

CSA Country Profile for The Kingdom of Thailand – Consultancy

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The International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) is seeking the technical services of a **National Consultant** to conduct a comprehensive Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Country Profile (CP) for The Kingdom of Thailand. The study will assess the state of the agricultural sector nationally, and its capacity to adopt and scale out climate-smart agriculture practices and technologies under climate variability and change. The assessment will encompass capturing of information on the importance of the agriculture sector for the country's population and economy, identifying top production systems key for food security, current yield and productivity indicators, as well as climatic- and non-climatic challenges related to these selected production systems. The study will further highlight existing institutions, policies, programs and practices in the country related to CSA, specifically identifying enabling environments and barriers for mainstreaming adoption of CSA, as well as ongoing and potential CSA activities and avenues for financing uptake of practices.

The consultant will gather and analyze country-specific information on the implications and potential of climate smart agriculture in The Kingdom of Thailand, to fill knowledge gaps and provide a platform for informed action at the country level. This will be done in the format of a Country Profile, a brief document detailing CSA activities, enabling environment at national and sub-national levels and funding avenues.

TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The specific tasks around the Climate Smart Agriculture Country Profile for The Kingdom of Thailand baseline assessment will include:

1. Conduct desk research and literature review to collect baseline information on the state of the national agricultural sector, including projected climate change, production systems, CSA practices, policies, programs, strategies, plans, available and potential finances for CSA in the country, projections of the Agricultural Commodities and Trade (IMPACT) model.
2. Conduct surveys and prepare the engagement and data collection workshops to collect data on CSA practices, policies, institutions and finances in the country.
3. Document findings from the surveys/workshops and report the data into the CSA CP Template following the methodological, formatting and referencing guidelines provided by the CIAT team. The data provided will be in English.
4. Write the CSA CP following the methodological, formatting and referencing guidelines provided by the CIAT team. The drafts will be provided in English.
5. Respond to internal and external comments related to the CSA CP draft and the data reporting templates in a consistent and timely manner.

6. Give full access to the CIAT team to the data collected during the workshop and/or surveys or interviews.

PROFILE

The consultant brings:

- a background in Agronomy / Agricultural Economics / Environmental Science and Policy or similar (PhD preferred), and have at least 5-7 years of relevant work experience in the country.
- a good understanding of climate smart/resilient agriculture,
- expertise in the national agricultural and environmental policy environment, including knowledge of and an existing network in government and non-government agencies working on topics related to agriculture, climate change and food security
- very good communication and academic writing skills in English

The timeline for this project is between July – November 2018. Location will be home-based, ideally based in Bangkok. The consultant is expected to manage his/her time independently during the duration of this assignment. Expected workload will be almost full-time in the early months and part-time in the last one or two months.

CONTACT

Please send your CV and short cover letter to:

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