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Deadline For Application: 28 July 2017

JOB TITLE: National Expert (Climate Change Capacity Development and Mainstreaming)

TYPE OF CONTRACT: National Consultant (Republic of Vanuatu)

DUTY STATION: Port Vila, Vanuatu

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION, CBC

DURATION: 11 months (with possibility of extension up to 18 months)

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.

Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.

All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Organizational Setting

The Climate and Environment Division of FAO assists member countries in policy development, planning and responses towards the challenges of climate change; This includes the promotion of adaptive capacities and climate resilience, as well as the mitigation of climate change within agricultural sectors, and support to Disaster Risk Reduction in context of extreme climate risks and extreme events. It provides a coordination role in FAO on climate change and related issues as well as disaster risk reduction and climate risk management. The Division also serves as the focal point for a multidisciplinary and global approach to bioenergy. The international consultancy position is to support implementation of the project "Assisting Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to integrate the agricultural sectors into climate change priorities and nationally determined contributions (NDCs)" and located in the Climate Impact, Adaptation and Environment Team.

Reporting Lines

The national expert will work under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative for the Republic of Vanuatu, FAO Subregional Coordinator in Apia, Samoa and technical supervision of Lead Technical Officer (LTO) of the project (GCP/GLO/726/ITA), and relevant technical units in regional and subregional offices of FAO and in close collaboration with the climate change advisor (The Pacific Islands), and other project staff and partner agencies.

Technical Focus

Climate change adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction with specific focus on integration of agricultural sectoral perspectives into climate change priorities and nationally determined contributions (NDCs)

Tasks and responsibilities

The National Expert (Climate Change Capacity Development and Mainstreaming) will conduct the following major tasks at national level in the Republic of Vanuatu:

- lead the capacity development and climate change mainstreaming processes and provide technical support to integrate agricultural sector priorities into the climate change policies, plans and NDCs;
- prepare a detailed workplan together with the climate change advisor and systematically implement the plan at the national level along with the national counterpart agencies;
- organize and conduct policy dialogues, workshops/meetings, brain storming sessions at the national level to explain the project objectives and activities and to identify priorities related to climate change adaptation and mitigation in agriculture sectors
- prepare and implement a road map to integrate agricultural and food security perspectives into climate change policies, plans and strategies; and NAP/NAMA/DRM plans and NDCs;
- synthesize information on climate risks, vulnerabilities and impacts of climate change on agricultural sectors at the country level;
- collect and analyze relevant primary and secondary data related to climate change impacts, adaptation and mitigation from the national, district and community levels as and when required;
- identify existing analysis tools, methods, data and information at the national level for climate change adaptation and mitigation planning in the agricultural sectors;
- conduct training needs assessments and organize national/local level training programmes, awareness creation process and prepare relevant training and awareness raising resources;
- Assist with integration of gender perspectives into the training manuals produced by the project
- support to organize adaptation pilots to test and familiarize viable adaptation practices and new innovations at community levels and liaise with the NGOs and civil society organizations for successful implementation of the adaptation pilot projects;
- facilitate broader replication of successfully tested adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction practices and technology options;
- assist the national counterparts, the climate change advisor at subregional level and LTO of the project to prepare climate change programmes for potential financing through GCF and other climate funds;
- assist project monitoring and evaluation activities including collection of baseline information, stocktaking of ongoing and completed projects on climate change adaptation and mitigation in agricultural sectors; and
- prepare periodical reports and submit to FAOR and concerned technical officers.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Master degree in agriculture/livestock/fisheries, natural resources management and/or related subjects together with climate change capacity development, mainstreaming and programming expertise.
- Experience of policy support, mainstreaming and preparation of climate change programme/project proposals will be an advantage.
- Working knowledge of English.

FAO Core Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Extent and relevance of work experience in the Republic of Vanuatu
- Extent and relevance of experience or knowledge of issues related to climate change and agriculture in the Republic of Vanuatu
- Extent and relevance of experience in the formulation of development/investment projects related to climate change in agriculture
- Extent and relevance of experience in implementation and monitoring of programme/projects and in providing technical assistance/ support to Small Island Developing States in the field of climate change adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction in agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation of technical and policy reports, guidelines and manuals in the fields of climate change adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction in agriculture, forestry and fisheries, and related capacity development activities
- Working knowledge of local language will be considered an asset.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
- FAO does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
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Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

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