

Development of a regional network/cooperative for experts in the thematic area of sustainable land management, climate change adaptation sustainable development

Selection of a carrier organization to host and develop an effective regional expert network/cooperative on sustainable land management, climate change adaptation sustainable development for strengthening Central Asian contributions to planning and project implementation.

Are you an existing professional networking organization and willing to take up an innovative approach in your existing portfolio?

OR

Are you a professional organization active in the field of sustainable land management and climate change, supporting respective decision-making processes in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan or Uzbekistan?

Maybe you then would be interested to become the carrier organization for a new expert network/cooperative, which enables effective employment of Central Asian experts from very diverse fields of expertise for tackling the challenges for a sustainable development of Central Asia? If this is the case apply now!

GIZ Regional Program

A new regional program on “Integrative and climate sensitive use of the land resources in Central Asia” will be implemented from December 2017 in all five Central Asian countries. The overall goal of the project is to develop integrative, sustainable, climate-sensitive and economically viable land use approaches with the participation of land user groups, public sector actors, the private sector and civil society and to implement the developed approaches in Central Asian countries as an institutionalized part of government policy.

Link to website of the predecessor project: <http://www.naturalresources-centralasia.org/>

The regional program has three main components of which the third one is of primary concern for this posting:

1. Development, field-testing and regional exchange of conceptual guidelines innovative approaches on adaptation to climate change and integrative land use;
2. Dissemination of integrative land use approaches in the Central Asian region, taking into account climate financing opportunities;
3. Strengthening of core competencies in terms of integrative land use and its adaptation to climate change of key players who cooperate at the regional level.

Rationale of the Expert Network/Cooperative

Within the third program component of the GIZ regional program an effective and innovative expert network in Central Asia is to be supported. The idea is based on the experience that development strategies and international development projects in the region sometimes do not sufficiently take into account expertise and experiences from the region. This leads to ineffectiveness in implementation and hinders the development of capacities in the countries of Central Asia. The potential of regional mutual learning is often neglected.

Focus of the initiative:

- making use of local expertise for the development of projects and strategic planning in Central Asia at the national and regional levels,
- linking up with Central Asian experts and consultants from various sectors to create a pool of knowledge for development projects and better job opportunities for experts from the region,
- empower experts in the region, build their capacities and foster exchange to boost transformations in strategic thinking and approaches that will help with the implementation of respective measures especially in the field of climate change adaptation,
- the network should be self-sustaining in the long term.

The development of the expert network/cooperative will be done in a joint process together with GIZ networking and cooperative development specialists. It should include, innovations to existing, similar networks, anticipate interdisciplinary collaboration (NGOs, academia, as well as from public and private sector organizations), establish job linkages between experts to have the full spectrum of expertise for complex tasks and to compete with international experts. The management of the network should be done centrally and leanly and it should link the demand and the supply side for the services of the experts together.

Support of carrier organization by an integrated CIM-expert

With the help of an international [CIM-expert](#) that will be integrated in your organization, GIZ can support you to strengthen your network and help you to build links with a broad expert community in Central Asia.

GIZ will look in the European labor market for an expert the following qualifications: organizational development, change management, cooperative management, digital instruments, networking skills.

The CIM-expert will work in the carrier organization and will pass on his/her professional knowledge over a period of two years, with the possibility of a further extension. The carrier organization has to provide the CIM-expert with a work place and with a local salary. GIZ will top up this salary to make the position attractive to international experts. The work contract of the CIM-expert is made with the carrier organization and not with GIZ. The host organization must thus be legally allowed to hire foreign staff.

Timeframe

- Pre-selection of candidates for carrier-organization: 25 November - 7 December 2017
- Interviews with pre-selected candidates: 11 - 17 December 2017
- Final selection of a carrier-organization: 20 December 2017

Requirements for participation

- Proven ability to co-generate, establish and sustain a regional expert network/cooperative
- Either being active as renown environmental organization with profile described above or being active as networking organization
- Ability to communicate on a professional level in at least English and Russian
- Office in one of the 5 Central Asian countries with a stable internet connection
- Ability to get a working authorization for the CIM Expert
- Ability to organize competence development for members of the network, ensure quality control and feedback mechanisms, promote the possibility associated with the expert network towards potential investors
- Technical ability to manage an online library

How to apply?

Please send a letter of motivation (max. one A4 page, in English) and a profile of your organization. All applications shall be sent to felix.beck@giz.de before 5th of December 2017. Please use the subject line "Application as carrier-organization for the development of a regional network/cooperative" for the email. A selection committee will choose appropriate candidates for an interview.