Consultant – Landscape Governance and Investment Researcher (Ref. No. 2394)

Sri Lanka Country Programme

The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and World Agroforestry (ICRAF) envision a more equitable world where trees in all landscapes, from drylands to the humid tropics, enhance the environment and well-being for all. CIFOR and ICRAF are non-profit science institutions that build and apply evidence to today's most pressing challenges, including energy insecurity and the climate and biodiversity crises. Over a combined total of 65 years, we have built vast knowledge on forests and trees outside of forests in agricultural landscapes (agroforestry). Using a multidisciplinary approach, we seek to improve lives and to protect and restore ecosystems. Our work focuses on innovative research, partnering for impact, and engaging with stakeholders on policies and practices to benefit people and the planet. Founded in 1993 and 1978, CIFOR and ICRAF are members of CGIAR, a global research partnership for a food secure future dedicated to reducing poverty, enhancing food and nutrition security, and improving natural resources.

CIFOR-ICRAF is looking for a:

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Overview

The responsibilities of this position include generating scientific outputs, mentoring students, and interns, contributing to accountable donors' outputs, collaborating with partners, and representing the project and organization – covering the topics of sustainable value chains, landscape governance and finance, payment for ecosystem services, and relevant policy domains.

Summary of responsibilities

Science production (KPA 9)

- Support in designing methodology and conducting research activities (data collection and analysis) on the topics of sustainable value chain, landscape governance and finance, payment for ecosystem services, and other relevant domains.
- Lead and contribute to writing of peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, working papers, technical and policy briefs, and other technical publications.
- Lead and contribute to developing tools, manuals, and guidelines.
- Contribute to managing databases on policy and regulations and other data and information gained from primary and secondary sources.
- Support the Principal Investigator, project, and component leaders to develop reports and annual workplan and budget of relevant project(s).
- Lead and contribute to strengthening the capacity of partners at national and sub-national levels, including facilitating, and organizing training, workshops, and other events in collaboration with partners and country teams.
- Support the project team leaders to ensure quality and manage high-quality outputs and timely submissions of consultant and partner research outputs.

Human capital (KPA 10)

- Support in designing research activities for students and interns.
- Supervise students and interns, including facilitating and evaluating their work.
Game-changing solutions (KPA 12)

- Represent the organization in engaging with public, private, and smallholder farmers in various events – as a resource person, participant, and other relevant capacity.
- Contribute to national and global discussions on relevant topics of expertise in close coordination with the supervisor and Sri Lanka senior researchers.

Structural capital (KPA 11)

- Support the project team leaders to ensure accountability processes to donor(s) by contributing to timely submissions of reports and activities on the ground.
- Contribute to project reporting, monitoring, and evaluation in collaboration with other team members and project partners.

Requirements

**Education, knowledge, and experience**

- Minimum a master’s degree or an early career PhD in ecological/environmental economics, agricultural economics, agribusiness, and sustainable financing in the context of agriculture and forestry.
- Vast and strong knowledge of payment for ecosystem services, sustainable landscape financing, green economy, and green agriculture in Sri Lanka and globally.
- Broad knowledge of Sri Lanka policy and regulation on agriculture, forestry, ecosystem services, and green financing.
- At least 3-5 years of experience as a researcher/research assistant position in reputable international or national organisations.
- Authoring or co-authoring research publications – journal articles, books, technical and policy briefs, and others.
- Project management, reporting, monitoring, and evaluation.
- Engagement with NGOs and academic partners.
- Engagement with smallholders, and national and sub-national government. A working or networking experience with private sectors will be beneficial.
- Involvement in resource mobilization and proposal development is considered an advantageous attribute.

**Personal attributes and competencies**

- Ability to work independently and proactively communicate with long-distance supervision.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to communicate and work in multi-cultural teams, including collaborating with government and NGO partners.
- Willing to learn new skills and knowledge related to the scope of research topics and expertise.
- Proficiency in English – speaking and writing.
- Multitasking, well organised, and able to work under pressure.

**Terms and conditions**

- This is a consultancy contract.
- The appointment will be for 6 (six) months with the possibility of extension contingent upon performance, continued relevance of the position and available resources.
- The duty station will be in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
**Application process**

- The application deadline is **11 March 2024**.
- We will acknowledge all applications but will only contact short-listed candidates.

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