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**Africa Union Development Agency - New Partnership for Africa’s Development (AUDA-NEPAD)**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)

**Country:** South Africa

**Project:** The International Climate Initiative (IKI) Programme: Large-scale Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) in Africa

**Assignment Title:** Consultancy Services to Collect and Identify Best Practices in 4 Countries (Cameroon, Kenya, Rwanda, and Malawi)

**Reference No**: 03/AUDA/PDCD/ES/ICS/2022

African forests and landscapes are under significant pressure and are severely compromised. The continent loses approximately 2.8 million hectares of forests each year and about 50 million hectares of land is affected by degradation[[1]](#endnote-1). FLR as a process of regaining ecological functionality and enhancing human well-being across deforested or degraded forest landscapes presents opportunities to improve livelihoods and lift people out of poverty. FLR also provides prospects to improve soil fertility, stabilize food production and reduce food insecurity, while protecting biodiversity and restoring the integrity of ecosystems to benefit from ecosystem services. The International Climate Initiative (IKI) Programme: Large-scale Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) in Africa: Tree-rich landscapes to foster biodiversity, climate change resilience and better livelihoods”project thus aims at increasing the economic, ecological and climate related benefits from large-scale FLR in the partner countries (Cameroon, Kenya, Rwanda and Malawi). Leveraging on our proximity to the African Union and the four implementing countries (Cameroon, Kenya, Rwanda & Malawi). AUDA-NEPAD’s contribution towards the programme entails implementing the communication, monitoring, and learning efforts at the regional level. Additionally, AU-DA-NEPAD will also work to trigger and mobilize multi-lateral IDA, especially at regional level.

**The main objectives of the consulting services are to:**

The objective of the consultancy is to collect, identify and document best practices and lessons learnt in the 4 partner countries to acquire and disseminate knowledge, strengthen institutional capacity , and foster cooperation. The consultancy will contribute to a growing body of continent-wide best practices in FLR, including gender-sensitive approaches which will be shared with the global community of practice and the AFR100 monitoring group.

The Consultancy shall be completed within a period of three (3) calendar months from the date of signing the contract).

The assignment's detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) can be found at the following website: (<https://www.nepad.org/corporate-procurement#tenders>).

The Africa Union Development Agency - New Partnership for Africa’s Development (AUDA-NEPAD now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

* **QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES**
* At least an advanced tertiary qualification in Agriculture Science, Biological Science, Environmental science, Agric Economics, Forestry, or any related field Ph.D. will be an added advantage;
* At least 5 years in knowledge management, preferably in similar assignments. Knowledge and experience in FLR are an added advantage;
* Demonstratable understanding of the International Climate Initiative (IKI) Programme: Large-scale Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) in Africa: Tree-rich landscapes to foster biodiversity;
* Ability to provide overall guidance to the assignment and provide comprehensive project management support to AUDA-NEPAD during the period of assignment; and
* Excellent analysis, report writing, knowledge management and communication skills.
* **THE SHORTLISTING CRITERIA ARE:**

For evaluation of the expressions of interest, the following criteria will be applied with a pass mark of 70 points:

1. Qualifications - Education and Relevant Training (30 points)
2. Experience related to the assignment (60 points).
3. Knowledge of the region & local conditions (10 points)

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations Article 4.9.17.1 of the African Union Procurement Manual Version 2.0 – 2016.

Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents for AUDA-NEPAD consideration:

1. Cover letter.
2. Signed declaration of undertaking (downloadable from AUDA-NEPAD website and attached as Annex 1 below).
3. Curriculum Vitae (CV).
4. proof of stated qualifications in the form of copies of the degrees obtained.

Clarifications can be sent to **nhamos@nepad.org**

Expressions of interest with supporting documents must be delivered in a written form to the address below by email on or before **December 13, 2022 14:00hrs** (South African Time. All EOIs must be marked “**Consultancy Services to Collect and Identify Best Practices in 4 Countries (Cameroon, Kenya, Rwanda, and Malawi) - 03/AUDA/PDCD/ES/ICS/2022”** in the email’s subject line.

**The Chairperson Internal Procurement Committee (IPC)**

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1. **Annex 1 – Declaration of Undertaking**

   **DECLARATION OF UNDERTAKING**

   {*Location, Date*}

   To: **The Chairperson Internal Procurement Committee (IPC)**

   AUDA-NEPAD

   230, 15th Road, P. O. Box 218 Midrand,

   1685 Johannesburg, South Africa

   **Attention of**: Head of Procurement Division

   1. We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services/goods for {*Title and Procurement Number*} in accordance with your Request for Quotation dated {*Date*}
   2. We declare that:
   3. All the information and statements made in this quotation are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in the quotation may lead to our disqualification and/or may be sanctioned by AUDA-NEPAD;
   4. We have no conflict of interest in relationship to performance of this assignment;
   5. We confirm our understanding of our obligation to abide by the AU Ethics policy regarding corrupt and fraudulent practices;
   6. We, along with any of our sub-consultants, subcontractors, suppliers, or service providers for any part of the contract, are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to, a temporary suspension or a debarment imposed by the African Union Commission, World Bank or any other multilateral development bank and being listed on the website <http://www.worldbank.org/debarr> or respectively on the relevant list of any other multilateral development bank. Further, we are not ineligible under the South African laws or official regulations or pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council;
   7. We have not been convicted by a final judgement or a final administrative decision or subject to financial sanctions by the United Nations or Country for involvement in a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorist-related offences, child labour or trafficking in human beings; this criterion of exclusion is also applicable to legal Persons, whose majority of shares are held or factually controlled by natural or legal Persons which themselves are subject to such convictions or sanctions;
   8. We are not a shell company nor has our company been created specifically for this bid and confirm we are legally registered to operate a business under the Laws of *{insert country of registration}* since *{insert year of registration};* and
   9. We are not being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by courts, having entered receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation;
   10. We commit ourselves to complying with and ensuring that our Subcontractors and major suppliers under the Contract comply with international environmental and labour standards, consistent with laws and regulations applicable in the country of implementation of the Contract and the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and international environmental treaties. Moreover, we shall implement environmental and social risks mitigation measures when specified in the relevant environmental and social management plans or other similar documents provided by AUDA-NEPAD and, in any case, implement measures to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse and gender-based violence;
   11. We undertake to bring to the attention of AUDA-NEPAD, any change in situation regarding points 2 and 3 here above.

   We remain,

   Yours sincerely,

   Authorised Signature:

   Name and Title of Signatory:

   Name of Firm:

   Address: [↑](#endnote-ref-1)