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| **TERMS OF REFERENCE** | |
| Title of the Consultancy: | Consultancy Services to Perform Technical Design of Restoration Registry (Technical Requirements) and Hosting of FLR Registries in 9 AFR100 Countries for TAP/Restoration Helpdesk is Established. |
| Consultancy type:  *(individual or firm)* | Individual Consultancy Services (ICS) |
| Directorate & Division | Agriculture Food Security and Environmental Sustainability / Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Division. |
| Procurement Number (from procurement plan) | 63/AUDA/DAFSES/ES/ICS/2024 |
| **Background**  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 African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFR100) is a country-led effort to bring 100 million hectares of degraded forests and lands into restoration by 2030. This Initiative contributes to the Bonn Challenge, the African Resilient Landscapes Initiative (ARLI), the African Union Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).  Phase I of the AFR100 initiative focused on securing political commitments, which currently stand at over 129.7 million ha across 34 countries by 2030, forming a dense partnership network, and securing financial commitments. In 2022, AFR100 entered Phase II, characterized by acceleration, and scaling of the implementation of forest landscape restoration (FLR) spurred on by improved coordination amongst partners, pairing of finance with projects, innovations to FLR monitoring and registries solutions. | |
| **Rationale**  Building on results of Phase I of AFR100 and with the support of SIDA grant contribution to the AUDA-NEPAD/AFR100 Secretariat, Phase II will focus on delivering impact to addressing major gap identified in the Mid-Term Review of the AFR100 implementation stretching from lack of technical capacity, restoration helpdesks/technical assistance platforms and systematic standardize registries to support monitoring and reporting FLR efforts at country levels to ensuring FLR projects activities meeting investments opportunities for funding partners buy-in .  The project will provide field support, capacity building and policy advice to restore degraded forests and lands at ground level, unlock?? large-scale FLR, leverage resources for FLR, share FLR experiences, monitor and provide FLR data and results for policy guidance and stakeholders decision making. Through establishing FLR TAP/restoration helpdesk/ registries, this project mitigates climate change, increases resilience, and protects biodiversity. More specifically, the overall programme contributes to tracking and documenting FLR data with respect to the number of hectares of degraded forests and lands committed to the AFR100 in Malawi, Kenya, Rwanda, Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Tanzania, and Madagascar to the realisation of AFR100 restoration objectives while improving the resilience of subsistence farmers and pastoralists towards the negative impacts of climate change. The primary objective of AUDA-NEPAD in implementation of this programme is to increase the ambition level for FLR in partner countries by better knowledge management and sharing best practices results, including impact monitoring and learning. The project also contributes to resourcing FLR by allocating additional IDA, national budgets, and private sector financing. | |
| **The Objectives of the Assignment**  The objective of the consultancy is to Establish TAP/ Restoration helpdesks and Registries in 9 countries including Malawi, Kenya, Rwanda, Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Tanzania, and Madagascar. The consultancy will carry-out in-country field work to support AFR100 Technical Assistance Platform (TAP)/Restoration helpdesks and Registries in 9 countries for 10 days each (total 90 days), and conduct analysis of such data to serve as standardize qualitative repository information to policy and decision makers while conversely, providing evident based FLR investment opportunities at country level to attracting funding support. The consultancy will contribute to growing continental-wide best practices including FLR tracking, reporting, communication, and access to funding strategies to be shared with global community of practice and AFR100 partners. | |
| **Scope of Work for the Project**  The scope of the assignment will involve engaging with various partners from the 9 selected AFR100 countries including AFR100 monitoring and resource mobilisation working groups to designing mechanism for establishment of FLR TAP/Restoration Helpdesk and Registries to foster centralized mechanism to stocktaking, mapping various ongoing FLR types with location of AFR100 projects at country level. Strengthening technical capacity of countries which constitute major constraint to monitoring, reporting, access to funding, and communicating FLR at country level.  As part of the scope to this project, the consultant shall.   1. Develop, design and conduct training to Member States on tools to establishing FLR registries; 2. Crowding in investment into the FLR space by pairing projects with climate finance and bringing transparency to these restoration efforts; 3. Proposing an approach that could be used to track progress of country commitments against actual implementation and measurement of impact; and 4. Stimulating economic activity through innovations and green tech jobs.   **Specific Activities and Tasks.**  The consultant will carry out the following tasks:   1. Conceptualize the FLR registries and the Technical Assistance Platforms (TAP)/Restoration Helpdesks in the AFR100 initiative; 2. Show the link between the FLR registries and TAP/Restoration Helpdesks with the AFR100 National Stakeholder platforms; 3. Discuss the central role the AFR100 Focal Point should play in FLR registries and TAP/Restoration Helpdesks; 4. Show how FLR registries and TAP/Restoration Helpdesks facilitate and enhance the monitoring of FLR projects at national level; 5. Assess the most suitable institution where TAP/Restoration Helpdesks should best fit in each of the selected countries; 6. Operationalize the FLR registries and TAP/Restoration Helpdesks for the acceleration of FLR on the ground in the selected countries; 7. Carry out interviews with all relevant stakeholders implementing FLR projects at national level to collect relevant data that will help the AFR100 monitoring platform and the State of FLR reports that the AFR100 Secretariat produce to inform AFR100 partners; 8. Analyse the data collect to support the AFR100 monitoring platform and to link FLR projects with potential investors and project developers at national and international levels; 9. Train AFR100 Focal Points and other stakeholders in the concept of FLR registries and TAP/Restoration Helpdesks and their operationalization to support the AFR100 initiative; 10. Write a comprehensive report on the importance and usefulness of FLR registries and TAP/Restoration Helpdesks in fulfilling the objective of the AFR100 initiative; 11. Identify successful FLR cases that could be scaled up at landscape, national and regional levels; and 12. Assess the implications of setting up TAP/Restoration Helpdesks at national, regional and landscape levels and the related trade-offs. | |
| **Capacity Building Program**  ‘if applicable” | |
| **Expected Results and Deliverables**  All deliverables, such as reports, plans and other information, should be submitted to the project manager for acceptance and/or approval, to reach the milestone planned and continue to the next project phase. The consultancy is expected to deliver the following deliverables and work products, which will be submitted in suitable electronic format (html, pdf, and excel, word etc).   1. **An inception report on the methodology and work plan on implementing the project** This includes report outline and action plans including description of work, precise methodologies to be applied in carrying out the assignment and schedule of activities; 2. **First draft report on the Implementation plan - which clearly defines, in a step-by step manner, the scale up, approach and methodology.** The Action Plan will be one consolidated document, which shall include strategies, activities and operational goals to be implemented with specified time frames; 3. **Second draft report** on the information gathering and analyses that will consist a detailed report which is considered a draft for review, orientation and further inputs. The draft Report will compile all key inputs into the Report on Establishing TAP/ Restoration helpdesks and Registries in 9 countries including Malawi, Kenya, Rwanda, Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Tanzania, and Madagascar. Knowledge products and Lessons learnt in implementation of this Programme in 9 countries; including case studies, results, and information gathered from in-country field work; and 4. **Final Project Report with** findings of the project usefulness, challenges and limitations, future work directions, lessons learned.   The following sections are mandatory in the report outline; Executive Summary; Introduction; Objectives Statement; Methods and Resources; Results (knowledge products / best practices, case studies, in-country review results, and interviews with key stakeholders); Conclusions and Discussion References; Addenda - project related) | |
| **Location**  The work is primarily in-country based, research and analysis can be conducted at each of the country or through regional training in a determined location. Consultation meetings between the AFR100 Secretariat, country stakeholders, the AFR100 working groups and the consultant shall be held remotely or through organising workshops. | |
| **Timeframe of the Assignment**  The indicative starting date of the consultancy is envisaged to be July 2024. The Consultancy shall be completed within a period of twelve (12) calendar months from the date of signing the contract. | |
| **Deliverables/Reports/Milestones Schedule**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Milestone** | **Estimated Duration** | **Delivery Period** | | Implementation Plan with report outline and action plan including description of work, precise methodologies to be applied in carrying out the assignment and schedule of activities, reports and knowledge sharing workshops. | 14 days | August 2024 | | Submission of Draft Report | 60 days | December 2024 | | Submission of Revised Report | 90 days | March 2025 | | Submission of Final Report | 60 Days | July 2026 | | **Total Person Man Days** | **224 days** | | | |
| **Submission & Approval of Reports**  All reports will be submitted in electronic format to the AUDA-NEPAD/AFR100 Project Manager and will be AFR100 report format redefined and agreed by both parties at the time of project kick-off. | |
| **Language Requirements**  All communication and reports of the consultancy shall be in English. | |
| **Consultancy Fees**  The Individual Consultant should propose a professional fee, reimbursable and miscellaneous costs to undertake the assignment (budget). AUDA-NEPAD will provide a fixed sum of amount that includes both the professional fee, reimbursable and miscellaneous expenses. Should there be travel, both parties need to discuss and deliberate as to who responsible for all travel, transport, and accommodation costs (from the package) in relation to the assignment during the negotiation process. | |
| **Person Days/Months**  The Consultancy shall be completed within a period of twelve (12) calendar months from the date of signing the contract. | |
| **Governance, support and facilities to be provided by AUDA-NEPAD**  AUDA-NEPAD will facilitate the consultant with letters of introduction to AFR100 partners, countries and other stakeholders if requested. | |
| **Tentative Proposed Payment Schedule**  **1st Payment:** 30%of the lump-sum amount shall be paid upon submission and approval of the draft report;  **2nd Payment:** 30%of the lump-sum amount shall be paid upon submission and approval of the revised report; and  **3rd and Final Payment:** 40 %of the lump-sum amount shall be paid upon submission and acceptance of final report. | |
| **Experience of the Consultant** | |
| **Qualification and Work Experience Required for Key Experts**   1. At least an Advanced Tertiary or Masters Qualification in Agriculture Science, Forestry and Environmental management, Agricultural Economics, Geographic Information System (GIS) and Remote Sensing (RS) or any related field. Ph.D will be added advantage. 2. At least 10 years’ experience in designing and developing Registry and Hosting of Registries for National Stakeholder platforms; 3. Similar projects for the relevant work experience in public sector institution or organizations nationally, regionally and / or internationally in forest landscape restoration Registry and Hosting National Stakeholders Platforms in Africa; 4. Ability to provide overall guidance to the assignment and provide comprehensive project management support to AUDA-NEPAD during the period of assignment. 5. Excellent analysis, report writing and communication skills. | |
| **Copyrights**  Both data and materials used will be submitted to AUDA-NEPAD who retain copy rights to the report. Consultants may not divulge, extract or quote national data or make reference to the outcomes of this assignment in other work without the expressed written permission of AUDA-NEPAD. | |

1. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)