



GoI-UNDP Project “Strengthening Institutional Structures to Implement the Biological Diversity Act”

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The last date for submission of applications for the position “**Consultant (Baseline studies)**” stands extended as “on or before 22nd December 2009”. The advertisement is available in the website in the next page.



Terms of Reference

Date of Issue: 03rd December 2009
Closing Date: 18th December 2009

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| Post Title | : Consultant (Base Line Studies) |
| Organization | : GoI-UNDP Project “Strengthening Institutional Structures to Implement the Biological Diversity Act” |
| Duty Station | : Bhopal&Ranchi |
| Supervisor | : Project Manager |
| Type of Contract | : Special Service Agreement (SSA) |
| Duration | : Four months(1st January 2010-30th April 2010) |

Background

Strengthening Institutional Structures to Implement the Biological Diversity Act

As a Party to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, India has formulated the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 which provides that the authority to determine access to genetic resources rests with the national governments and is subject to national legislation. At present, information available on India’s biodiversity is inadequate, including their potential use and value. Similarly, there is limited capacity and awareness regarding the implementation of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

The project seeks to address implementation challenges by supporting strengthening and, if necessary, establishment of the institutional structures at the national, state and local levels. UNDP will work with the National Biodiversity Authority as well state biodiversity boards of Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand. The project duration is 2009-2012.

During the period, the project will focus on the following activities:

- Meetings and consultations with state governments to initiate implementation of the Biological Diversity Act.
- Workshops and discussions at state and local levels to identify gaps and weaknesses in institutional structure to implement the BD Act.
- Support constitution and strengthening of Biodiversity Management Committees.
- Assess existing models of documentation of biodiversity and their uses, including local

traditional knowledge.

Functions / Key Results Expected

Duties and responsibilities: The Project Consultant will work closely with officials of NBA, SBB and BMCs and other governmental and non governmental institutions and individuals to develop a document that assesses the capacity of institutions to implement the Biological Diversity Act. S/he will consult relevant department and agencies to plan and conceptualise a system for capacity building at the national, state and local levels. The synergy should be attained between other consultants in order to achieve the overall success of the programme.

The report will include the following:

- Capacity assessment of NBA, SBB and BMC to implement the Biological Diversity Act in the country.
- A situation analysis of legal frameworks, national and state programmes and capacities of institutions working on conservation of biological resources.
- Review and develop strategies for capacity development of the intuitions working on conservation of biological resources to implement Biological Diversity Act at National State and local levels.

Key deliverables

- An baseline study and capacity assessment report of the NBA, SBBs and local Biodiversity Management Committees (where applicable) by 15 March, 2010
- Presentation of key findings to PSC/PMC by first week of April 2010
- Final revised report that incorporates relevant comments and feedback prepared clearly outlining current national initiatives and programmes, more specifically in the project states of Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh by third week April 2010.
- Report submitted to the PMU and UNDP by last week April,2010.

Qualifications and skills:

1. Doctorate degree in the field of life sciences, with experience in natural resources management.
2. Outstanding communication, project management and organizational skills.
3. At least 12 years experience with in working with public, private and NGO sectors in the related field.
4. Proficiency in English and Hindi.
5. Computer literacy.

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Interested candidates should apply for the vacancy by sending email to secretary@nbaindia.in addressed to the National Biodiversity authority, TICEL Bio-park ltd, 5th Floor, Taramani Link Road, Taramani, Chennai 600 113.

Last date to receive applications: 18th December, 2009