Initiative for Climate Action Transparency Argentina

Terms of Reference for short-term consultancy on Land Use, Land-Use Change, and Forestry (LULUCF) and Climate Change within the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) Argentina Project.

UNEP DTU Partnership is seeking to hire a short-term national technical Consultant to support the National Climate Change Directorate within the Secretariat of Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Innovation from the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Argentina in the development of the Outcome No. 3 from the ICAT Argentina Project: “Support in estimation of GHG reductions in the LULUCF sector and in the enhancement of Argentina’s GHG emissions reporting format”.

1. Background

The Argentine Republic ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 1994 (Law No. 24,295), the Kyoto Protocol in September 2001 (Law No. 25,438) and the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol in May 2015 (Law No. 27,137). As signatory of the UNFCCC, the country undertook obligations including the report of the national greenhouse gases inventories, national programs with mitigation and adaptation actions against climate change and any other relevant information regarding to the fulfilment of the objective of the UNFCCC. As part of the country’s undertaken obligations, Argentina submitted its First National Communication in July 1997, and a revised communication in October 1999. The Second National Communication was submitted in December 2007 and the Third National Communication and the First BUR were both submitted in December 2015. The Second BUR was submitted in August of 2017 and the Third BUR was presented to the UNFCCC in November 2019.

In December 2015 during COP 21, the Paris Agreement (PA) was adopted, its article No. 2 established the objective of “holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels”. In September 2016, Argentina ratified the Paris Agreement (Law No. 27,270), thereby submitting its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) which reflects its commitment to combat climate change and its effects. Argentina’s NDC outlines an absolute economy-wide reduction target of limiting its GHG emissions to 483 MtCO₂e by 2030.

One of the most relevant challenges the implementation of the Paris Agreement poses to countries is to count with strong Transparency Frameworks. Article No.13 of the PA establishes the need of Parties to implement national robust and transparent reporting and accounting systems to give clarity on action and support while providing clear information to stakeholders. As a part of building and enhancing their Transparency Frameworks, Parties of the UNFCCC Convention will progressively implement better tools and institutional practices, many of them not sufficiently developed in the countries. This is especially true for developing countries.

Argentina is one of the champions in terms of climate transparency following mandates established at the UNFCCC. As such, the country has been devoting work on improving transparency issues, in particular, those related to the preparation and continuous update of the consistency of Argentina’s GHG Inventory. Argentina’s GHG Inventory System (the SNI-GEI-AR based at the National Climate Change Directorate) is currently the backbone of the GHG emissions accounting at country level. The main goal for the SNI-GEI-AR is to be both useful for
the assessment of Argentina’s NDC commitments in line with the Paris Agreement, as well as, for the interaction with several other channels that allow the incorporation of GHG emissions data into the public climate policymaking process. Moreover, Argentina is developing its national long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategy (LTS) in order to answer to the invitation formulated in the PA.

To formulate a 2050 vision, Argentina needs to have a systematic account of the forestry sector potential GHG emissions and removals, in particular, for its importance for the long-term planning. However, this sector has an elevated uncertainty due to the existence of many different approaches to account for the potential mitigation impacts. To gain clarity on the most solid options to account for the Argentinian GHG emissions and removals from this sector at 2050 timescales, Argentina has decided to include this topic in this ICAT project.

In the same context of the preparation of Argentina’s LTS, mitigation and adaptation measures involving Disruptive Technologies (DT) and Disruptive Behaviors (DB) suitable to Argentinian local conditions need to be analyzed thoroughly. An initial work to identify, define, and if possible quantify of these measures involving DT and DB in a transparent manner has been included as part of this ICAT project, by using the ICAT Transformational Change and Sustainability Development methodologies as tools to analyze and account transparently for these actions in the local context.

Moreover, the country will assess the different reporting format to the UNFCCC in order to evaluate possible future improvements of the SNI-GEI-AR so as to be in line with the Biennial Transparency Reports.

Lastly, Argentina has developed a series of sectorial plans including measures across the economy, in particular in the areas of Energy, Agriculture, Forestry, Transport, Industry and Infrastructure to implement the NDC. Furthermore, the country is considering the development of an innovative approach to upscale its work on mitigation and transparency. In this regard, Argentina is putting together information on mitigation measures at different government levels, aiming to improve comparability between bottom-up and top-down mitigation and GHG inventory data. One of the mitigation areas likely to be analyzed with this approach is related to Circular Economy (CE). This area has been prioritized since there is not enough information, on how CE measures may affect Argentina’s GHG accounting. Due to this gap, Argentina decided to include the quantitative analysis of this accounting aspect into this ICAT project.

2. Objective

The ICAT Argentina Project aims to assist the country in enhancing and improving technical capacities related to climate transparency efforts in three areas:

   a) Ensuring that local mitigation efforts made by the CE approach are reflected in the overall emissions accounting of Argentina presented in its GHG National Inventory;

   b) Supporting the work on Argentina’s LTS through a transparent assessment of local disruptive mitigation and adaptation measures likely to be considered into its LTS; and

   c) Increasing transparency in Argentina’s GHG emissions reporting and projections in particular for the Forestry Sector.

3. Main activities and responsibilities

The local consultant is expected to develop and coordinate the activities and products related to the Outcome No.3: “Support in estimation of GHG reductions in the LULUCF sector and in the enhancement of Argentina’s GHG emissions reporting format” from ICAT Argentina Project, including the compilation, checking and revising of support documents and other inputs. In
addition to this, the consultant will work as part of a five (5) local consultants' team and some data support will be provided to this consultant.

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| Output 3.1: Technical Support for estimations of Long-Term GHG Forest related emissions as a part of the National GHG Emissions Inventory of Argentina and for the enhancement of Argentina's reporting formats | 3.1.1 To provide expert analysis on international approaches for accounting GHG emissions, removals and overall reductions from managed Forest Land (native and introduced species) in the long term: 2050 and beyond.  
3.1.2 To define a set of questions in the same line of the previous activity to be included by ISPRA in the discussions during the Annual Meeting of the LULUCF Technical Group organized by JRC ISPRA in Italy.  
3.1.3 Participation as a representative of Argentina Government in the Annual Meeting of the LULUCF Technical Group organized by JRC ISPRA.  
3.1.5 To prepare a document linking the results of the previous activities of Outcome #3 with the preparation of the LTS of Argentina, regarding LULUCF sector. |

4. **Expected deliverables**

   No.16 - Results with conclusions of Workshop on LULUCF in Italy.
   No.17 - Preliminary and final Report with suggestion for improvement of the Argentinian Forest Land emission and removal inventory considering the results of the activities 3.1.1, 3.1.2 and 3.1.3.
   No.18 - Preliminary and final Proposal of Improvements for the GHG Inventory to report at GHG Data Interface.
   No.19 - Document linking the results of the previous activities of Outcome #3 with the preparation of the LTS of Argentina, regarding LULUCF sector.

5. **Contract terms**

For the implementation of the activities described in the scope of the assignment, the consultant shall provide a total of 1600 working hours in 10 months.

For implementing the activities and deliverables specified in this ToR, the consultant will receive a total amount of $14,875 USD. This amount will be paid according to the delivery of deliverables, as previously described in Section 3: “Main activities and responsibilities” and bi-monthly progress reports.

Payment is to be made in phases, distributed in indicate schedule and condition for each payment).

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### 6. Qualification requirements

**ACADEMIC:**
- 5 year university degree in Engineering, Environmental sciences, Biology, or other university degree relevant to climate change, environment and national development. (required)

**PROFESSIONAL:**
- A minimum of 10 years of professional experience of technical work in the areas of climate change mitigation and specially working with GHG Inventory and with projects under public administration (required);
- Verifiable professional experience developing GHG Inventory using IPCC methodology (required);
- Demonstrates excellent understanding of Argentina’s national policy related to climate change with particular focus on GHG Inventory compiling, Mitigation, MRV of the LULUCF sector and its corresponding application to Argentina’s context such as National Climate Change Action Plans (required);
- Experience working with, and building partnerships with public sector both national and subnational (required).
- A minimum of 5 years of academic experience teaching climate change related classes (desirable).
The candidate must be native in Spanish and have very good writing, reading and editing skills in English.

SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

PROFESSIONALISM:
- Excellent understanding of global and national climate change issues in particular related to forest and LULUCF sector;
- Knowledge and understanding of theories, concepts and approaches relevant to climate change mitigation and adaptation planning, and intergovernmental climate change negotiations;
- Relationship skills with public and private sector officials;
- Ability to identify issues, analyze and participate in the resolution of issues/problems.
- Ability to apply judgment in the context of assignments given, plan own work and manage conflicting priorities. Shows pride in work and in achievements;
- Demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns;
- Shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; Remains calm in stressful situations; Shows leadership capacities;
- Knowledge of IT tools such as Microsoft Office.

TEAMWORK:
- Experience in teamwork, with recognition in the field of their specialty to cooperate with consultants of other specialties;
- Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; solicits input by genuinely valuing others’ ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others; supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position; shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.

PLANNING AND ORGANIZING:
- Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required; allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; uses time efficiently.

OTHERS:
- Experts must be based in Buenos Aires and have full time availability (required);
- Experts with Argentine nationality will have priority - parity of experience and knowledge;
- Experts must have availability to travel within Argentina and abroad as needed.

7. Requirements
- CV
- A description (1 to 2 pages) of how the consultant experience and skills will help with the assigned tasks mentioned above. This letter might be in Spanish.
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