

# Consultancy Announcement

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UN-REDD PROGRAMME

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Functional Title: Consultants – UN-REDD Programme Evaluation  
Date of issuance: 8 July 2013  
Deadline for applications: 19 July 2013  
Organization: UN-REDD Programme  
Duration: September 2013 - February 2014  
Duty Station: Home-based

## **Background**

At the ninth UN-REDD Programme Policy Board meeting the Board requested that an independent, external evaluation of the UN-REDD Programme be undertaken in 2013. A work plan and process for the evaluation was subsequently approved by the Policy Board at the tenth Policy Board meeting.

The main purpose of the evaluation is to make a broad and representative assessment of the programme performance in terms of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability and up-scaling, and to the extent possible determine impacts stemming from the programme. The evaluation has 3 specific objectives: (i) to provide evidence of results to meet accountability requirements, (ii) to promote learning, feedback and knowledge sharing through results and lessons learned among the Policy Board, participating UN Organizations and other partners, and, (iii) to inform revision of the UN-Programme Strategy.

The scope of the evaluation is the UN-REDD Programme over the five year period from the time of its inception, 20 June 2008, to the time of evaluation, mid-2013. The evaluation will encompass the activities and geographical scope of the UN-REDD Programme as a whole, including both the 16 UN-REDD National Programmes and the Support to National REDD+ Action - Global Programme. The primary audience for the evaluation will be the UN-REDD Policy Board, and the three participating UN Organizations of the UN-REDD Programme. The secondary audience for the evaluation will be other REDD+ initiatives, along with the broader REDD+ community.

The Evaluation will be overseen by an Evaluation Management Group (EMG), comprising the three participating UN Organizations' evaluation departments (UNEP Evaluation Office, FAO Office of Evaluation and UNDP Evaluation Office). The Evaluation Office of UNEP will manage and administer the evaluation in close consultation with the FAO and UNDP evaluation offices.

The Evaluation will take place between September 2013 and February 2014.

The Evaluation Team will consist of three evaluators, including one team leader. The Evaluation Team will be responsible for conducting the evaluation as described in the overall TORs of the evaluation (draft TORs, currently under review by PB members until 31 July, can be downloaded under PB10 documents, under Session VI: <http://www.un-redd.org/PolicyBoard/10thPolicyBoard/tabid/106379/Default.aspx>), and for applying the approach and methods they will propose in the inception report, under supervision of and in consultation with the EMG.

## **Interested candidates should meet the following requirements:**

### **Team Leader:**

- Advanced university degree in Forestry, Environmental sciences, international development or other relevant social science areas;
- Minimum 15 years of professional working experience;

- Substantive experience in leading evaluations of similar types of programmes, including using a Theory of Change approach;
- Experience in working with the UN system;
- In-depth knowledge and good technical understanding of REDD+, forestry and Climate Change issues;
- First-hand experience in large, global programme coordination and management;
- Excellent writing and editing skills in English;
- Working level of at least one among the following languages required: French or Spanish.

**Supporting Consultants:**

- Advanced university degree in Forestry, Environmental sciences, international development or other relevant social science areas;
- Minimum 10 years of professional working experience;
- Experience of having taken part in evaluations of similar types of programmes, including using a Theory of Change approach;
- Proven expertise in at least 3 of the following subjects: Sustainable forest management; gender equity, indigenous peoples and other social and cultural issues; REDD+; Climate Change Financing; Knowledge management and communication; Partnerships;
- Excellent writing skills in English;
- Working level of at least one among the following languages required: French or Spanish.

The Evaluation Team members shall have had no previous direct involvement in the formulation or implementation of the UN-REDD Programme. All members of the Evaluation Team will sign the Evaluation Consultant Code of Conduct Agreement Form (Annex 3 of the TORs).

This will be a home-based assignment involving several country visits. Consultants will be recruited on individual consultancy contracts. Consultancy fees for this assignment will be determined by the budget available for this evaluation, the estimated level of effort and the level of experience of the consultants in line with the standard UN remuneration scale.

Interested candidates should send their CV and short expression of interest (maximum 300 words) to [michael.carbon@unep.org](mailto:michael.carbon@unep.org), copied to [Sharon.MCAUSLAN@un-redd.org](mailto:Sharon.MCAUSLAN@un-redd.org) latest by 19 July 2013.