluent in spoken and written English.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please send your CV and cover letter via email to:

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Application deadline: **5 July 2017**

Disclaimer:

- The successful applicant shall not become a staff member of the United Nations or UN Environment, but shall sign a contract with the Institute of Geographic Science and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IGSNRR, CAS) – the executing entity for this project.
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