



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES IN CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION



Reference Number:

Country	Liberia
Project	Tree Crop Extension Project (TCEP)
Assignment Title	Individual Consulting Services in Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

A. Context

Liberia is strongly engaged in climate change adaptation and mitigation. In 2008 Liberia adopted a National Adaptation Program of Action (NAPA) whose implementation is led by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). IFAD's Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Program (ASAP) has provided earmarked grant funding for TCEP to mainstream climate change resilience and environmental sustainability in smallholder cocoa farms and to respond to the needs identified in the NAPA and the National Cocoa Export Strategy 2014-2018. To respond to the challenges identified in the climate appraisal (CIAT, 2015), an ASAP grant will in particular (i) support a germplasm station able to produce enough improved planting and grafting material that can fit with current and future specific hotter conditions of Nimba County; (ii) promote shading and pruning practices to reduce the vulnerability of cocoa trees to the effects of climate change, (iii) will diversify crops and build capacities for better disease control. This ASAP support will increase the climate resilience of at least 46,400 smallholder households' members.

The consulting services will require interdisciplinary international and national consultants with extensive experience in climate change adaptation and mitigation; writing policy briefs about adaptation in tree crops; conducting training sessions on climate change adaptation; and associated skills will be required to work with stakeholders in Liberia to document a national program and priorities for enhancing climate resilience.

B. Objective of the Individual Consulting Services

The objective of this individual consulting services is for capacity building in climate change adaptation and mitigation.

C. Scope of work

The consulting services in climate change adaptation and mitigation will require a process of scoping, reviewing, analysis and integration of possible ongoing plans and programs. The services of two consultants will be contracted for the assignment. One consultant will be responsible for writing policy briefs about adaptation in tree crops; and the other will be responsible for conducting training sessions on climate change adaptation and mitigation using the FFS approach. The consultants will provide the services and ensure that all work and outputs under the terms of reference are complied with. The main tasks for the consulting services are as follows:

- i. Review background materials on climate change adaptation and mitigation in Liberia including the National Adaptation Program of Action (NAPA);

- ii. Interact with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Coordinators and members of the NAPA thematic working groups, and other relevant Government ministries and agencies;
- iii. Interact with donors supporting climate adaptation programs in Liberia;
- iv. Carry out series of workshops / trainings, meetings with the Government (all levels), international and national NGOs, the private sector and development partners to agree on policy issues;

D. Detailed Tasks of Individual Consultants

The consulting team will be composed of individual consultants, to be engaged separately; not a firm. The tasks of individual consultants will include, but will not necessary be limited to the following:

1. Climate Change Adaptation Specialist (International Consultant - up to 35 days to write policy brief about adaptation in tree crops). The aim of this policy brief is: (i) To foster and guide a national process of addressing the short, medium and long term effects of climate change in a coordinated, holistic and participatory manner in order to ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, the quality of life of the people of Liberia, and opportunities for sustainable development, are not compromised; and (ii) To ensure that all stakeholders address climate change impacts and their causes through appropriate measures, while promoting sustainable development and a green economy. The consultant will:

- Conduct desk review / scooping of relevant existing documents and understanding project implementation modalities;
- Create strategic direction and process for on-going climate adaptation and resilience-building in the project;
- Create appropriate enabling policy, legislative and institutional environment;
- Prepare policy document (policy brief) about adaptation in tree crops;
- Mainstream climate change resilience in all the tools, manuals, approaches and procedures, used by the project and MOA;
- Participate in the definition of the protocols for farm revitalization to ensure that climate resilience is considered;
- Engage in and support capacity and awareness building activities that promote climate change adaptation and mitigation responses;
- Identify the necessary incentives and economic instruments to promote ongoing adaptation and resilience building in MOA programs; and
- Identify and promote monitoring, detection, attribution and prediction policy responses for Liberia.

Qualification and Experience:

The consultant is required to possess:

- (a) A post-graduate degree in environment, climate change, agriculture or other related disciplines.
- (b) At least 10 years' experience in policy, planning and designing agricultural development programs and projects, preferably in tropical Africa.
- (c) Experience preparing policy papers in climate change adaptation and mitigation for the Adaption Fund or International Organizations, i.e. World Bank, AfDB, CIF, EU is desired.
- (d) Knowledge and work experience in the agriculture sector in tropical Africa would an asset.

Key competencies:

The consultant is also required to demonstrate:

- (a) Good communication skill in English (oral and written)
- (b) Experience in preparing policy documents
- (c) Ability to present information in a clear, precise and well-articulated manner

2. Climate Change Adaptation Specialist (National Consultant - up to 14 days TOT training sessions on climate change adaptation and mitigation using the FFS approach). The Climate Change Adaptation Specialist will have extensive experience in facilitating TOT training on climate change adaptation and mitigation. The consultant will:

- Conduct desk review / scoping of relevant existing documents and understanding project implementation modalities;
- Prepare and organize training of trainers (TOT) for all institutional partners of the project at local, district, county and national levels in topics related to climate change adaptation and diversification;
- Develop training manual on climate change adaptation and mitigation measures to be taught in the FFS;
- Building farmers resilience to climate change through the development of training programs on adaptive measures using the climate-smart agriculture approach;
- Identify some vulnerabilities of climate change on the cocoa sector and project communities;
- Proposed adaptation measures that can be formulated into programs that will enhance TCEP activities in the project counties.

Qualification and Experience:

The consultant is required to possess:

- (a) A post-graduate degree in environment, climate change, agriculture or other related disciplines.
- (b) At least 10 years' experience in conducting TOT training in climate change adaptation and mitigation, preferably in tropical Africa.
- (c) Knowledge and work experience in the agriculture sector in tropical Africa would an asset.

Key competencies:

The consultant is also required to demonstrate:

- (a) Good communication skill in English (oral and written)
- (b) Experience in preparing power point presentations
- (c) Experience in international best practices in climate change
- (d) Ability to present information in a clear, precise and well-articulated manner

Please send a soft copy of your expression of interest **by 21st of December 2019 by 4.00pm** to:

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