



Call for Expression of Interest

Team Leader for the Swiss Report on Aid Effectiveness of its Agriculture/Food Security Interventions

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)

Closing date for Expression of Interest : 30 August 2009

Approximate duration of assignment: 180 person days (total for entire team).

Indicative timetable (if you can not meet the timetable, indicate the earliest you would be able to fulfil the assignment) :

- Recruitment of Evaluation Team (Call for Offers approximately mid September to mid October and contract by beginning of November)
- Approach Workshop with stakeholders in Bern (November 2009)
- Inception Report (mid December 2009)
- Field study (January-April 2010)
- Draft Aid Effectiveness Report (technical report) due by May 2010

Location : Bern and field (some selected countries in Latin America, Afrika, Asia and Eastern Europe).

Contextual Background :

Based on the positive experience with the publication of the 1st report on effectiveness of the Swiss development cooperation in the water sector in 2008, SDC and SECO decided to elaborate a **second report on effectiveness in the domain of agriculture/food security**. The report will be published in October 2010. At present SDC and SECO are working on an approach paper which will be sent to the short listed candidates in September 2009 as part of the call for offers.

The aim of the Report on effectiveness is primarily to report to the interested Swiss public and in particular the Swiss members of parliament about the effectiveness of the Swiss development cooperation in the above mentioned theme over the last years (2003-2008). As second priority the Report shall contribute to institutional learning at SDC and SECO.

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Report on the Effectiveness of Swiss Development Cooperation in the Water Sector:

http://www.deza.admin.ch/de/Home/Dokumentation/Publikationen_Neuerscheinungen_und_Archiv

Job description :

The purpose of the analysis is to render accountability and demonstrate effectiveness by submitting Swiss interventions in agriculture/food security to independent assessment.

The mandate is not an evaluation, *sensu stricto*, of the Swiss interventions in agriculture/food security. It is rather an impact assessment with a focus on accountability. A sound and solid methodology of investigation must be applied in order to have an independent view on the achieved results.

The SDC's Corporate Controlling Division and the SECO's Monitoring & Evaluation Division are drafting an approach paper which will be sent to selected candidates. In the offer, the candidates will be expected to critically comment the Approach Paper and the proposed methodology.

Criteria/ skills requested :

The analysis will require the services of a team with the following experiences / skills mix :

- Demonstrated skills in the field of aid effectiveness analysis
- Extensive knowledge of the agriculture/food security sector (international competitiveness and trade promotion, value chains development, increase in agriculture productivity and production, prevention of / mitigation in food crisis)
- Extensive knowledge of methodologies dealing with effectiveness issues (outcomes and impact, cost benefit-analysis, etc.)
- Analytical and editing skills, ability to synthesize
- English and German (possibly French instead of German)
- Communication skills
- Ability to conduct a participatory process

Who should apply :

We are looking to recruit a team leader/an institution who will subcontract a small team (2-4 team members including the team leader. Field assistants can be subcontracted additionally). The evaluation team must be independent¹ from SDC and SECO. Any connection to either must be transparently indicated in the letter expressing interest.

How to apply :

Interested consultants/institutions should submit an expression of interest to valerie.rossi@deza.admin.ch. The application should contain the following:

- CV
- List of similar activities undertaken
- A short expression of interest which clearly identifies how the candidate meets each of the criteria/skills listed above and complies with the indicative timetable

SDC and SECO will analyse the submitted expression of interest and will compile a short list. Only short listed candidates will be contacted. They will be contacted around mid September and will be requested to submit an offer by mid October, 2009 based on the draft Approach Paper (ToRs) developed by SDC and SECO.

¹ The analysis on aid effectiveness shall be conducted by experts that have not been engaged in SDC or SECO activities (programmes, projects, evaluations, etc.) or only for short mandates not linked with the theme of this report.