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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

REDD+ Finance – Consultant

United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative

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ORGANIZATIONAL LOCATION:	United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative
DUTY STATION:	Geneva, Switzerland
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:	Project consultant, REDD+ Finance (UNEP FI)
DURATION:	11 months beginning 16 April 2012 (with possibility of renewal)
CLOSING DATE:	16 of March 2012

About UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)

The United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) is a unique global partnership between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the global financial sector.

UNEP FI works with over 200 banks, insurers and investment firms to understand the impacts of environmental, social and governance issues on financial performance and sustainable development. Through its Industry Commissions, Thematic Groups and Regional Task Forces, UNEP FI carries out its mission to identify, promote, and realise the adoption of best environmental and sustainability practice at all levels of financial institution operations.

About UNEP FI's work on REDD+

In 2011 UNEP FI initiated its activities in the domain of 'forest-based climate change mitigation' by issuing two publications, under the title of "REDDy-Set-Grow", targeted at financial institutions in the private sector as well as policy makers and international REDD+ negotiators.

UNEP FI, in partnership with other UN organisations is now embarking on a process to work together with our private sector members to stimulate engagement and investment by private sector actors – specifically banks, investors and insurance firms – in the implementation of REDD+. This will be done by a comprehensive UNEP FI work programme on REDD+, including the organisation of events and investor fora, research and the development of analytical tools.

Core Responsibilities

In line with the work programme delivered during the UNEP FI Annual General Meetings and approved by UNEP, the consultant will carry out the following core responsibilities integral to the work of UNEP FI with its signatories and partners. The REDD+ Finance Consultant will report directly to the Biodiversity & Water Programme Officer and the Climate Change Programme Officer, and will operate under the direction of the Head and Deputy Head of UNEP FI.

Tasks and responsibilities include:

- **Events.** The conceptualisation, organisation, and delivery of events, in the format of 'investor and policy fora', both at the national level in a set of specific forested countries as well as alongside the UNFCCC negotiations.

- *Writing.* Drafting briefing documents for investors and policy-makers/negotiators, articles and the results of any analytical work undertaken.
- *Analysis.* Undertaking research and analysis on national and international policies on REDD+ funding (Phase 3), as well as on financial engineering and investment models for REDD+ implementation.
- *Network management.* Managing a network of UNEP FI members and external partners on an ongoing basis, and in a structured manner.
- *Outreach and communications.* Disseminating information about the project's deliverables and outcomes to UNEP FI members and beyond. Assist in building and maintaining strategic partnerships with key stakeholders, especially policy makers, climate change negotiators, and other international/multilateral organisations, non-governmental organisations, industry initiatives and associations, and academia.

Qualifications & Experience

Skills. Expertise and experience in the fields of finance and the environment is critical. Given the specificity of this project, we are looking for applicants with proven knowledge of climate finance, the UNFCCC process, particularly of issues related to REDD+ and other forms of forest-based mitigation; capacity to operate in multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary processes and skill to manage networks; Excellent communication skills in English (in writing and speech), including the ability to draft and edit a variety of materials (scientific reports, studies, communication materials, etc.); ability to work independently.

Experience. At least 2 years of experience in international organisations, relevant areas in the financial services sector, or in a relevant NGO. Professional experience specifically on REDD+ and/or related areas in the space of climate change mitigation and its financing is considered a strong asset.

Academic background. Degree in economics, finance, environmental studies, international relations, business administration or related fields.

Languages. English is the working language of UNEP FI. Fluency in oral and written English is essential. Fluency in other languages is desirable.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your CV and a Cover Letter in English to recruitment [at]unepfi.org by the closing day mentioned above.

Please ensure that you attach your cover letter as a separate document, rather than in the e-mail body.
