

Terms of Reference

Consultant to support FAO/UN-REDD activities in the field of legal preparedness for REDD+

The FAO team of the UN-REDD Programme is looking for a legal consultant to support its activities in the field of legal preparedness for REDD+. The position will be based in FAO-Rome and will involve frequent travels to developing countries. The application deadline is Wednesday 13 November 2013. The duration of the consultancy is six months, extendable. If interested, please send a CV and cover letter to emelyne.cheney@fao.org and francesca.feliciani@fao.org before Wednesday 13 November 2013.

Tasks

The FAO team of the UN-REDD Programme provides legal advisory services to countries for the development of their legal frameworks for REDD+. The consultant will support this work and perform the following tasks:

- Assist with the delivery of legal assistance and the facilitation of participatory law development processes in countries receiving support from FAO/UN-REDD;
- Conduct research on specific legal REDD+ related issues, particularly in the field of tenure, carbon rights, safeguards, benefit-sharing and MRV;
- Support the compilation of inputs and contributions on REDD+ legal matters from colleagues within the UN-REDD team and across the FAO;
- Prepare background documents, newsletter articles and meeting reports, and comments on materials developed by the UN-REDD Programme as needed;
- Organize events, meetings and workshops, both at global and country levels;
- Assist technical officers in liaising with external partners engaged in legal preparedness for REDD+;
- Perform other duties as required.

Key requirements

Advanced legal qualification

Good knowledge of REDD+, climate change and forestry issues

Experience of working with developing countries

Excellent communication and drafting skills in English

Fluency in French and/or Spanish an advantage