

Terms of Reference
United Nations Development Programme
Anti-Corruption/Local Governance and Climate Change Specialist

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| Location: | Home-Based |
| Type of Contract: | Individual Contract |
| Post Level: | International Consultant |
| Languages Required: | English and Spanish |
| Commencement Date: | 18 April 2011 |
| End Date: | 10 June 2011 |
| Duration: | 40 days |

Background

The UN Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in developing countries (UN-REDD Programme) is a partnership of FAO, UNDP and UNEP seeking to assist developing countries prepare and implement national REDD+ strategies. In the UN-REDD Programme UNDP is the lead agency on governance and transparent, equitable and accountable management of REDD+ payments.¹

The UN-REDD Programme has integrated activities on anti-corruption as a core element of its five-year Programme strategy.² These activities include guidance on institutional frameworks for equitable, transparent and accountable benefit distribution systems in REDD+, integrity of fiduciary systems for receiving and disbursement of funds, coordination of anti-corruption activities at the national, regional and international level, and support and capacity building towards multi stakeholder mechanisms to mitigate corruption risks.

In 2010 UNDP produced a first report, “Staying on Track: Tackling Corruption Risks in Climate Change.”³ The report dedicates a chapter to corruption risks in REDD+, and included recommendations on how to tackle these risks, including “*the need to strengthen transparency and accountability of local governance institutions and systems.*” This report needs however to be complemented by a more in depth analysis of the role of local governance in responding to corruption risks in REDD+ in different regional settings.

UNDP is seeking a consultant to develop a report providing guidance on the role of local governance institutions in preventing corruption risks in REDD+ in the Latin American context.

Duties and Responsibilities

¹ See UN-REDD Programme 5 year strategy 2011-2015, available at http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4302&Itemid=53

² Ibid. See also UN-REDD Programme Scope of work on anti corruption, draft of November 2010.

³ Available at <http://www.undp.org/energyandenvironment>

The Consultant will develop a report on the role of local governance institutions in preventing corruption risks in the forest sector, and how lessons learned can apply to the REDD+ context. This report will examine case studies in different decentralization contexts in select countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. The tasks and outputs are as follows:

1. Detailed outline including:
 - a. Case studies on local governance responses to corruption risks in the forest and land-use sectors and in benefit distribution systems such as payment for ecosystem services. Countries with different decentralization contexts should be examined, with an emphasis on Latin American countries that are currently partners to the UN-REDD Programme (Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Mexico, Panama and Paraguay) as well as Brazil.
 - b. Extract best practices and lessons learned.
 - c. Provide recommendations on how these can be applied in the REDD+ context.
 - d. Provide recommendations on the role of UNDP in supporting these recommendations, drawing from existing local governance programmes.
2. Upon approval of the outline, draft a 30 page report for review of the UNDP democratic governance and REDD teams;
3. Conduct further research (as needed) and prepare a revised draft of the document according to the comments and guidance of UNDP;
4. Finalize the document as per input received on revised draft above;
5. Be prepared to make a presentation of the study;

The report can be prepared in English or Spanish.

The Consultant will report to the Governance and Decentralization Policy Advisor, with input and guidance from members of UNDP's Environment and Energy Group in the Panama regional center and headquarter units in New York. The Proposed Timeline is as follows:

25 April: Detailed outline submitted
25 May: Draft submitted
10 June: Paper completed and submitted
(later date to be determined): presentation

Competencies

- Demonstrate excellent and effective written skills;
- Ability to manage multiple tasks, set deadlines and plan work independently;
- Ability to work in a dynamic, multi-disciplinary environment;
- Set clear priorities and be able to meet key deadlines under pressure;

- Ability to synthesize and summarize complex information;
- Be a team player and support other UNDP colleagues in their work; and
- Display cultural, gender and political sensitivity in the workplace.

Required Skills and Experience

- At least 8 years of experience in local governance and development in Latin America;
- Masters degree in development, environment, or related field required;
- Excellent knowledge of anti-corruption frameworks;
- Familiarity with climate change mitigation and REDD+;
- Familiarity with UNDP's work on local governance and corruption;
- Experience drafting UN reports, presentations, and other products is an asset ;
- Fluency in English or Spanish

Additional Information

- The professionals who submit an expression of interest should send an economic proposal in dollars of the United States of America.
- The contract signed does not involve any fees in advance at the beginning of the consultancy.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please make sure you have provided all requested materials.