



Government of Nepal

Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment

“Enhancing Capacity, Knowledge and Technology Support to Build Climate Resilience of Vulnerable Developing Countries”

Terms of Reference

National Policy Specialist (2016-2017)

Joint project of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the National Development and Reform Commission of China (NDRC)

BACKGROUND

The adverse effects of climate change are being experienced by local communities within a wide range of economic sectors in developing countries across Africa and Asia-Pacific. The overall goal of this GEF project is “to reduce the vulnerability of LDC and developing African and Asia-Pacific countries to climate change impacts by providing capacity, knowledge and technology support”. The project comprises three components to be implemented over four years (2013-2017), namely: i) **Inter-regional coordination and capacity building** for African and Asia-Pacific developing countries to plan and implement Ecosystem-Based Adaptation (EBA); ii) **Inter-regional online EBA knowledge support**; and iii) The transfer of **EBA technologies** to pilot African and Asia-Pacific countries supported by national and local level capacity building and knowledge support. The latter component consists of concrete, on-the-ground EBA interventions in Seychelles, Nepal and Mauritania, representing coastal, mountain and arid/semi-arid ecosystems respectively.

Community-based watershed restoration (495 ha) through EBA technologies will be implemented in Nepal within a long-term research framework. The interventions will be conducted in the Village Development Committees (VDCs) of Lamjung district in Nepal, which is highly vulnerable to climate change effects. Within the four year period of the project there will be considerable adaptation benefits obtained by the implementation of watershed restoration. For example, if fast growing indigenous tree species are planted at the outset of the project some of the benefits will include the development of a canopy cover which protects soils, the fixation of nitrogen into soils which will boost agricultural productivity, and the production of fodder and fruits. Research on the effects of these interventions and information from other projects will provide an evidence-base for future EBA up scaling.

A National Policy Specialist (NPS) will be hired for this project. The incumbent is expected to provide policy advice for achieving project objectives.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The NPS will be evaluated in accordance with the successful implementation of project activities. The responsibilities of the NPS will include:

- Produce policy briefs on EBA and climate change adaptation using information obtained from other specialists to inform the public awareness campaign in Nepal.
- Propose revisions to relevant sector policies, plans and strategies to mainstream EBA in Nepal.
- Align policy briefs and proposed revisions with changes in national strategies and policies in response to the Gorkha earthquake.
- Provide specialized technical and capacity building support to the NFP.
- Other relevant activities assigned by the NFP.

Key deliverables:

- Policy briefs on EBA interventions in Nepal (Final draft by June 2017);
- Proposal for revisions of relevant sector policies, plans and strategies of Nepal (Final draft by June 2017);
- Annual and semi-annual reports on the activities conducted by the NES to support the project concepts.
- Quarterly progress reports based on the format provided

REPORTING

The NPS will report to the National Focal Point (NFP) of Nepal.

TIME-FRAME

The NPS is a part time consultant of the project and the contract will be a period of two year (2016-2017). The initial contract will be for a period of one year, and subject to a satisfactory performance appraisal, renewable to another one year could be done.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- At least an advanced post-graduate or above Master's level degree, preferably Ph.D. in climate change adaptation or a related discipline. e.g. natural resource management
- A minimum of 5 years' research experience in environment management and/or natural resources management.
- Excellent policy analysis and report writing skills
- Good communication and computer skills.
- Fluent in spoken and written English and undertake field works.
- Experience working at field sites.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Please submit your application with latest CV and cover letter to the registration section of the MoSTE in office days "National Policy Specialist position" as the subject.
- Application deadline: 1 October, 2015

Disclaimer:

1. The successful applicant shall not be a staff member of the United Nations or UNEP or Government of Nepal.
2. United Nations or UNEP shall neither be responsible nor liable for any claims which may arise from this employment.
3. In case of dispute prevailing Nepal law will be enforced.