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I. Post Information

Post Title: JPO Post Number:

Organizational Unit: UNDP

Supervisor/ Grade: Senior Regional Technical

Advisor

Source of Funding

Classification Approved by:

Duration: 12 months **Duty Station:** Panama city

II. Organizational Context

The UNDP REDD+ team is based in UNDP's Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (BPPS). It is currently part of the BPPS group supporting the delivery of the Sustainable Development work area of UNDP's Strategic Plan 2014-17.

Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation, as defined by the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), is referred to as "REDD+". UNDP's REDD+ Team is spread globally, with advisors in New York, Geneva and Oslo. Regional teams are located in UNDP's Regional Centres in Bangkok (Asia-Pacific) and Panama (Latin America and the Caribbean), while the regional team for Africa is in Nairobi in order to be co-located with UNEP's REDD+ Team. The regional teams support UNDP's country offices and partners in their region. Support to UNDP country offices is coordinated closely with the Regional Bureaux.

The REDD+ team is responsible for a growing portfolio of \$100m. The work is primarily concentrated in the UN-REDD Programme, a collaborative partnership with FAO and UNEP. UNDP is also a Delivery Partner for the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF). In addition, the team is responsible for other REDD+ initiatives and ensuring overall quality assurance. The team especially works closely with the UNDP-GEF team to provide guidance on GEF-funded projects related to REDD+ and with the Low Emissions, Climate Resilient Development (LECRD) team to ensure UNDP's efforts on REDD+ contribute to broader transformational change. The team can support the REDD+ initiatives of the regions and country offices and provide quality assurance on a full cost-recovery basis.

III. Functions / Key Results Expected

Summary of Key Functions:

With the expansion of the regional UNDP REDD+ team in Panama, a wide range of services and a higher degree of technical assistance are being requested from partner countries. Needs include: 1) support and promote appropriate approaches for Gender and stakeholder engagement, participation, consultation, national dialogues and training of stakeholders and UN staffs; 2) support the application of normative guidance and design tools in collaboration with stakeholders to support national-level efforts; 3) support partner countries develop appropriate multi-stakeholder processes for the development of national REDD+ strategies.

a. Support the implementation of relevant elements of the UN-REDD Programme Strategy related to stakeholder engagement and gender

- Support the identification and sourcing of technical expertise in stakeholder engagement and gender for national and regional activities , including the preparation of TORs, identification and evaluation of experts and reviewing reports
- Support the implementation of UN-REDD Targeted Support related to stakeholder engagement and gender activities
- Support the application of the joint UN-REDD Programme and World Bank-hosted Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Guidelines on Stakeholder Engagement and Gender in REDD+ Readiness, with focus in a brother participation of key stakeholder in the national programmes (private sector, NGO's, Government Inst)

b. Provide technical advisory services on stakeholder engagement and gender to national teams, institutional partners and stakeholders

- Support efforts to ensure stakeholder engagement and gender considerations are integrated into national REDD+ readiness processes;
- Support coordination among areas of UNDP's REDD+ work and with other relevant initiatives in the region;
- Contribute to the preparation of UN-REDD Programme and UNDP documents and papers and internal briefing notes.

c. Contribute to Knowledge Management and reporting

- Contribute to the preparation of lessons and the uptake of best practices and knowledge:
- Review guidelines, advisory notes, publications and the like;
- Assist with the preparation of Community of Practice and similar meetings;
- Respond to gueries on progress, impacts and lessons.

IV. Impact of Results

The results of the work will directly impact on the standing and reputation of the UN-REDD Programme, and of UNDP as an effective and genuine promoter of REDD+. These range from being a trusted partner for delivering expected results, to demonstrating UNDP's ability to meet the standards as a delivery partner for the FCPF in the area of stakeholder engagement.

V. Competencies

Technical Competencies:

- Capacity to work with multiple stakeholders across a wide range of disciplines
- Specific understanding of the concept and practice of REDD+; broad knowledge on climate change
- Knowledge of local community issues related to REDD+
- Knowledge on gender issues related to REDD+
- Excellent writing, communication and presentation skills
- Full computer literacy

Corporate Competencies:

- Demonstrates integrity by modeling the UN's values and ethical standards
- Promote vision, mission, and strategic goals of the UN-REDD programme

Functional Competencies:

- Ability for strategic plan, process change, result based management and reporting
- Ability to support the oversight of implementation, monitoring and evalution of development projects
- Ability to seek and apply knowledge, information, and best practices from within and outside UNDP
- Ability to remain calm and good humored under pressure
- Demonstrated facilitation and coordination skills

VI. Recruitment Qualifications	
Education:	 Master's Degree in rural development, agricultural economics, natural resources management or other related themes.
Experience:	 2 years experience in developing countries working on rural development, agricultural economics, natural resources management or other related themes. Having worked on REDD+ is an asset
Language Requirements:	 Excellent command of written and spoken English is essential;
	Proficiency in Spanish is required.