

## Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Aral Sea Basin (CAMP4ASB)

### Regional Coordination Unit (RCU): Climate Change Specialist

#### Terms of Reference

#### 1. Background:

On November 3, 2015, the World Bank Board of Executive Directors approved an allocation of US\$38 million from the International Development Association (IDA) to finance the first phase of the CAMP4ASB regional program. This approved financing includes US\$9 million for Tajikistan, US\$14 million for Uzbekistan, and US\$15 million for regional activities to be implemented by the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (EC-IFAS) with support from the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) for day-to-day regional coordination and implementation.

The Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Aral Sea Basin (CAMP4ASB) aims to enhance regionally coordinated access to improved climate change knowledge services for key stakeholders (e.g., policy makers, communities, and civil society) in participating Central Asian countries as well as to increased investments and capacity building that, combined, will address climate challenges common to these countries. CAMP4ASB<sup>1</sup> is comprised of three components as follows:

Component 1: Regional Climate Knowledge Services	Component 2: Regional Climate Investment Facility	Component 3: Regional and National Coordination
To strengthen the knowledge and capacity base for climate action and facilitate regional dialogue and multi-stakeholder engagement for an effective climate response at scale	To provide financing and technical assistance to rural communities for climate-smart investments that will generate lessons and experience for scaled-up climate action in priority areas common to all Central Asian countries	For oversight, coordination, and implementation support at regional and national levels
Activities: 1.1. Strengthening the Information Platform for Central Asia 1.2. Targeted upgrading of climate-related monitoring systems 1.3. Developing methodologies, approaches, and tools for decision support	Subcomponents: 2.1. Investment Financing 2.2. Capacity Building and Community Support	Subcomponents: 3.1 Regional Coordination 3.2 National Coordination

<sup>1</sup> For more details about the project and description of all components and subcomponents please, refer to the CAMP4ASB Project Appraisal Document (PAD) at [http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2015/10/20/090224b083157ebd/2\\_0/Rendered/PDF/Central0Asia000I0Sea0Basin0Project0.pdf](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2015/10/20/090224b083157ebd/2_0/Rendered/PDF/Central0Asia000I0Sea0Basin0Project0.pdf)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.4. Developing knowledge products</li> <li>1.5. Building capacity</li> <li>1.6. Setting up a Climate Investment Assessment Mechanism</li> <li>1.7. Outreach and coalition building</li> </ul> |  |  |
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CAREC as the RCU will provide general Program oversight, oversee implementation of activities implemented at the regional level (including liaising regularly with the NCUs to seek inputs and facilitate consensus on proposed regional activities as well as to receive feedback on their implementation), provide as needed technical support/guidance to the NCUs, review bi-annually a sample of national climate investments to ensure their consistency with guiding investment priorities set by the Regional Steering Committee, to assess lessons learned from investments, and ensure lessons and results from Program activities are systematically disseminated to support participating country planning processes. The RCU will also oversee, together with the NCUs, the Program's Feedback/Grievance Redress Mechanism. The RCU will support arrangements for the Regional Steering Committee meetings.

#### **Objectives of the Assignment**

Climate Change (SS) Specialist will support RCU Coordinator with a content-wise approach in delivering knowledge products, methodologies and capacity building exercises and assuring their quality. CC Specialist will also be responsible for supporting the RCU Coordinator in formulating and submitting regular project progress reports to EC-IFAS and World Bank project manager. Set-up of the climate assessment investments mechanism and close intervention with EC-IFAS in this regard is also part of the assignment.

#### **Scope of Work**

In his/her activity the CC Specialist shall be guided by the Project Appraisal Document (PAD), Project Operational Manual (POM) as well as by Financing Agreement and Operating Agreement of CAMP4ASB and current legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan. CC Specialist will be responsible for the following tasks:

1. Coordinate and conduct regular needs assessment in terms of policy formulation, capacity building, technology transfer, etc. on climate change and sustainable development at the regional level and support the development of various types of products (programs, action plans, road maps) in close coordination with NCUs to meet the Project Development Objective (POD).
2. Closely collaborate with lead international, regional and national research institutions to assure an evidence-based approach throughout the development process (see task above).
3. Set-up the climate investments/grants mechanism in the context of CAMP4ASB, examine its functionality beyond the project life and suggest the sustainability action plan;
4. Support and update EC-IFAS in interactions with other state and regional authorities, executive structures and bodies on climate investments/grants mechanism and its functionality as well as on any other issues, upon EC-IFAS request;
5. Develop ToRs for the consultants and firms, to perform tasks on climate-related issues (methodologies, approaches, tools, etc.), which would feed into the knowledge products, including policy documents, and further dissemination to the project beneficiaries (in close coordination with KM Specialist);

6. Be responsible for development of the information and knowledge products, including a periodic *Central Asia Climate Change Atlas*, on trends and indicators on climate as well as environmental and socio-economic impacts.
7. Establish a review committee to assure the quality of the knowledge products, methodologies, approaches, tools, capacity building exercises and handout materials, etc;
8. Support in organizing and conducting Annual Forums especially in terms of the formulating materials (agenda, outcome documents, proceedings, etc.);
9. Support RCU Coordinator in developing regular consolidated reports on CAMP4ASB project progress to EC-IFAS and World Bank project manager;
10. Support the RCU Coordinator in drafting the preparatory materials and decisions of the RSC meetings, as well as follow-up with EC-IFAS on decisions' updates;
11. Represent the project through attendance at relevant international and regional climate-related events, round tables, seminars and trainings – to augment the knowledge management process and to disseminate CAMP4ASB's knowledge and experience, and lessons learned;
12. Keep the RCU Coordinator/ Unit informed of other relevant projects and/or activities;
13. Perform any other duties as agreed with RCU Coordinator.

#### **Assignment Duration**

CC Specialist is expected to begin the assignment on a full-time basis. The assignment will be initially for a period of 1 year. The decision on extension of the contract will be made by the RCU Coordinator in agreement with the Bank.

#### **Reporting**

CC Specialist will report directly to the RCU Coordinator.

#### **Assignment Location**

Taking into account the pandemic situation connected with COVID -19 travel restrictions, CC Specialist can be based in country of his/her permanent residence at the CAREC country office premises with necessary travels to the CAREC HQ in Almaty Kazakhstan and Program sites upon the request of RCU.

#### **Client's input**

CAREC will provide the following:

Program documents and Work space with access to office technology facilities.

#### **Qualifications**

##### *Experience:*

- At least ten years of relevant working experience in the management of climate change, natural resources, economics and/or environmental projects in an international or regional organization with a good reputation and donor supported activities;
- Good knowledge of climate change science and interventions in Central Asia, with natural resource management, sustainable energy, agriculture, etc.;
- Extensive experience of working with national ministries, government agencies, academia and civil society on issues concerning climate change, natural resource management, sector-based development.

##### *Education:*

- Master's degree in a field related to environmental sciences, climate, agriculture, natural resources and/or green economy.

##### *Personal qualities:*

- Applicant must demonstrate enthusiasm for, and commitment, to sustainable development and environmental management;
- Excellent communication and inter-personal skills;
- Excellent team building skills;
- Fluent in English and Russian;
- Ability to think strategically and evidence of problem identification, analysis and offering of solutions;
- Ability and willingness to travel to project-supported areas.