



Individual Contractor on conservation and restoration (Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 11, 15)

Background

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is one of the key agreements adopted at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, where world leaders agreed on a comprehensive strategy for sustainable development – meeting our needs while ensuring that we leave a healthy and viable world for future generations. The Convention has 193 Parties and three main goals: the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits from the use of genetic resources.

At its tenth meeting the Conference of the Parties (COP) adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets as a common framework for action by all stakeholders in all sectors. Aichi Targets 5, 11 and 15 set quantitative global targets to reduce the loss of natural habitats, restore degraded areas and improve protected area networks and can be undertaken collectively in a landscape context.

In response to decision XI/16 on ecosystem restoration and decision XI/24 on protected areas the Executive Secretary is undertaking a number of activities to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets through conservation and restoration actions, including the organization of a series of sub-regional capacity building workshops. Associated activities will include global studies, the development of web-based tools, literature review on the use and application of safeguards when taking up restoration and coordinating financing support through the CBD LifeWeb Initiative. Activities will build upon the experience gained from facilitating the implementation of the CBD programme of work on protected areas and be undertaken in close collaboration with partners.

In order to facilitate capacity building support to Parties toward achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets through conservation and restoration, the Secretariat is hiring an individual contractor.

Terms of Reference

Under the overall supervision of the Principal Officer Science, Assessments and Monitoring division and under the direct supervision of the Programme Officers for *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation, Forests and Climate Change of the Science, Assessment and Monitoring division, the candidate will contribute to the logistical and substantive work of the Secretariat by assisting towards capacity development of Parties to

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achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 11 and 15 and other relevant Aichi Targets. In particular the incumbent will:

- (a) Provide logistical and technical assistance for the organization of workshops including: drafting invitation letters, presentations and documents; liaising with other SCBD divisions; communicating with delegates, host governments and partner organizations; and ensuring timely follow-up actions;
- (b) undertake research, draft reports, synthesis documents and communications on ecosystem conservation, restoration, protected areas, and biodiversity financing issues in collaboration with partners/colleagues. Support to these issues from a climate mitigation perspective will also be sought;
- (c) Update the SCBD website, Target 5 and 15 on the NBSAP Forum, including through periodic communications to members of the GPFLR for input; and
- (d) Contribute to other activities related to conservation and restoration, as may be agreed.

Competencies

Professionalism: Ability to understand complex issues pertaining to biodiversity; ability to work under pressure and to use limited time and resources effectively; flexibility to adapt rapidly to changing situations; ability to ensure that the highest possible quality outputs are produced.

Communication: Ability to speak and write clearly and effectively; ability to communicate effectively with audiences of various levels of seniority and technical knowledge, tailoring language, tone, style and format appropriately; ability to communicate with various stakeholders in politically sensitive situations with diplomacy and tact.

Teamwork: Good interpersonal skills, ability to work collaboratively with professional and technical staff at senior and junior levels from diverse cultures and backgrounds.

Planning and Organizing: Ability to identify priorities, work to tight deadlines, handle concurrent projects and coordinate with the work of others.

Qualifications

The candidate should:

- Have experience in organizing capacity building workshops
- Be familiar with ecosystem conservation and restoration issues and related fields
- Have experience in literature reviews, technical writing and web content management
- Have a proven ability to write clearly and concisely in English and French
- Be familiar with the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Education

High school diploma or equivalent. University degree in environmental science, environmental management, or related fields is desirable.

Work Experience

A minimum of seven years work experience in the field of environmental issues or related areas is required.

Languages

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. Knowledge of other United Nations languages is an asset.

Other Skills

Excellent computer skills (Microsoft Office (in particular Microsoft Excel), email, and internet) are required.

Conditions of Employment

It is expected that the fulfillment of the contract would require work for six months. A contract will be offered with consolidated remuneration of Canadian \$ 4,000 per month for six months.

Special Information: Applicants should be Canadian residents or citizens or have permission to work in Canada. The candidate is responsible for any travel expenses incurred in order to participate in an interview at the duty station and to take up the assignment.

Apply by sending a cover letter and Personal History Form (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/vacancies/2011/scbd/personal-history-en.rtf>) to: secretariat@cbd.int not later than 4 April 2014.