Introduction:

The African Development Bank (AfDB), as the premier multilateral development finance institution in Africa has embedded its partnership for development in Africa on sustainable and climate smart principles. For example, the Ten-Year Strategy (TYS 2013-2022) focuses on two objectives: inclusive growth and the transition to green growth. The 3 key pillars of the green growth agenda are 1. Enhancing climate resilience, 2. Managing natural resources and 3. Promoting sustainable infrastructure.

The AfDB is scaling up the implementation of the TYS 2013-2022 with the Hi-5s (1. Light up and Power Africa, 2. Integrate Africa, 3. Industrialize Africa, 4. Feed Africa and 5. Improve the quality of life for Africans). The operationalization of the Hi-5s include mainstreaming low carbon and climate resilient measures in the relevant policies, programs, projects and operational activities and are captured adequately in the Second Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) from 2016-2022.

Rationale and Objective:

Evidences of frequent occurrences of climate events such as floods, droughts, heat waves, cyclones and sea level rise indicate that Africa is critically threatened by climate change. Climate variability and extreme weather events in Africa will exacerbate the declining agricultural yields as we are currently seeing in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Ethiopia. It is estimated that net revenues from agricultural production could fall by as much as 90% by 2100 and because the agricultural sector in most African countries is dominated by small-scale farmers, that could have disastrous consequences on food security, household income and decent livelihood. Other effects of climate change vulnerability on communities in Africa are declining water resource availability, increasing incidence of infectious disease, epidemics such as malaria, dengue fever, and diarrhea, increasing desertification, land degradation and diminishing biodiversity.

We are also experiencing the impacts of climate change on infrastructure assets in Africa. Examples include the impacts of severe drought on the Mtera Dam in Tanzania that has affected its operation, the impacts of snow frosts on transmission lines in Lesotho and the destruction of road networks by sea level rise and coastal erosion between Keta (Ghana) and Lome (Togo). Moreover, images of broken down electricity pylons and transmission lines, the washing away of bridges, sewage facilities and inundation of roads that flooded our television screens during the excessive rain and flooding in Mozambique and Malawi in 2015 also gave evidence to the extreme vulnerability of infrastructure assets to climate risks on the continent.

The AfDB estimates the annual costs of adaptation in Africa to range between US $20-30 billion per year over the next 10 to 20 years. To fund the costs of adaptation in Africa, AfDB has been assisting Regional Member Countries (RMCs) to mobilize financial resources from international financing mechanisms such as the Global Environment Fund (GEF), Adaptation Fund and the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs). It is an implementing agency for several climate funds and manages other relevant financing instruments such as the Africa Water Facility (AWF), the ClimDev-Africa Special Fund (CDSF) the Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA). AfDB invested about US$ 12 billion between 2011 and 2015 in low-carbon and climate resilient operations and its own internal resources constitute more than 80% of these investments.
It has also committed to having climate finance constitute 40% of approved operations investment target in climate change related initiatives by 2020.

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) was established in 2010 by the Cancun Agreement as a financial mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). In pursuit of its major role as UNFCCC financial mechanism, the GCF will ‘make ambitious contribution to the global efforts’ to reach UNFCCC goals. It will do this by channeling new, additional, adequate and predictable financial resources to developing countries and will catalyze climate finance, both public and private, and at the international and national levels. Although it is envisaged to mobilize $100 billion per year by 2020 for climate actions, it has operated for about 7 years with resources a little over $10 billion. Currently, the total amount of funded activities approved for climate actions in Africa is about US$ 1.2 billion representing about 30% of total funded activities approved by the GCF Board.

The GCF was added to the platform of climate finance resources (as indicated above) when AfDB became accredited by the GCF in March 2016 and signed the Accreditation Master Agreement (AMA) on November 8, 2017. The AfDB was accredited as an International Entity to handle large size (> $250 million) funded activities with High risk (Category A/I-1) Intermediation. This will provide the opportunity to blend GCF resources with internal AfDB resources to de-risk, and fund the incremental costs of climate measures and also provide the critical investments needed to execute low-carbon and climate-resilient projects in Africa. It is in pursuit of this commitment to scale up climate finance in Africa that AfDB is seeking for a consultant to support the development of funding proposals with adaptation focus.

**Tasks and Deliverables:**

Major Duties and responsibilities will include the following among others:-

- Review concept notes and funding proposals including supporting feasibility studies, financial models, term sheets, environment and social (E&S) safeguard reports to ensure that there is strong climate rational for the adaptation measures and activities proposed;
- Support the integration of climate adaptation measures in projects and programmes that comply with the GCF requirements such as the Investment Criteria and Results Management Framework and the Bank Adaptation Review and Evaluation Procedures (AREP) of the Climate Safeguards System (CSS) for categorization and readiness review, whilst also identifying mitigation and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) co-benefits;
- Provide technical assistance and advisory services for the development and submission of funding proposals (including project preparation funding proposals) for the projects included in the Bank’s Entity Work Plan (EWP) with GCF;
- Support the structuring of financial instruments for projects that takes into consideration GCF funding for de-risking, covering incremental costs of climate measures and facilitating investments on concessional terms;
- Assist the GCF Coordination team to follow up with RMCs and relevant departments/divisions within the Bank to expedite the preparation and submission of GCF funding proposals to enhance access to GCF climate finance;
- Support Task Managers of funding proposals to develop detailed budget with strong justification of the respective costs for the activities and to provide compelling climate rationale for GCF co-financing of expected activities;
- Assist with responding to GCF for further information and clarifications of climate change justifications underlying the components, activities, outputs, outcomes and the intended paradigm...
shifts of funding proposal. Provide any additional task that may be required by the AfDB GCF coordination team members and management.

Qualifications and experience required:

The applicant must have:

- At least a university degree at the Master level in Engineering, climate modeling, Geography, Economics, Energy, Climate Change, Climate Finance, Agriculture or in other relevant field;
- At least 5 years of relevant professional experience working in one or a combination of the following: (i) disaster risks management, (ii) climate change adaptation, (iii) climate finance, (iv) climate smart agriculture, including irrigation; and (v) water resources management;
- Sound understanding of the policies, strategies, rules, guidelines of Multilateral Development Banks such as AfDB;
- Sound understanding of the current global climate finance architecture, the governing instrument of the GCF and related criteria and standards such as the Fiduciary Standards and the Investment Criteria;
- Strong analytical, operational, conceptual and strategic skills;
- High degree of initiative and strong record of performance with low supervisory requirements to function effectively;
- Strong inter-personal skills and commitment to work in a team-oriented and multicultural environment;
- Good knowledge of the Africa region with project management experience in the region;
- Strong oral and written proficiency in English and/or French and a good command of the other.

The Climate Change and Green Growth Department 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.). The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedures shall be in conformity with the AfDB’s procedures for the acquisition of consulting services funded by the administrative or capital expenditure budget.

Please, note that interest expressed by a Consultant does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include him/her in the shortlist.

The estimated duration of services is 12 months and the estimated starting date is May 28, 2018. Interested Individual Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank’s working hours: 8h00 to 17h00.

Expressions of interest must be received at the address below no later than Monday, May 14, 2018 at 17h00 local time and specifically mentioning SUPPORT OF GCF FUNDING PROPOSALS DEVELOPMENT: ADAPTATION.

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