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Call for Expressions of Interest

Short-Term Expert Consultancy: Resource Mobilization Consultant

Context:

The Sustainable Rice Platform e.V. (SRP) is a global multi-stakeholder alliance of over 90 institutional members from public, private, research, civil society and the financial sector. The initiative was originally co-convened by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) and is now an independent member association. SRP works with its partners to transform the global rice sector by improving smallholder livelihoods, reducing the social, environmental and climate footprint of rice production; and by offering the global rice market an assured supply of sustainably produced rice. See www.sustainableice.org.

Position:

SRP seeks a consultancy to support the implementation of SRP's 5-Year Strategic Plan 2020-2025, and in particular the establishment of strategic scaling projects through grants and other financial instruments. The Consultant will report to, and work closely in consultation with, the SRP Executive Director and SRP Board Committee on Resource Mobilization (RMC).

Core responsibilities and tasks:

The Short-Term Consultant will support implementation of SRP's 5-Year Strategic Plan 2020-2025, and in particular the establishment of strategic scaling projects through grants and other financial instruments. Reporting to the RMC and the Executive Director, the Consultant will provide advice, guidance and support in securing new funding to (1) **secure SRP's financial sustainability** following the end of current funding under the BMZ-supported develoPPP.de programme in 2023; and (2) **scaling smallholder adoption of the SRP Standard for Sustainable Rice Cultivation**.

Funding is to be sought via traditional bilateral and multilateral funders, philanthropic foundations, impact investors and other funding mechanisms, and also via innovative financing instruments, in order to support activities such as (1) Scale-up of implementation of the SRP Assurance Scheme and its adoption as a market tool for sustainable procurement; (2) Training of small farmers and trainers to adopt climate-smart practices based on the SRP Standard; (3) Field trials for impact assessment; (4) Development of ICT-based field data management and knowledge sharing system; (5) Results-based incentive systems based on carbon finance; (6) Establishment of national SRP Chapters in key countries; (7) Linkages between SRP Standard compliance and financial services for farmers; (8) Large scale funding mechanisms (e.g., bonds, a Rice Fund or blended finance, etc.)

Taking into account SRP's current engagement in projects funded by the Global Environment Facility, the Green Climate Fund and bilateral donors, the consultant will work to achieve the following specific objectives:

1. Develop a resource mobilization strategy for SRP that defines key target themes, funding sources, thematic and geographic alignment and their modalities and cycles, as well as SRP's terms of engagement and criteria for project selection
2. Identify institutional partnerships for implementation
3. Write concept notes and technical grant proposals, coordinating inputs from partners as

necessary.

4. Develop a diversified funding pipeline of €1 million p.a.

Expected outputs:

The Consultant will map current and prospective initiatives within the international development community related to rice, prioritized according to thematic and geographic alignment. Climate change mitigation and adaptation, food & water security, smallholder livelihoods and carbon finance are expected to be the areas of closest alignment for SRP.

The Consultant will work with the RMC to develop a resource mobilization strategy and action plan, building on SRP's current engagement with stakeholders, refine criteria and processes for assessing the potential value of SRP's engagement in new projects and for filtering potential funding leads. The Strategy and Action Plan will systematize monitoring of the funding cycles and priorities of key strategic partners and build up SRP's personal engagement directly and via the Executive Director and members of the RMC.

As a result of the above activities, the Consultant is expected to develop Concept Notes and full proposals designed to deliver by end of 2023 a stable funding stream to support SRP's core institutional needs as well as programs and projects.

Location and terms:

The position, which begins on 1 June 2022, will be home-based with an initial commitment of 5 person-days per month for 6 months, with a possibility of extension.

No travel is envisaged during the consultancy.

Qualifications:

- Extensive experience of the bilateral and multilateral donor environment (particularly GEF and GCF) and a successful track record of securing public grant funding
- Excellent grant-writing skills
- Knowledge and experience of climate finance / carbon markets would be an advantage
- Excellent computer literacy and communication skills, both written and verbal
- Strong administrative and organisational skills
- Fluent in English.

Expressions of interest:

Interested, motivated and qualified candidates should send an updated CV and cover letter to wyn.ellis@sustainablerice.org by 15 May 2022.