

Position title: Mid-term Evaluator under the UNDP/GEF project Integrating Global Environmental Issues into Bulgaria's Regional Development Process (Rio Conventions Project)

Duty station: Sofia, Bulgaria

Duration: 20 working days within a period of 7 weeks.

Deadline: 23 June 2008

Start date: 20 October (mission dates 3rd to 7th November 2008)

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Background

The project objective is to build capacities for mainstreaming global environment into the formulation and implementation of regional and local development, as well as spatial planning policies. This will be achieved by the project strategy that is to promote a proactive integration of global environmental issues into the very process of regional and local development, as well as spatial planning, both of which are managed by Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works. This will be done by developing the capacity of MRDPW and MOEW to integrate global environmental objectives into the regional and local development policies and practices, as well as into spatial planning documents.

Description of responsibilities

This Mid Term Evaluation is initiated by the UNDP Bulgaria as the Implementation Agency for the Rio Conventions project and it aims to provide managers (at the Project Administration, UNDP Bulgaria Country Office and UNDP/GEF levels) with strategy and policy options for more effectively and efficiently achieving the project's outcomes and for replicating the results. It also provides the basis for learning and accountability for managers and stakeholders.

The objective of this Mid Term Evaluation is to measure the effectiveness and efficiency of project activities in relation to the stated objective so far, and to produce possible recommendations on how to improve the management of the project until its completion in end of June 2010.

The evaluation report will play a critical role in the future implementation of the project

Midterm Evaluator will among others lead and manage the evaluation mission; design the detailed evaluation scope and methodology (including the methods for data collection and

analysis); decide the division of labor within the evaluation team; conduct an analysis of the outcome, outputs and partnership strategy; draft and finalize the evaluation report

Competencies

The Midterm Evaluator should have:

- Recent experience with result-based management evaluation methodologies;
- Experience applying participatory monitoring approaches;
- Experience applying SMART indicators and reconstructing or validating baseline scenarios;
- Recent knowledge of the GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Policy;
- Recent knowledge of UNDP's results-based evaluation policies and procedures
- Competence in Adaptive Management, as applied to conservation or natural resource management projects;
- Recognized expertise in sustainable land management and sustainable use of natural resources;
- Demonstrable analytical skills;

Qualifications

The Midterm Evaluator should have:

- Work experience in relevant areas for at least 10 years;
- Experience with multilateral or bilateral supported projects;
- Project evaluation experiences within United Nations system will be considered an asset;
- Excellent English communication skills.
- The evaluators must be independent from both the policy-making process and the delivery and management of assistance and cannot have had any direct involvement with the design or implementation of the project.