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Job Description

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: 2203439

Chief Technical Advisor

Job Posting: 22/Dec/2022

Closure Date: 13/Jan/2023, 4:44:00 AM

Organizational Unit: NFO

Job Type: Non-staff opportunities

Type of Requisition: Consultant

Grade Level: N/A

Primary Location: Various Locations-Variou Locations

Duration: 11 months

Post Number: N/A

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Organizational Setting

The Forestry Division leads FAO's work in promoting sustainable forest management and providing leadership on the environmental, social and economic dimensions of forestry, including the contributions of forests and trees to poverty reduction and food security and nutrition. Staff of the Division liaise with member countries, civil society and the private sector in aspects ranging from development of effective forest policies to forest conservation and management issues and strengthening the role of forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Division also collects, analyses and disseminates information on the world's forest resources and on the production, trade and consumption of wood and non-wood forest products.

The post is located in the Forests and Climate Team of the Forestry Division. The consultant will coordinate the Assuring the Future of Forests through Integrated Risk Management (AFFIRM) Mechanism, which is being implemented by FAO in collaboration with the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization and funded by the Korea Forest Service. The objective of this global project is to strengthen countries' capacities to anticipate and manage risks to forests, especially wildfires. AFFIRM will be piloted in three countries (Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Viet Nam) through development of integrated risk management plans and risk reduction activities. It will feed into a Global Fire Management Hub, which is being co-developed by FAO and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

Reporting Lines

The consultant will work under the overall supervision of the Forests and Climate Team Leader and the direct supervision of the Forest Fire Management Officer in regular liaison with the RAP Senior Forestry Officer.

Technical Focus

The consultancy aims to support FAO's work on integrated fire management through implementation of the

AFFIRM Mechanism.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Plan, manage and monitor the AFFIRM Mechanism, ensuring the sound implementation of activities according to the project document.
- Coordinate delivery of project outputs including: establishment of pilot sites in Cambodia, Laos PDR and Viet Nam; development of integrated risk management plans for the three pilot sites; development of methodologies for conducting disturbance risk assessments and recommendations for risk reduction actions; AFFIRM's contribution to the Global Fire Management Hub.
- Provide technical supervision to the national consultants hired in Cambodia, Laos PDR and Viet Nam and ensure quality of the deliverables.
- Organize country, regional and global meetings and also specific events to support knowledge management.
- Establish and maintain consistent and close contact with governmental and non-governmental partners, and FAO decentralized offices, associated with the implementation of the project to move it forward, according to the established planning.
- Perform other related tasks as requested.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- University degree in Forestry, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Environmental Sciences, or related field.
- At least seven years' relevant experience in issues related to fire management and/or integrated risk management.
- Working knowledge (level C) of English and limited knowledge (level B) of another FAO official language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish). For PSA, working knowledge of English is required.

FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Selection Criteria

- Extent and relevance of experience in issues related to fire management / integrated risk management
- Extent and relevance of experience with forestry issues in Southeast Asia
- Demonstrated project management skills
- Excellent communication skills

Please note that all candidates should adhere to FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency

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