



Global Roster of Climate Risk and Agricultural Insurance Experts

Terms of Reference

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Background

Created in 2013 following the G-20 discussions on agricultural growth and food security, the Platform for Agricultural Risk Management (PARM) provides technical support to stakeholders for the integration of a holistic agricultural risk management (ARM) approach into policy planning, institutional capacities and investments in the agricultural sector in order to move away from a culture of coping with disasters towards a smart management of risk. Hosted by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), PARM represents a unique and strategic global multi-stakeholder partnership in the area of agricultural risk management. It is guided and funded by the European Commission (EC), the French Development Agency (AFD), Italy and IFAD.

Through the Insurance for Rural Resilience and Economic Development (INSURED) programme, implemented by IFAD and managed through PARM, the Platform works at multiple levels to:

- embed climate risk insurance as a cross-cutting tool for rural development;
- expand access to holistic insurance schemes benefitting rural poor people;
- enhance the understanding of decision makers on how to develop and use sustainable climate risk insurance solutions.

In this framework, PARM is currently seeking experts and skilled professionals with expertise in **climate risk and agricultural insurance** to join its roster of consultants. As part of this network, the experts will have the opportunity to work with IFAD on impactful assignments – whether short, medium, or long term – contributing to the mission of rural resilience.

Key functions and Results

Under the overall guidance of PARM Lead Technical Specialist and direct report to PARM Agriculture & Climate Insurance Specialist, the experts will play a key role in delivering technical and strategic guidance, supporting knowledge sharing, driving implementation and effective programme management. The following main activities may be requested:

- Technical oversight for country assessments, feasibility studies and/or other implementation activities in INSURED countries.
- Development and delivery of capacity building and training for in-country stakeholders, including definition of target groups, programme, types of materials and tools required.
- Conceptualization and technical inputs to publications, including reports, blogs, articles, briefs and guidance tools targeting technical and knowledge needs at country, regional and global level.
- Provide insurance-related technical advice and support on request to projects, country strategies, facilities and partners such as on design and implementation steps, background information, briefings and/or mission support to identify and facilitate improvements in agricultural insurance systems, programmes, markets, and/or products.
- Identify technical synergies and foster partnerships with global and regional initiatives on climate, agricultural development and insurance.



- Support INSURED's relationships and identify opportunities for engagement with sovereign risk pools and other development partners (e.g. to promote risk layering approaches, support linkages of national risk transfer activities).
- Technical participation in country-specific and global knowledge sharing communities of practice, technical working groups, events, and industry related associations, international meetings and workshops such as the Microinsurance Network, International Conference on Inclusive Insurance, and the Insurance Development Forum's Inclusive Insurance Working Group.
- Expand the visibility of INSURED by building and actively strengthening relationships within IFAD and external partnerships.
- Provide technical support, knowledge sharing, and strategic advice on key climate risk and agricultural insurance topics such as index-based insurance, livestock insurance and sovereign risk insurance mechanisms.
- Ensure gender is mainstreamed throughout INSURED's work e.g. including gender considerations in new ToRs or activities, providing guidance where needed and verifying that contractors and service providers are executing in a gender-sensitive manner.
- Any other activities as required to support the achievement of INSURED's objectives.

The Consultant shall:

- Closely cooperate with partners, consultants, and service providers working on joint activities.
- Participate in conference calls, or in-person project meetings when necessary.
- Travel for project implementation and/or knowledge management purposes as needed and upon prior agreement.

Technical Background/Experience of the experts:

Education:

Advanced university degree (master's or equivalent/PhD) from an accredited institution in insurance, actuarial science, risk management, finance, economics, climate economics, or related field.

Experience:

- At least seven (7) years of progressive professional experience in technical assistance, research, project design and implementation, knowledge sharing, and capacity building in the field of climate and agricultural insurance.
- At least four (4) years working in the development and implementation of climate and/or agricultural risk transfer strategies.
- Experience with international or bilateral development institutions or other IFAD partners will be an asset: governments, non-state actors (NGOs, CSOs, Foundations, etc.) and private sector actors.

Skills:

- Required level 4 (excellent) in English (Written and spoken)
- Knowledge of French and/or another UN language will be an asset
- Experience in at least one region / country covered by IFAD

Other details

Close date: 30 November 2024

Location: Home-based, IFAD HQ in Rome, or regional/country offices

Interested candidates are invited to send their CVs to parm@ifad.org.

