



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
Technical Support Consultant

Date of EOI: April 21, 2021	Closing Date for Receipt of EOI: May 07, 2021
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PROJECT BACKGROUND

IICA is the specialized agency of the Inter-American System for agriculture, that supports the efforts of the Member States to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being. The **Climate Change, Natural Resources and Risk Management** Program seeks to support the countries in the institutional strengthening, the development of technical capacities and the knowledge management that promotes a low carbon resilient agriculture.

Among the initiatives of this Program is measuring climate resilience of agri-food systems and its relationship with rural livelihoods. This initiative is aligned with the Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (Sendai Framework), UN-2030 Sustainable Development Goals and the Climate Resilience and Recovery Plan 2020-2030 and National Development Plans and Initiatives of Dominica.

It also forms part of a strategic and ambitious 2021 work plan for the Caribbean Region, which requires technical support to achieve deliverables related to planning, project development and execution, communication, and technical action at the local level. Specifically, it forms a component for IICA's 2021 internally funded regional project entitled "***Soil-centric actions for strengthening food system resilience and promoting regenerative agriculture as a climate solution in the Caribbean***". The objective of which is to strengthen food systems resilience and climate action in the Caribbean using soil-centric practices and regenerative agriculture. This intervention will support Government and the global community to rebuild and transform the agriculture sector towards resilience.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Agriculture, Climate Change and Natural Resource Program Technical Support Consultant

Description of Duties

A qualified and experienced consultant is being sought to undertake a Climate Resilience and Food Security Mapping assignment in the Commonwealth of Dominica as outlined below:

- a) Customise a survey instrument to capture relevant data as well as have compatibility with the desired processing software.
- b) Train enumerators/technicians to utilize survey instrument and conduct surveys.
- c) Communicate and publicize project activities.
- d) Supervise and administer the resilience and food security survey, inclusive of identification of households to be surveyed (3 communities); determine the interview process.
- e) Process and analyse data collected to infer the food security and climate resilience status of households in the selected communities.

Deliverables to be achieved by the Consultant:

These may be presented either in order of importance or in chronological order, as appropriate.

1. Inception Report, including a methodological framework for analysing resilience and food security in a Caribbean small island developing state context.
2. Context-specific survey instruments and selection of enumerators
3. Enumerator and technician training workshops (3)
4. Communication and publicity products (4): photo/video gallery, blog for IICA, 2 virtual or in person events)
5. Technical brief (1)

The assignment should be conducted over 5 months commencing May 15, 2021.

Minimum Qualifications and Requirements

- The consultant must possess at least an M.Sc. in Environmental Science, Agricultural Science, or related field. Applicants with a B.Sc. from a reputable university who possess considerable experience will also be considered.
- Experience in measuring climate resilience and conducting field surveys in Small Island Developing States.
- A track record of building capacity of technicians in climate resilience measuring methodologies with a focus on food and nutrition security.
- Strong scientific and technical writing skills in English.
- Computer experience with competence in Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Publisher) and online collaboration and communication technologies.
- Well organized and flexible, with experience working under pressure as part of a team, but also able to work independently and proactively.
- Located in one of IICA's member states.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Specific Requirement/Information

1. Proposals must be written in Standard English.
2. The Proposal should provide the following information:
 - a. A description of the individual's experience on comparable assignments.
 - b. Recent CV of the individual.
 - c. A detailed description of the proposed methodology.
3. The following contact information must be provided:
 - a. Legal Name of Individual(s)
 - b. Full address
 - c. Telephone and Fax numbers
 - d. Email address
4. IICA will be the Contracting Party.

IICA's policy requires that vendors provide professional, objective, impartial advice and always hold IICA's interest paramount without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own corporate interests. Vendors shall not be hired for any assignment that would conflict with their prior or current position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interest of IICA.
5. Application should be submitted by **e-mail** to the address under subject caption:

Application: Climate Resilience Mapping to: kent.coipel@iica.int copied to iica.dm@iica.int **no later than May 07, 2021.**