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## **AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT**

### **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTANT TO SUPPORT PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FORESTRY INVESTMENTS IN AFRICA**

1. The African Development Bank (AfDB) is recruiting for an Individual consultant to assist AHAI.2 Division in portfolio management and various technical expertise as part of the implementation of the African Climate Change Program. Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA, 2017-2025) of the Bank, one of the flagship programs of the Bank's Feed Africa strategy (2016-2025). The ACSA program aims for a sustainable and resilient transformation of African agriculture for food security in the context of climate change. The main deliverables of the CSA program include: i) 10 million producers adopting CSA technologies and practices; ii) 20 million producers who have access to climate information; iii) 5 million ha of degraded land recovered and forests under sustainable management; iv) 500,000 ha of agricultural land with resilient irrigation infrastructures; v) 100 % of Feed Africa projects integrate climate change; vi) 500,000 green jobs created; and vii) USD 1 billion climate funds mobilized for CSA projects in Africa.
2. The selected individual consultant is expected to:
  - Ensure technical assistance and support supervision of the NRM of PIDACC program in the nine countries;
  - Provide technical support to RMCs in the development and implementation of strategic initiatives for natural resource development, and in the identification of appropriate development projects, inter alia, in the area of green economy sustainable development and adaptation to climate change;
  - Provide high-level technical support to AHAI Department to assist selected RMCs in selection of investment program in relation to the forest sectors for the development of investment plans, as well as that the processing of the applications related to the operations which result from it;
  - Coordinate and undertake project evaluation report preparation missions for approval by the Bank;
  - Participate in all project cycle missions, i.e., country team missions, and AHAI.2 Division field missions, in RMCs;
  - Participate on behalf of the Bank in various seminars and conferences on the management of natural resources;

- Provide technical guidance and advices to other experts within AHAI Division and the Bank's field offices on various activities of the project cycle;
  - Participate on behalf of the Bank in various seminars and conferences on forest;
  - Participate in AHAI Division and Country Team meetings, based on instructions of the AHAI.2 Division Manager;
  - Collaborate effectively with all project leaders and AHAI.2 Division staff in performing day-to-day tasks;
  - Perform other duties as assigned by AHAI.2 Division Manager and / or AHAI Department Director.
3. In this regard, the Agriculture research, production and sustainability (AHA1.2) invites Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. Interested Consultants shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to undertake this Assignment (documents, reference to similar services, experience in similar assignments, etc.).
4. **The eligibility criteria**, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank's **Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants** under projects financed by the Bank Group, available on the Bank Website at <http://www.afdb.org>. Please, note that interest expressed by a Consultant does not imply any obligation on the part of the African Development Bank to include him/her in the shortlist.

**5. Duration of the Assignment:** The estimate-working period (level of effort) is for six (6) months calendar from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 renewable for another period of six months based on the performance and needs of the Bank. The consultant will provide a monthly report.

**6. Desired Qualifications:**

- The consultant must hold a degree in Forest Engineering or an equivalent degree in natural resource management or any other relevant field and at least a Master II degree. He/She should preferably be a natural resource management specialist, or any equivalent professional profile, with at least ten (10) years of experience, with significant experience in project management, including at least six (06) months as a consultant to the Bank or any other international and / or regional body.
- He/She will have a vision, professional competence and proven mastery of forestry development projects. He will also have a proven vision, professional competence and mastery topics dealt with by the Bank. He should have work experience in forestry programs / projects aiming at the sustainable management of natural resources, a good knowledge of the institutional and strategic issues related to the implementation of development projects in Africa. He/She must have experience in preparing forestry projects and excellent knowledge of the REDD + process. He/She will have computer skills, especially with regard to the Windows environment and standard Microsoft applications.

He/she must be able to communicate fluently, in writing and orally in French or English, with a good working knowledge of the other language. The consultant must finally be available from any engagement during the entire duration of the mission.

**7. Expressions of interest must be received no later than January 14, 2019 at 5 pm Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire time to the address below.**

**8. Selection criteria:** The consultant will be selected based on i) his/her qualifications, ii) experience and iii) experience of working in African countries.

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