As part of the REDD+ Readiness Development Process, the country must consider a number of approaches to address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and strengthen land use management. 

Partnership Facility (FCF) to launch a project that will run until the end of 2018. This programme has been supported by the UN-REDD Programme and is now being aided by the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCF) to reduce levels of deforestation and help to maintain and protect the natural forest.

PNG has been a leading proponent of REDD+ at the international level, and has made significant progress in developing a mechanism for Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) being developed through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Asia-Pacific REDD+ Partnership.

Please note that UNDP is not in the position to accept incomplete applications – please make sure that your application contains all details as specified below in this notice.

Application Deadline: 30th November 2015
Location: Port Moresby
Duration: 90 days over 6 months from November 2015 - April 2016
English
Type of Contract: Individual Consultant

Agri-monothermal Comodities in PNG

Internationally Consultant to undertake an Assessment of Sustainable Farming

Terms of Reference

REDD+ Readiness Project - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

UNDP, United Nations Development Programme – Papua New Guinea
Cocoa:

- What is the baseline situation of sustainable commodity certification and how is this expected to change in the future?

- What government agencies and other stakeholders are involved in key agricultural commodities?

- Forest clearance, capacity building and strengthening of value chains?

- What is their potential for expansion (in terms of land area, revenue, tax receipts and related sectoral impacts)?

- What is the scale of production, what have been the impacts of their expansion on forests?
Assess existing expertise of agricultural sustainability certification of key commodities.

- Draw on modeling expertise.

- Including priority areas of land and scale of expansion, compared to available land (in collaboration with

- Assess existing scale of production and potential level of expansion of agricultural commodities in PNG

Domestic Environment:

- Potential value added by such standards.

- Identifying key domestic or international standards for commodities (palm oil, coffee and cocoa) and the

- Providing recommendations on mechanisms to increase market demand/visibility for PNG commodities

- Production of agricultural commodities in PNG.

- Identifying key international stakeholders, producers and (potential) investors with interests in the

- Projected impact on businesses as well as commitment to sustainable and (potentially) produced commodities.

- Identifying and future international demand for sustainably produced agricultural commodities and

International Environment:

- Staff and the UNDP Regional Technical Advisor, key elements of the assessment will include:

- Working in close consultation and coordination with the national consultant government, UNDP and FCP.

The international expert will take conceptual leadership of the tasks under this assignment, while also

SCOPe OF ASSIgnMENT AND METHOdOLOGY

From PNG:

- What opportunities exist in international commodity markets for sourcing sustainable products

- What is the feasibility of establishing a multi-sectoral dialogue mechanism for key commodities

- What are the key challenges to meeting globally recognised certification standards?

- Creating PNG-specific national standards and regulations for key commodities

- What is the feasibility of executing a national law for certifying sustainable commodity certification and/or

- What capital is required and what stakeholders exist among different stakeholders

- What is the role and use planning and what needs to be done to sustain, develop and implement plans

- How would policies support the sustainable certification of key agricultural commodities

- How can policies (and other stakeholders) be engaged in support agricultural commodity policy reforms and improvements?
The work will be undertaken over a six month period from October 2003, with the international consultant conducting a small inception workshop

4. TIME FRAME AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

To build this body of information and develop recommendations it is anticipated that the international consultant will conduct:

- a basic road map of how sustainable agricultural commodity production could be integrated into PNG's national legal framework
- policies and measures to strengthen tenant farming and multi-stakeholder dialogue mechanisms
- capacity development needs in government and other stakeholders to implement the proposed agricultural commodities
- producer's displacement of other land uses into forest areas due to use of non-forest land for investments
- key benefits and challenges of proposals – e.g. increased market volatility, increased barriers to entry for new enterprises
- overall recommendations for set of policies and measures that can be adopted to reduce the risk of extensive expansion of key agricultural commodities into forest areas including: feasibility of adoption,

- improved mapping and marketing of PNG commodities and identifiy recommendations to improve supply chain efficiency, promoting small farmers, reducing ‘no go zones’, value adding, low-value, high-value products, and achieving an overall increase in value addition/mainstreaming of standards; provision of training, market access, and use of existing or new enterprise strategies and export

- human capacity - these points will link closely with the human assessment below.
- other policy responses (e.g. extension, rural, etc.)
- identity institutional and operational challenges to adopting international or domestic standards or existing regulatory frameworks.
Fluency in written and spoken English.

Language Requirements

- Experience of PNG and the Pacific is an advantage.
- Communication skills.
- Strong inter-personal skills, in particular, demonstrating team leadership qualities and excellent oral
- Knowledge of REDD+, in particular, in areas concerning economics and financing, would be in
denrequest.
- Policy and economic analysis of the land use sector important experience with palm oil
differentiation.
- Experience with agricultural commodities necessary. Particular work with sustainable standards and
- A minimum of 5 years progressive experience in natural resources management or a related field.
- Post-graduate degree (MSc or PhD) in agriculture, natural resources economics, development
- Work experience

Education

6. DEGREE OF EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Workshop with key stakeholders to present the recommendations
- Final report incorporating feedback from key stakeholders and project staff.
- Next steps:
- A short policy brief summarizing the findings of the assessment for use by key policy makers and
- Other recommendations and outline of steps to enhance assessment.
- Draft of A SDEI report including proposed structure of final report; initial findings within key areas,
- Items as applicable:
- The information from the SDEI report and other SDEI deliverables, summarize key findings
- Development of a national action plan in collaboration with a national expert, deliver the following out:

5. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The consultant will be required to work under the overall direction of the UNDP Project Manager.

The consultant will be responsible for:

- Presenting findings and gather feedback on their recommendations.
- Follow-up the development of draft report the consultant will also conduct a validation workshop to
- Present potential options with key stakeholders at the national level and will follow this with further
- Stakeholder consultations.

The consultant will be responsible for:

- Finalizing and presenting the final draft report to the stakeholders.
- Submitting the final report to the project manager.

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Language Requirements - 20 points

- Experience of PNG and the Pacific is an advantage.
- Communication skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills in particular, demonstrated team leadership skills, and excellent oral communication and presentation skills in English.
- Knowledge of REED+ in particular in areas concerning economics and financing would be an advantage.
- Knowledge of agricultural commodities in particular in policy and project response to address the economic and financial sustainability of the land use sector.
- Experience carrying out agricultural sector assessments and/or economic analysis of the land use sector.
- A minimum of 7 years progressive experience in natural resources economics, finance, law or management of a related field.

Experience - 20 points

- Economics, Finance, or closely related field.
- Post-graduate degree (MSc or PhD) in agriculture, natural resource economics, development economics, or closely related field.

Education - 20 points

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the individual consultant’s technical proposals:

Technical Criteria

The award of contract shall be based on the individual consultant who receives the highest cumulative score.

Other proposals fees

Recieve points in inverse proportion to the lowest fee. [30 points / US$ lowest] / [US$ others] = points for each proposal. The maximum 20 points will be allocated to the lowest financial bid and all other bids shall receive 0 points as no technical evaluation will be conducted.

Stage Two (Financial Evaluation): The financial proposals of all the individual consultants who passed Stage One (Technical Evaluation of Proposals) will be evaluated.

Stage Three (Technical Evaluation of Proposals): All Individual Consultants Proposals will be evaluated. The Technical and Financial Proposal submitted to the International Expert will be evaluated on the basis of the weight of the technical criteria (70%) and of the financial proposal (30%). The evaluation will be performed in two stages:

- Regional Hub Technical Advisor
- Sum Proposal submitted to the INDP PNG Country Office in consultation with the INDP Bangkok Office

Applicants will be evaluated based on the offer which gives the best value for money based on the Lump Sum Proposal.

7. EVALUATION OF APPLICANTS


**Application Procedures**

1. **Preparation**:
   - Qualified candidates are required to apply by 09 November 2015 by sending their application packages.
   - Please make sure you have provided all requested materials.

2. **Eligibility**:
   - The outcome is based on the selection process where the number of applications we receive are only the successful candidates are encouraged to apply.

3. **General Terms and Conditions**:
   - The UN Security directives set forth under circumstances where UN Security is designated by the UN Medical Director. Candidates are also required to comply with certain conditions as described by the UN Medical Director. Candidates are also responsible for ensuring they have **vaccinations**/inoculations when traveling to locations where they are required.

4. **Fees**:
   - Fees will be made only upon confirmation by UNDP on delivery on the contract obligations in a subsequent manner.

5. **Costs**:
   - Please note that the **financial proposal is all-inclusive** and shall take into account various expenses.

6. **Travel**:
   - Please note all travel outside of Port Moresby will be covered by UNDP.

7. **Application**:
   - The application should contain:
     - A letter explaining why you are the most suitable candidate for the advertised position and the subject line "UNDP - Sustainable Agricultural Commodities".
     - The cover letter and the attached resume/detailed curriculum vitae that includes a breakdown of this lump sum amount, the number of months worked and any other information.
     - A financial proposal including past experience in similar projects and contact details of referees.
     - The letter into the "Resuming and relocating" section of the electronic application form will apply to all candidates.

8. **Submission**:
   - Please send your application to the subject line "UNDP - Sustainable Agricultural Commodities".