



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT BIOVERSITY INTERNATIONAL

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Bioversity International is the world's largest organization researching agricultural biodiversity. We strongly believe that agricultural biodiversity can provide key contributions to solutions for global issues related to food security, poverty, climate change, and environmental degradation. We undertake, encourage and support research and other activities aimed at improving the well-being of present and future generations of people, by enhancing conservation and the deployment of agricultural biodiversity on farms and in forests, with special emphasis on the needs of developing countries. The organization is active in over 100 countries worldwide, and has more than 350 staff working from some 18 country offices. It is one of 15 centres supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Bioversity International is now seeking:

Project Consultant (1 year Consultancy)

On behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), Bioversity International is developing a full-size project (FSP) proposal for a multi-year project entitled *Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use for Improved Human Nutrition and Wellbeing*. The project is being undertaken by Brazil, Kenya, Turkey and Sri Lanka in collaboration with Bioversity International, and with UNEP and FAO as co-implementing agencies. Reporting to the Bioversity Senior Scientist responsible for Nutrition, the consultant, in consultation with the co-implementing agencies, will coordinate and lead the development of the preparation of UNEP and FAO project components of the full-size project proposal and will undertake the following duties:

- Coordinate the contribution of project partners and a set of national consultants to the development of the FSP proposal.
- Maintain regular communication with the responsible officers of the UNEP, FAO, and the project partners in the participating countries.
- Ensure that contact with appropriate GEF focal points in partner countries is maintained during the process of project development.
- Maintain proper communication on the project with relevant staff in Bioversity's, UNEP's and FAO's regional and headquarters offices.
- Liaise with national and international executing agencies to identify the role and inputs of other institutions, outside of the executing partner institutes, in the project development.
- Assist in the development of a roster of experts on agricultural biodiversity, nutrition, health, and agricultural marketing.
- Together with project partners, identify and compile relevant available background information on the use of agricultural biodiversity for nutrition and health, including indigenous knowledge, and relevant market and policy aspects.
- Insure a harmonized approach to information collection, analysis and consultation across themes, regions, and stakeholders.

- Prepare the UNEP/FAO components of the FSP, and in particular:
 - Lead the formulation and validation of the logical framework for the FSP, including the development of indicators and milestones to monitor project implementation.
 - Assist in the design of the Monitoring and Evaluation component for the FSP including agreement on indicators to be measured for baseline establishment.
 - Coordinate the development of the incremental cost analysis and the financial plan for the FSP.
 - Identify co-financing sources for the FSP and work with project partners and others to obtain appropriate co-financing support.
 - Develop the required financial and technical reports.

Qualifications and Competencies:

Essential qualifications and competencies:

- Advanced degree (MSc or PhD) in biological or social sciences relevant to one or all of the following areas: biodiversity, nutrition, food systems, and anthropology.
- Demonstrated experience with large scale multi-country project (preferably GEF projects) development including the formulation and validation of logical frameworks, indicators and milestones to monitor project implementation and financial plans.
- Demonstrated competency in the coordination of people and other resources at a senior level, preferably in an international research environment and in multiple locations.
- Highly developed writing skills including the ability to write technical report and project proposals.
- Demonstrated competency in communication and interpersonal skills, including ability to promote collaboration among stakeholders and partners.
- Fluency of written and spoken English.

Desirable qualifications and competencies

- Experience in high-level coordination and management of development or research activities.
- Familiarity with the Global Environment Facility policy and requirements.
- Experience with resource mobilization.
- Proficiency in Portuguese is a considerable advantage.

Terms and conditions: This is a consultancy opportunity for a period of twelve (12) months beginning on 1 January 2010. The position will require travel to the four participating countries, Brazil, Turkey, Sri Lanka and Kenya as well as other international meetings. All consultancy fees and conditions will be administered in line with Bioversity's approved policy for consultants and includes a competitive fee and health and travel insurance unless otherwise provided.

Applications: Please apply online through the following link: [Bioversity Employment Opportunities Webpage](#) by clicking the "Apply" button. Alternatively, via e-mail to: bioversityvacancy@cgiar.org including a letter of application, curriculum vitae in English (that includes date of birth, gender and nationality) and the names and full contact details of at least three referees (telephone, fax and e-mail address); or via mail to: Human Resources Office, Bioversity International, Via de Tre Denari, 472/a, 00057 Maccarese, Rome, Italy; or via Fax to (39) 06 6118 341 no later than **20 December 2009**. Please quote the source of advertisement.

Bioversity is an equal opportunity employer and strives for staff diversity in gender and nationality. All received applications will be acknowledged, but only short listed applicants will be further contacted.

With effect from 1 December 2006, IPGRI and INIBAP operate under the name "Bioversity International", Bioversity for short. This new name echoes our new strategy, which focuses on improving people's lives through biodiversity research.