

Terms of Reference

Project: Jordan Integrated Landscape Management Initiative (JILMI) – GCF Project Preparation Phase

Consultancy Services

For a Technical Assistant to assist the international consultant (C4 EcoSolutions) during the PPF phase

Project	Jordan Integrated Landscape Management Initiative (JILMI)
Project focus	Climate change adaptation (with mitigation co-benefits) through integrated landscape management (ILM)
Funding/donor	Green Climate Fund (GCF)
Accredited Entity	UN Environment
Implementing agency	Ministry of Environment
Name of procurement activity	Technical Assistant to assist the international consultant (C4 EcoSolutions)
Consultancy	Individual
Location of consultancy	Amman, Jordan
Duration	45 days
Estimated value of services	US\$ 18,000
Deadline for submission of proposals	19 June 2019
Indicative start date	July 2019
Indicative end date	End September 2019

1. Background

Jordan is the fourth most water-scarce country in the world. Approximately 80% of its land is classified as arid and only ~7% is considered arable. Water scarcity and its negative effects on Jordanian society and ecosystems — such as reduced agricultural productivity and desertification — will continue to be exacerbated by the climate change, including decreasing rainfall and increasing temperatures. As a result, the poverty levels and resilience of Jordan's



most vulnerable communities — particularly those in rural areas whose livelihoods are dependent on local ecosystems — are expected to be negatively affected.

Future climate scenarios for Jordan suggest an increased air temperature of 1.5°C and a 15% decrease in precipitation by the year 2050. These projections are likely to exacerbate the degradation of ecosystems in the arid, semi-arid and sub-humid areas in the country. The most vulnerable ecosystems are forests (especially in the north), freshwater ecosystems (especially in Jordan Rift Valley), as well as the freshwater and marine ecosystems of the eastern and the Gulf of Aqaba regions.

The current vulnerability of Jordan's population and ecosystems — as well as the expected adverse impacts of future climate conditions — are being, and will continue to be, aggravated by the influx of refugees from Syria, Yemen and Iraq. As the demand for natural resources such as water increases, the economic costs to address the associated problems are expected to continue rising.

The overall objective of JILMI is to contribute to the enhanced resilience of representative Jordanian ecosystems and vulnerable communities in the Jordan Rift Valley through integrated landscape management (ILM). This will be achieved through a project intervention strategy that is organised into three complementary components:

- 1) Strengthened capacity for climate-resilient land-use planning and management of natural resources across the Jordan Rift Valley;
- 2) Climate-resilient land use and natural resource management across the Jordan Rift Valley; and
- 3) Knowledge and awareness of climate-resilient ILM and natural resource management.

International consultancy firm C4 EcoSolutions (IC), under accredited entity UN Environment, and with support from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan's¹ National Designated Authority (NDA) and the Consortium², is in the process of developing a Funding Proposal (FP) for submission to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to secure financing to implement JILMI.

The services of a suitably qualified consultant are being sought to assist the IC with the following Tasks (the terms of which are defined below):

- i) engaging with relevant Jordanian stakeholders (including government ministries and departments, NGOs, academia, private sector as well as past and ongoing projects);
- ii) collecting information and data, as identified by the IC, from sources in Jordan; and
- iii) planning and implementing PPF logistics during the PPF phase.

The consultant is obliged to ensure that the assignment is conducted in a manner that supports the preparation of the FP. The consultant is expected to work closely with both the IC and other consultants, including Gender Specialist, Adaptation Specialist, Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS) Specialist, and Financial and Economic Specialist to ensure that gender is considered across all aspects of project development.

¹ From henceforth referred to as Jordan.

² The consortium partners are: Princess Alia Foundation (PAF); The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN); The Royal Botanical Garden (RBG); The Royal Marine Conservation Society of Jordan (JREDS); The Jordan Hashemite Fund for Human Development (JOHUD); Future Pioneers for Empowering Communities/Horizon (FPEC/Horizon).



2. Tasks and responsibilities

The indicative tasks to be undertaken to deliver the expected outputs of this assignment shall include but are not limited to the below.

2.1. Principle tasks

An indicative list of the activities to be undertaken for this assignment shall include but not be limited to those listed hereunder.

- Assist the IC with the collection of baseline information and data — as identified by the IC — from sources within Jordan, including government ministries and departments, NGOs and academia. This will include but not be limited to information and data on:
 - ILM in Jordan;
 - rangeland and forestry management activities and studies in Jordan;
 - land-use in the Jordan Rift Valley, including conflicting uses, challenges and opportunities;
 - climate change adaptation activities and studies in Jordan — particularly in the Jordan Rift Valley — including those related to forest and rangeland management, agriculture and natural resource management;
 - the mitigation co-benefits of climate change adaptation activities in Jordan;
 - climate change adaptation gaps, barriers and opportunities, including those related to land-use and natural resource management, as well as national policies, plans and strategies;
 - climate change adaptation capacity of relevant sectoral agencies;
 - relevant ecosystems in the Jordan Rift Valley, including forests and rangelands;
 - climate change vulnerability of target communities in the Jordan Rift Valley, including socioeconomic information and data;
 - assumptions and risks associated with the implementation of the proposed project; and
 - costs for the implementation of project activities.
- Engage with relevant stakeholders in Jordan on behalf of and as directed by the IC. Stakeholders will include but not be limited to:
 - members of the project's consortium of NGOs;
 - government ministries and departments;
 - representatives of relevant past and ongoing initiatives;
 - private sector actors;
 - academic institutions;
 - representatives of international donor organisations;
 - development agencies; and
 - national consultants procured to carry out assessments and develop reports.
- Assist with logistical aspects of the PPF phase as directed by the IC. Relevant tasks and responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, assisting:
 - in the organisation of workshops and meetings — including the PPF phase inception workshop, project development team workshops and meetings between the IC and stakeholders when the IC is on mission; and
 - the IC with travel and accommodation arrangements when visiting project sites.



3. Obligations of C4 EcoSolutions

C4 EcoSolutions commits to the following:

- providing the consultant with the latest draft of the PPF application proposal and updated logistical framework;
- providing the consultant with additional guidance and information related to his/her tasks and responsibilities; and
- Communicating frequently with the consultant via Skype or email to ensure that there is no ambiguity in the guidance and requests provided by the IC, and that tasks are completed in a timely manner.

4. Qualifications and experience

The consultant/ should ideally have the following mix of competencies:

- proven expertise and in-depth knowledge of climate change and adaptation policies and practices in Jordan;
- an understanding of the institutional context regarding climate change and adaptation in Jordan;
- knowledge of and experience working with government ministries and departments, as well as NGOs and development agencies in Jordan;
- a minimum of 5 years' experience working in the environmental and natural resources sector in Jordan — experience in climate change and adaptation will be beneficial;
- should hold advanced degrees (minimum master's level) in her/his respective areas of expertise (for example, project management, sustainable development, natural resources);
- 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; and
- fluency in oral and written English and Arabic.

5. Management of the assignment

The consultant will be procured by C4 EcoSolutions who is the contracting authority for the purpose of the assignment through the IUCN's Regional Office for West Asia (ROWA) in Amman. The consultant will report directly to C4 EcoSolutions for contractual and administrative purposes. C4 EcoSolutions along with UN Environment, Ministry of Environment and the Consortium, will constitute the project core project development team to provide additional technical advice and inputs, overall coordination and oversight for this assignment. The consultant will liaise with all members of the project core team but will ultimately report to C4 EcoSolutions. Changes in the TORs can be made subject to and only after written agreement between the consultant/firm and C4 EcoSolutions.

6. Application process and deadline for submission

Interested parties are required to submit the required documents (as separate PDFs; see below) to IUCN ROWA on the below emails:

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Documents required in the submission package include:

- a CV including a list of relevant references with contact information; and
- a letter of motivation explaining why you are suited for this position.