

Terms of Reference: UNDP TerrAfrica Programme Volunteer

Background

TerrAfrica is a regional initiative to enable governments of Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), the international development community and other global, regional and national stakeholders to better coordinate efforts to up-scale the financing and mainstreaming of effective and efficient country driven sustainable land management. It is a special collective and inclusive effort for Sub-Saharan Africa, which aims at fostering long-term integrated strategies and building on comparative advantages. It is designed to be an important support to the implementation of the objectives of the UNCCD; however its mandate and objectives are broader, with a particular attention to the NEPAD-CAADP and the Action Plan of the NEPAD Environment Initiative. The partnership was formally launched at the 7th Session of the COP of the UNCCD in Nairobi, Kenya on the 24th of October 2005.

As part of the TerrAfrica workplan UNDP is implementing a project on ‘Strengthening Engagement with TerrAfrica Process’. The objective of the project is to enhance the capacity of civil society in sustainable land management and facilitate SLM dialogue at national level in countries where UNDP is the lead agency. The project has four main components;

- A. Implementing the work programme of the Civil society Special Advisory Group; including CSO SLM vision pilot activities in Lesotho, Kenya, Cameroon, Uganda
- B. Initiating and convening the Land Tenure Advisory Group;
- C. Facilitating national SLM dialogue in Tanzania, Lesotho, Burkina Faso, Senegal and Niger; and
- D. Linking the 14 LDC Sids projects and countries to TerrAfrica Processes (see attached list of countries)

UNDP is seeking a UN Volunteer to provide oversight and deliver on the four main components outlined above which constitutes UNDP’s programme on TerrAfrica. The Volunteer will be responsible for the overall implementation and monitoring of the UNDP TerrAfrica Programme workplan. The specific tasks to be performed by the UN Volunteer are listed below;

Tasks

- A. *Implement the programme and agenda of the CSO SAG*
 - Convene CSO SAG meetings
 - Provide secretariat services to the CSO SAG
 - Develop, implement and monitor the CSO SAG workplan
 - Manage the communication with key CSO networks and relevant partners
 - Facilitate the establishment of a CSO Coordination Mechanism
 - Provide technical backstopping to the CSO Coordination Mechanism
- B. *Implement the programme and agenda of the Land Tenure SAG*

- Convene the LT SAG Meetings
 - Provide secretariat services to the LT SAG
 - Produce and disseminate knowledge products on the interface of land tenure and SLM
 - Facilitate the production of GEF project guidelines on mainstreaming land tenure in SLM
- C. Facilitating the implementation of Joint Partner Declaration in the Tanzania, Niger, Senegal, Burkina Faso and Lesotho*
- Facilitate implementation of TA activities
 - Support the 5 countries in joint programming of SLM initiatives consistent with the TA framework
 - Assist the countries in mainstreaming SLM into their policy and programming frameworks in partnership with development partners
 - Facilitate national level dialogue to guide joint SLM programming by various stakeholders (leading to CSIFs)
- D. Linking 14 LDC Sids MSPs (and countries) to the TerrAfrica Process*
- Facilitate cross project learning and technical support in a cost effective manner
 - Organize regional training workshops for the LDC Sids Projects
 - Generate knowledge products in areas identified by the LDC Sids projects
 - Facilitate the development of integrated financing strategies and establishment of investment frameworks in the 14 countries
- E. Project Management and Administration*
- Monitor and manage the project expenditure
 - Produce project budgets and workplan
 - Produce financial reports and expenditure forecast in line with the project donor requirements
 - Produce mid-year and end annual progress reports

Reporting:

The Volunteer directly reports to the GEF Regional Technical Advisor for Eastern and Southern Africa and works closely with the TA Programme Assistant.

Duty station:

UNDP South Africa Country Office, Pretoria.

Duration:

One year, renewable depending on performance and availability of funds.