

**TORs: consultancy mission to analyze and map the agricultural knowledge
landscape of DPR Korea in relation to Organic Agriculture**

Summary

IFOAM is looking for a consultant to conduct a mission in the framework of the project “Bridges for Organic Knowledge in Korea (BOKK). Building capacity for organic agriculture development in DPR Korea”, co-financed by the European Commission. The mission will aim to analyze and map the agricultural knowledge landscape of DPR Korea in relation to Organic Agriculture.

Background information:

The International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) is the global organic umbrella organization with 800 affiliates in over 115 countries around the world. This allows IFOAM to unite, lead and assist the organic movement in its full diversity, while providing a common voice on relevant organic issues.

IFOAM is currently implementing the first phase of the project “Bridges for Organic Knowledge in Korea (BOKK). Building capacity for organic agriculture development in DPR Korea”, co-financed by the European Commission. The overall objective of the EU program which funds this project is to improve food security through increased sustainable food production in DPR Korea.

The project is a partnership project between IFOAM and the DPRK organic stakeholders, under the coordination of the Pyongyang International Information Center for New Technology and Economy (PIINTEC), the only currently authorized IFOAM affiliate in DPRK. PIINTEC is the key partner in the project implementation.

The purpose of this consultancy is referred to the project’s expected result number 1, as follows:

. A detailed analysis of the national organic agriculture situation and stakeholders and a final plan for the project activities are available.

Terms of Reference

Task

Based on this background IFOAM is looking for a consultant to:

- Conduct an analysis of the current agricultural practices (use of non-organic inputs, area under organic or nearly-organic management, model farms with organic demonstration plots, etc.) in DPR Korea.
- Map institutions and individuals that are active in organic agriculture or related fields and a description of their roles, resources, state of mind, experience, linkages within and outside DPRK and ability for communication.
- Describe the DPRK agricultural knowledge management system, i.e. the current systems for farmer advice, how knowledge is passed down from the research and education centers to the farmers.
- Identify organic agriculture related publications and resources available in Korean in the country.

Additional information

As it is extremely difficult to obtain information through distant communication channels, most of this activity will be conducted in DPRK. The expert will be assisted in the collection of information by staff from IFOAM and PIINTEC involved in the project. The expert will travel to DPRK, visit and meet with stakeholders following a visiting schedule to be agreed upon with IFOAM and its partner in DPRK. Therefore, the expert must qualify as an eligible Visa applicant for DPRK. Visa application for the selected candidate will be facilitated through PIINTEC.

Report

The consultant shall deliver the results of the consultancy in the form of a report in English, proofread Word document.

References

Description of the project (upon request).

Time plan

Deadline for Applications received by IFOAM	February, 6 2012
Notification by IFOAM of successful applicant proposal and issuing of contract	February, 8 2012
Forecast period for consultant briefing (1 working day) and visit to DPRK (5 working days)	February, 13-25 2012
Final deadline for delivery of results (approved by IFOAM)	March 12, 2012

This timeline is indicative and can be negotiated with the consultant.

Property rights and acknowledgement

The reports will be owned by IFOAM. The name of the author will be indicated.
Any use of the results by consultant must be approved by IFOAM beforehand.

Budget

The total cost shall not exceed Euro 8000, including travel cost. Per diem (120 euro, up to 5 days) in DPRK will be covered by IFOAM.

Desirable skills and experience of the consultant

The consultant should ideally combine the following skills and experience:

- Extensive experience in collecting and compiling information related to organic agriculture.
- Familiarity with the organic sector in various countries of the world and in Asian countries specifically.
- Expertise in organic principles and practices.
- Good “surveying” / “investigative” skills.
- Strong cultural adaptability.

Submission of Offer

Date of submission of offer

Your offer shall be received by IFOAM's Head Office no later than **February 6, 2012** and submitted by e-mail.

Indicate the following on the subject line:

Offer_Consultancy_BOKK_2012

Your offer shall be submitted to:

Flávia Castro – Project Coordinator

Email: f.castro@ifoam.org

Your submission shall be no longer than 5 pages and include:

- Any relevant reflections on the assignment.
- A description of how you will carry out the assignment
- The cost for the consultancy divided in professional fees (indicating hourly/daily charge) and reimbursables + other costs as applicable.
- An explanation why you are qualified for this assignment.
- Any other relevant references.
- A company profile
- A CV.
- A scanned copy of your Passport (must be valid for more than 6 months)

Schedule for decision

Should the decision by IFOAM or the information to the accepted tenderer be delayed and such a delay would make the accomplishment of the task within the time frame as stated above impossible the time schedule will be renegotiated between IFOAM and the accepted tenderer.