



LEBANON REFORESTATION INITIATIVE (LRI) REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Roster of experts
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I. INTRODUCTION

A. ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND

The Lebanon Reforestation Initiative (LRI) is a Lebanese NGO registered at the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities under no. 1186 on 18 June 2014.

LRI aims to support communities in Lebanon to sustainably manage their forests & landscapes for the benefit of the environment and their wellbeing.

Thus, LRI's mission is to conserve, restore and raise awareness about Lebanon's biodiversity and ecosystems to anticipate Climate Change impact. We are also dedicated to promoting sustainable agricultural practices, supporting livelihoods, and inspiring proactive engagement of communities in resilient circular economy models.

II. PURPOSE

The Lebanon Reforestation Initiative (LRI) is looking for experts who possess expertise in LRI's areas of work to be part of LRI Experts roster and thus be included in LRI's experts' database.

This will facilitate the recruitment, hiring and evaluation of consultants from several thematic areas for a specific future assignment and upon project needs.

This call is for Lebanese and international experts.

In this context, LRI is inviting experienced experts and trainers to express their interest by applying following the application guidelines, to be considered for registration in the LRI expert roster.

Kindly note this is not an employment or engagement offer. Qualified Rostered experts who meet the requirements highlighted in this call will be called upon for each arising relevant assignment to confirm interest, availability and to submit a technical proposal. Once selected for the specific assignment, the expert will be required to sign a service agreement based on project's needs.

A. SCOPE OF WORK

Experts are expected to provide a range of specified advisory services.

The range of assignments for the experts may include policy and behavioral analysis, desk research, provision of strategic and operational advice, training and capacity building activities, development of policy papers and strategic frameworks, on-site support to projects, workshop facilitation, among others.

LRI is looking for experts who have proven experience in the areas listed below.

1. Communications and Marketing

- Technical Area 1: External Strategy Development:
Develop long-term communication strategies, assess and advise LRI's communication teams on areas of improvement.
- Technical Area 2: Social Media Campaign Execution and Analysis:
Plan and implement social media awareness campaigns on specific topics
- Technical Area 3: Content Writing and Storytelling:
Train LRI communication team and support them on: Developing engaging content, creating narratives to promote environmental initiatives, developing blog posts and articles, etc.

2. Legal and Policy Analysis

- Technical Area 5: National and International Legal Research:
Investigate laws and regulations affecting environmental projects in Lebanon and internationally, compare legal frameworks from different regions to identify best practices for local application, etc.
- Technical Area 6: Policy Analysis and Advocacy:
Analyze policies impacting environmental issues, develop advocacy strategies, write policy papers, etc.
- Technical Area 7: Legal Review and Writing:
Review contracts, draft legal documents, ensure compliance with regulations, etc.

3. Environmental Science

- Technical Area 8: Ecology:
Study ecosystems, monitor biodiversity, recommend conservation practices, etc.

- Technical Area 9: Forestry:
Conduct forest assessment and management plans with sustainable forestry practices, etc.
- Technical Area 10: Water Resource Experts:
Analyze water quality, design sustainable water use plans, monitor water sources, etc.
- Technical Area 11: Climate Change:
Assess climate-related risks, propose adaptation strategies, conduct climate impact research, assess vulnerability of communities to climate change, etc.
- Technical Area 12: Environmental Economists:
Evaluate economic impact of environmental projects, conduct cost-benefit analyses, develop data collection tools, analyze and interpret data, etc.
- Technical Area 13: Environmental Health:
Identify health risks from environmental hazards, propose mitigation measures, etc.
- Technical Area 14: Risk Assessment:
Conduct risk assessments for environmental projects, develop risk management plans, etc.

4. Technical Innovation

- Technical Area 15: Renewable Energy:
Develop and implement solar, water, or other renewable energy solutions, optimize energy efficiency, etc.

5. Educational Program Development

- Technical Area 16: Environmental education:
Design adapted environmental education programs and curriculum, create teaching materials for workshops, conduct training and awareness sessions, raise awareness, etc.

6. Agricultural and Food Security Experts

- Technical Area 17: Agronomy:
Advise on sustainable farming practices, conduct soil health assessments, recommend crop rotation techniques, etc.

- Technical Area 18: Agroforestry Experts:
Develop land-use plans that integrate trees and crops, promote biodiversity, etc.
- Technical Area 19: Food Security:
Analyze local food security challenges, design strategies to improve food resilience, etc.
- Technical Area 20: Food Processing (Herbs, Dairy, etc.):
Advise on sustainable processing techniques, improve local food production practices, etc.

7. Sustainable Development and Resilience Planning

- Technical Area 21: Urban Planning:
Design urban green spaces, develop sustainable infrastructure plans, integrate environmental solutions in urban areas, etc.
- Technical Area 22: Sustainable Development:
Create programs aligned with SDGs, promote sustainable practices in project design, etc.
- Technical Area 23: Business Development:
Conduct market research to identify business opportunities and create growth strategies tailored to the needs of SMEs and cooperatives, conduct capacity building sessions enhancing financial and operational management, market access for SMEs and cooperatives, etc.

8. Waste Management and Circular Economy

- Technical Area 24: Waste Management:
Design waste reduction and recycling programs, advise on waste management best practices, etc.
- Technical Area 25: Circular Economy:
Develop circular economy strategies, promote sustainable production and consumption models, etc.

9. Nursery Management

- Technical Area 26: Botanists:
Specialize in plant species, guide species selection, and ensure diversity.
- Technical Area 27: Horticulturists:

Advise on soil health, pest management, and plant growth optimization.

10. Wildlife:

- Technical Area 28: Wildlife Biologists:
Monitor animal populations, assess habitat health, and recommend conservation practices.
- Technical Area 29: Zoologists
Study animal species in local habitats and assist in biodiversity efforts.
- Technical Area 30: Conservation Specialists:
Develop plans to protect wildlife and rehabilitate habitats

11. Soft skills and psychosocial support, PSEA, Child Protection:

- Technical Area 31: Soft skills:
Provide soft skills training for LRI team or for community members or project beneficiaries
- Technical Area 32: Psychosocial support:
Provide psychological support services for LRI team or project beneficiaries.
- Technical Area 33: PSEA:
Support LRI team in developing and updating PSEA policies; provide training on PSEA as TOT for the team or directly to beneficiaries
- Technical Area 34: Child Protection:
Support LRI team in updating its Child protection policy; provide trainings on the topic to beneficiaries

III. REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Commitment to LRI mission and vision, values and ethical standards.
- Sensitivity and adaptability to culture, gender, religion, nationality, and age.

FUNCTIONAL COMPETENCIES

- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, resourcefulness, maturity of judgment, tact, ability to cope with situations that may pose conflict.
- Strong analytical, reporting and writing abilities.
- Ability to work in a team, develop collaborations and establish effective working relations with different stakeholders.
- Ability to plan, organize, implement and report on work.
- Openness to change and ability to receive/integrate feedback.
- Ability to work under pressure and in stressful situations.

EDUCATION

- Advanced university degree (Master, PhD) relevant to the chosen area

EXPERIENCE

- At least 5 years of proven experience related to the chosen technical area
- Extensive technical knowledge relevant to the chosen area

LANGUAGE

- Excellent English (written and spoken)
- Arabic

B. INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

This is a rolling call for experts. Interested experts meeting the requirements are invited to apply.

1. SUBMISSION

Individual expert that are interested in submitting their application must provide the technical and cost information requested below and send it to: procurement@lri-lb.org while mentioning in the subject of the email the chosen technical area. The same expert can apply to several technical areas.

2. TECHNICAL INFORMATION NEEDED TO BE SUBMITTED

- Filled and signed Appendix A (Technical proposal submission sheet)
- A brief cover letter highlighted areas of expertise
- Resume
- A portfolio of previous illustrative work samples (training material, publications, relevant documentation)
- MOF registration document if applicable
- References: Please include three client references and contact information. References should have worked with you within the past two years on subjects related to the technical area chosen

3. FINANCIAL INFORMATION NEEDED TO BE SUBMITTED

- Statement of requested daily fees in US Dollars.
Daily fees should be valid from January 2025 till December 2025.

IV. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The experts will be evaluated and qualified for LRI expert roster according to the requirements mentioned in section III.

Interviews will be conducted with the experts when/where needed.

Experts that meet the different criteria will be included in the expert roster for the relevant technical area chosen. Entry into the LRI experts' roster does not guarantee any consultancy.

Experts in the roster will be:

- contacted when relevant assignments arise and will be checked for compatibility
- invited directly to participate in calls for applications and requests for proposals in the technical area chosen

V. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. LATE SUBMISSIONS

Expression of interests received after the submission deadline stated in the cover page may not be considered.

A late submission will be considered if the cause was attributable to LRI or its employees/agents, or if it is in the best interest of LRI.

B. WITHDRAWALS OF PROPOSALS

Experts may choose to be withdrawn from the Experts roster by written notice via email at any time.

C. RIGHT OF NEGOTIATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

This call represents a definition of requirements and is an invitation for submission of expressions of interests. No commitment is made, either expressed or implied, to compensate experts for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of their expression of interest.

VI. ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Technical Proposal Submission Sheet



APPENDIX A. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION SHEET

(Complete this form with all the requested details and submit it as the first page of your technical proposal, with the documents requested above attached. Ensure that your proposal is authorized in the signature block below. A signature and authorization on this form will confirm that the terms and conditions of this RFP prevail over any attachments. If your proposal is not authorized, it may be rejected.)

Date of Technical Proposal:	
RFEOI Number:	
RFEOI Title:	
Expert name:	
Expert Phone:	
Expert Email:	

We offer to provide the goods/services described in the Scope of Work, in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in Request for Expression of Interest. We confirm that we are eligible to participate in public procurement.