



INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Date: **13 October 2014**

Country: Republic of Moldova

Description of the assignment: International Consultant on development of climate change adaptation sector specific policies

Project name: Supporting Moldova's National Climate Change Adaptation Planning Process

Period of assignment/services: November 2014 - July 2015 (up to 32 working days)

Proposal should be submitted online by pressing the "Apply Online", no later than October 26, 2014.

Requests for **clarification only** must be sent by standard electronic communication to the following e-mail: valeria.ieseanu@undp.org. UNDP will respond by standard electronic mail and will send written copies of the response, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry, to all applicants.

1. BACKGROUND

The Republic of Moldova's economy, population, and environment are highly vulnerable to climate variability and change. According to a range of studies, including the Republic of Moldova's Second National Communication and Third National Communication under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 2009/2010 National Human Development Report, the impacts of climate change are expected to intensify as changes in temperature and precipitation affect economic activity.

Responding to the risks posed by climate change requires a coordinated and concerted effort on the part of the Government of Moldova. The three year project "Supporting Moldova's National Climate Change Adaptation Planning Process" supported by the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) with funding from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management and implemented by UNDP Moldova in partnership with the Ministry of Environment and its Climate Change Office, is responding to this need.

The overall goal of the project is to ensure that Moldova has a system and capacities in place for medium- to long term adaptation planning and budgeting with the overall aim to reduce vulnerability of the population and key sectors to the impacts of climate change. The main project objective is to support Moldova to put in place its National Adaptation Planning process

contributing to and building upon existing development planning strategies and processes and to implement priority adaptation actions.

This assignment will contribute to attainment of the Output 1 of the Project, which aims at developing country-driven, gender-sensitive and participatory National Adaptation Plan as well as an institutionalised, iterative adaptation planning process, taking into consideration vulnerable sectors, groups, communities and ecosystems and should engage all relevant stakeholders.

The Project will contract an International Consultant on policy development in Forestry (Silviculture) sector with knowledge in climate change adaptation (CCA) to support the national team of Forestry sector of Moldova (national consultants and Forestry sector working group, relevant stakeholders) to develop the Draft of Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (CCAS) and Action Plan of Forestry sector of Moldova for 2015-2025 as part of country's efforts to address the growing challenge of climate change. The Strategy and its Action Plan will contribute to developing sector's capacity to adapt to climate change and reduce the costs of adaptation, where possible. During the previous activities under the NAP Project Forestry sector was top rated by national consultants and stakeholders to receive further Project support in developing sector specific climate change adaptation policy.

Agency Moldsilva is the central public administration body on state policy in forestry and hunting in the country. The general task of the Agency is to implement the constitutional prerogatives and international ratified obligations of the Republic of Moldova on development, promotion and implementation of its policy in forestry, directed on the international trends of socio-economic sustainable development, rural development, rural employment, sustainable forestry, development, guarding, forests and wildlife protection, maintenance and conservation of biodiversity, professional training, access to environmental benefits and forestry research and education.

Agency Moldsilva is subordinated directly to the Government of the Republic of Moldova and performs its activity according to Governmental decision Nr. 150 from 02.Nr.150 from 02.03.2010.

The development of CCAS for Forestry sector of Moldova should be done in line with the provisions set out in national legislation (see below). While developing sectoral policy according to the national regulations is an important part of the assignment, considerations should be paid to EU regulations in relation to CCA policies of Forestry sector. As adaptation planning within Climate Change Adaptation Framework developed by the NAP Project is foreseen as an iterative process, it is envisaged that sectoral plans, including that of Forestry sector will be reviewed and updated every 4 years.

Development of sectoral CCA policy documents will be done in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner, through intensive consultations with Forestry sector stakeholders. The process will allow for inputs from all relevant stakeholders, particularly those, who will be expected to play a key role in implementing the actions under the Action Plan. Policy decisions taken at sector level potentially, may also affect other sectors indirectly, therefore, interested organisations from other relevant sectors will be consulted, as planned adaptation measures may require cross-sector stakeholders engagement thus, ensuring that interdependencies are understood and effectively considered in policy and planning processes of Forestry sector.

Development of Forestry sector CCA Strategy will consider the findings and results of sector NC assessment undertaken under NAP Project, in particular climate change impact on Forestry sector, vulnerabilities, risks/opportunities, barriers to implement CCA and measures to overcome them, along with other relevant climate change studies and reports undertaken in the sector and at the national level.

It is expected that the IC will contribute not only to the development of the CCA sector Strategy and its Action Plan, but also providing support during Government submission procedure, (particularly in developing the Promotion Note), while the working group of Agency Moldsilva retains primary responsibility for submission procedure. Development of CCA Forestry sector

Strategy and its Action Plan it is seen as an important step that complements the work on CCA mainstreaming in other priority sectors of NAP Project.

2. SCOPE OF WORK, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ANALYTICAL WORK

The objective of this assignment is to support Moldsilva Agency in preparing the Draft of Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan of Forestry sector of Moldova. Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (CCAS) of Forestry sector of Moldova should be developed in line with the provisions set out in the Governmental Decision #33 dated 11/01/2007 on "Rules of and standard requirements regarding the development of policy documents".

The scope of work of the International Consultant is to provide assistance to upgrade and strengthen the capacities of the Agency Moldsilva in relation to the development of a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and its Action Plan.

For detailed information, please refer to the Terms of Reference.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Academic Qualification:

- Master's degree in forestry or silviculture, forestry planning, environmental sciences or other relevant field

Experience:

- At least 7 years of progressively international professional experience in silviculture, forestry sector planning and policy development and at least 5 years of experience in climate change adaptation
- Proven ability to elaborate policy documents (strategies, action plans, programmes) in forestry

Competencies:

- Knowledge of institutional mandates, policies and guidelines related to NAP process
- Knowledge of the Forestry sector in Moldova would be an asset
- Professional experience in Eastern Europe is an asset
- Excellent proven analytical skills in analysis, leadership and overall diplomatic skills
- Proven experience in preparation of written reports in an accurate and concise manner, and public presentation skills
- Good organizational, time management and facilitation skills

Language requirements:

- Fluency in written and spoken English is required for this assignment
- Knowledge of Romanian or Russian will be an advantage

4. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications:

1. Proposal: Explaining why they are the most suitable for the work, with a short description of proposed approach/methodology and information on previous similar assignments
2. Financial proposal;
3. Personal CV or P11 including past experience in similar projects and at least 3 references.

5. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The financial proposal shall specify a total lump sum amount, and payment terms around specific and measurable (qualitative and quantitative) deliverables (i.e. whether payments fall in installments or upon completion of the entire contract). Payments are based upon output, i.e. upon delivery of the services specified in the TOR. In order to assist the requesting unit in the comparison of financial proposals, the financial proposal will include a breakdown of this lump sum amount (including travel, per diems, and number of anticipated working days).

Travel

All envisaged travel costs must be included in the financial proposal. This includes all travel to join duty station/repatriation travel. In general, UNDP does not accept travel costs exceeding those of an economy class ticket. Should the IC wish to travel on a higher class he/she should do so using their own resources.

In the case of unforeseeable travel, payment of travel costs including tickets, lodging and terminal expenses should be agreed upon, between UNDP Moldova and the Consultant, prior to travel and will be reimbursed.

Under this assignment, there are envisaged at least 2 missions (3 days first mission, 5 days second mission) to Moldova.

6. EVALUATION

Initially, individual consultants will be short-listed based on the following minimum qualification criteria:

- Master's degree in forestry or silviculture, forestry planning, environmental sciences or other relevant field;
- At least 7 years of progressively international professional experience in silviculture, forestry sector planning and policy development and at least 5 years of experience in climate change adaptation;

The short-listed individual consultants will be further evaluated based on the following methodology:

Cumulative analysis

The award of the contract shall be made to the individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as:

- a) responsive/compliant/acceptable, and
- b) having received the highest score out of a pre-determined set of weighted technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation.

* Technical Criteria weight – 60% (300 pts);

* Financial Criteria weight – 40% (200 pts).

Only candidates obtaining a minimum of 210 points would be considered for the Financial Evaluation.

Criteria	Scoring	Maximum Points Obtainable
Technical		
Master's degree in forestry or silviculture, forestry planning, environmental sciences or other relevant field	(MSc-20 pts; PhD-30 pts)	30
At least 7 years of progressively international professional experience in silviculture, forestry sector planning and policy development and at least 5 years of experience in climate change adaptation	(7 years – up to 40 pts; each additional year 5 pts – up to max 60 pts)	60
Proven ability to elaborate policy documents (strategies, action plans, programmes) in forestry	(to some extent - 25 pts, strong yes - 40 pts)	40
Professional experience in Eastern Europe is an asset	(to some extent - 5 pts, strong yes - 10 pts)	10
Knowledge of the Forestry sector in Moldova would be an asset	(to some extent - 5 pts, strong yes - 10 pts)	10
Interview: (1) Knowledge of institutional mandates, policies and guidelines related to NAP process; (2) Excellent proven analytical skills in analysis, leadership and overall diplomatic skills; (3) Proven experience in preparation of written reports in an accurate and concise manner, and public presentation skills (4) Good organizational, time management and facilitation skills (5) Fluency in written and spoken English is required for this assignment. Knowledge of Romanian or Russian will be an advantage	up to 30 pts; up to 30 pts up to 30 pts; up to 30 pts; English – 25 pts, Romanian and/or Russian – additional max 5 pts	150
Maximum Total Technical Scoring		300
Financial		
Evaluation of submitted financial offers will be done based on the following formula: $S = F_{min} / F * 200$ S – score received on financial evaluation; Fmin – the lowest financial offer out of all the submitted offers qualified over the technical evaluation round; F – financial offer under consideration.		200

Winning candidate

The winning candidate will be the candidate, who has accumulated the highest aggregated score (technical scoring + financial scoring).

Important notice

The applicant who has the statute of Government Official / Public Servant, prior to appointment will be asked to submit the following documentation:

- a no-objection letter in respect of the applicant received from the government, and;

- the applicant is certified in writing by the government to be on official leave without pay for the duration of the Individual Contract.

A retired government official is not considered in this case a government official, and as such, may be contracted.