



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT for CONSULTANCY SERVICES

International Consultant for the project Promoting the Management of Animal genetic Resources in SEC countries – GCP/SEC/003/TUR

Project Background

The project, **Promoting the Management of Animal Genetic Resources in SEC Countries**, aims to support the Ministries of Agriculture in several Central Asian countries (in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, probably in Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan), in Turkey and probably also in Azerbaijan in formulating a national livestock breeding policy and strategy for the sustainable use and development of livestock and to establish networks linking stakeholders and supporting the institutional development and capacity-building on national and subregional level.

The Strategic Priority 17 of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources (GPA-AnGR) highlights the role of Regional Focal Points and regional networking to facilitate regional communications and raise awareness, to build collaborative partnerships, coordinate regional training, initiate development of regional policies, assist in identifying project priorities and proposals and mobilize financial resources. Furthermore the Strategic Priority 20 of the GPA-AnGR underlines the importance to enhance the coherence between legal instruments and policies. The key question to be answered is how to ensure a strategic and comprehensive approach to achieving the sustainable use, development and conservation of AnGR, to increase and improve food production and food security, reduce poverty and contribute to rural development.

Therefore the objectives of the project are (1) to establish an operational Subregional Focal Point (SRFP) for Central Asian countries as well as Azerbaijan and Turkey using the FAO guidelines for the development of Regional Focal Points to ensure that a sustainable funding mechanism for the operations will be developed in cooperation with the countries and (2) to support the development of National Strategies and Action Plans for the management of AnGR (NSAP). At the end of the project two countries should have developed their NSAP, and all participating countries should have initiated the process of formulating such NSAP.

This subregional project will be financed for two years from the FAO – Turkish Partnership Programme (FTPP).

It is expected that the project will critically contribute towards establishing an operational and sustainable SRFP and sound and sustainable NSAPs. Furthermore, the project will lay the basis for sustainable livestock production in participating SEC countries, Azerbaijan and Turkey.

Duties and Responsibilities

Under the overall supervision of the Sub Regional Coordinator for Central Asia (FAO-SEC), the overall guidance of the Budget Holder, the overall technical supervision of Chief, Animal Genetic Resources Branch, the direct technical supervision of Animal Production Officer at FAO headquarters (AGAG); in close collaboration with FAO-SEC Livestock Development Officer and with National Coordinators for the Management of Animal Genetic Resources in partner countries; the **International Consultant** will perform the following tasks:

- Managing the project including all aspects of human resources, financial, administrative, and operational management.
- Attending a technical briefing at FAO headquarters (AGAG) at the start of the project.
- Working closely with National Consultants, National Coordinators for the Management of Animal Genetic Resources, the Steering Committee and the Secretariat of the Subregional Focal Point, the National Advisory Committees and national authorities to successfully implement the project as agreed in the project agreement by each country.
- Providing technical assistance for counterparts, FAO Executing Partners and operational units engaged in the provision of assistance.
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- Supervising National Consultant, arrange logistical support and organize subregional and national workshops, monitoring of activities, information sharing and reviewing.
- Conducting awareness building campaign to motivate candidatures for the Subregional Focal Point.
- Conducting public relations campaign to raise awareness on the importance of the project
- Preparing, contracts for carrying out specific tasks.
- Ensuring, in collaboration with National Consultants, proper and timely implementation of activities.
- Preparing an Inception Report (in English), with an updated six-monthly work plan for each of the partner countries.
- Receiving and clearing quarterly and annual reports of the National Consultants.
- Preparing six-monthly Project Progress Reports, and at the end of the project, prepare the draft Final Narrative Report and closing letter for governments (in English).
- Performing any other task as required by AGAG.

Qualifications:

- The incumbent will have a university degree in animal science and a higher degree specialization in the above field or a closely related field.
- S/he will have a minimum of 10 years rural development working experience with relevant farm animal production, feeding, breeding, livestock / livestock commodity marketing themes or a related subject.
- Demonstrated good management capacity in large-scale multidisciplinary agricultural or livestock development projects is required.

- Experience in dealing with institutional partners and donors are essential.
- Familiarity with FAO's work and procedures in development assistance / project management is an asset.
- Familiarity with livestock and crop agriculture in the Central Asian geographical region would be an advantage.
- Full competency in PC use including word processing, spreadsheets, and Internet is required;
- Experience with animal genetic resources issues and The Global Plan of Action is an asset.

Essential skills:

- Excellent command of spoken and written English is required; fluency in written and oral Russian.
- Very strong writing, analytical and communication skills are necessary.
- Demonstrated ability to provide strong leadership and foster a team environment is required.
- Computer literacy with word processing, spread sheet and Internet is required.

Duty Station: Home-based

Type of assignment: Consultancy contract

Duration of assignment: 11 months with possibility of extension up to 22 months

Deadline for applications: 10 February 2012

Interested candidates may please send their FAO Personal History Form and cover letter to
SEC-Recruitment@fao.org