



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

FAO REPRESENTATION IN SIERRA LEONE

Office of the Representative

Vacancy Announcement

Position: National Consultant - Responsible Land Based Investment

Closing Date: 8th June 2018

BACKGROUND

Promoting responsible land based investment remains a high priority for FAO intervention in support to the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGT) implementation. In particular through this project, FAO aims at reinforcing the capacities of government agencies directly involved in the investment processes, from promotion, to implementation and monitoring. in order to: a) increase awareness on principles for responsible investment and assess current practices applied to both foreign and domestic investment; b) improve standards such as due diligence process, ESIA and monitoring; c) improve transparency in land transactions; d) facilitate dialogue and partnerships with non-state actors.

Since 2017, the Sierra Leone Investment and Export Promotions Agency (SLIEPA) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security (MAFFS) have led the development of a new Investment approval process (IAP), through a participatory, open and comprehensive dialogues in the framework of the VGGT technical working group (TWG). FAO will be supporting the formal adoption of the IAP by the VGGT Inter Ministerial Task Force (IMTF) and its implementation on the ground.

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative (FAOR) in Sierra Leone, with guidance from the Land Tenure Officer based in Rome, and the direct supervision of the Natural Resource Management Officer (NRMO) based in Freetown the National, the Consultant will be supporting the implementation of the Activity 1a) Support to Government Agencies to improve investment processes, i) Implementation of the revised Investment approval process in Sierra Leone, of the project.

SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS

The consultant will undertake the following functions:

- 1) Lead the day-today implementation of the project, particularly in the development of detailed workplan, project monitoring system and procurement plans.
- 2) Maintain and ensure constant communication between FAO and implementation partners, in particular but not limited to SLIEPA, MAFFS, MLHE, EPA, NAMATI, SOLIDARIDAD and private investors identified in due course of the project.
- 3) Support the organization of an inception workshop for the definition of detailed work plan, including roles, responsibilities and time frame.

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- 4) Work closely with SLIEPA, MAFFS and VGGT Secretariat, to ensure the endorsement of the new Sierra Leone IAP by the IMTF
- 5) In collaboration with the International Consultant on Land Based Investment, support in the identification of private sector partners, and the development of an assessment methodology and tool
- 6) Assess alignment of the new IAP with legislation
- 7) Develop monthly reports
- 8) Contribute to the planning, organization and implementation of technical meetings, platforms and learning events.

Duty Station: Freetown, Sierra Leone

Duration: 50 days

Salary: Attractive salary based on experience

Desirable Qualifications, Skills and Competencies

- Advanced University Degree in a discipline relevant to Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, Law and development or a related field.
- Five years of relevant experience in agribusiness management, Investment Law, and land tenure, including experience in developing countries.
- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Candidate must be proficient in English language and knowledge of local languages in Sierra Leone will be an added advantage

Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognized in the IAU/UNESCO list

TECHNICAL/FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable

- Extent and relevance of experience in Agribusiness Management, Land tenure and Responsible Agricultural Investments (RAI), with particular emphasis in developing countries;
- Extent and relevance of experience in supporting stakeholder (government, private sector, civil society and local communities) to develop the capacity to improve Responsible Agricultural Investments, including through multi-stakeholder platforms and processes;
- Demonstrated capacity to develop partnerships with a range of stakeholders including donors;
- Demonstrated capacity to provide assistance in the organization of technical meetings, platforms and learning events;

Demonstrated capacity to prepare documentation materials of work on agricultural investments and governance of tenure

Mode of Application:

Applicants are required to submit their applications together with FAO Personal History Form, which can be downloaded from the following website:



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http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Employment/adm11E.DOT

Please submit your application to: **The FAO Representation in Sierra Leone, 38 Freetown Road, off King Street Wilberforce, Freetown.** You can also email your applications to fao-sl@fao.org . Indicate in the subject the name of the application you are responding to.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency

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