REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTANCY: MAINSTREAMING LAND GOVERNANCE IN INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

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Title of the assignment: Consultant: Land Governance Expert

Brief description of the Assignment: The Land Governance Expert will provide technical support to the Department of Agriculture and Agro-Industry in mainstreaming land governance in investment programmes and projects by resolving land-related issues and challenges, and pave way for agriculture transformation in Africa. This will serve as an agenda that will drive the Bank to achieve a 25% increase of secure Tenure in Africa, as indicated in the Feed Africa Strategy.

Department issuing the request: Agriculture and Agro-Industry (AHAI)

Project Place of assignment: Home-based (involving official missions when required)

Duration of the assignment: 40% of six working months (Mid-June – Mid- Dec. 2020)

Tentative Date of commencement: 10th June 2020

Deadline for applications: 10th May 2020, 17:00 hour Abidjan, Cote D’Ivoire time

Agriculture and Agro-Industry Department now invites individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. In addition to their CV, interested eligible individual consultants shall provide a technical proposal with a detailed work plan outlining the understanding of the task, issues to be addressed, methodology, sources of information and demonstrate individual’s ability to undertake this assignment. Eligibility criteria, the establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be as per the African Development Bank’s “Rules and Procedures for individual consultants. Any questions and requests for clarifications may be sent to Mrs Maria Marealle at m.marealle@afdb.org.

Attached please find Terms of Reference
TERMS OF REFERENCE

LAND GOVERNANCE EXPERT TO SUPPORT MAINSTREAMING OF LAND GOVERNANCE IN INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

I. Introduction

- The Bank has launched a Feed Africa Strategy for Agricultural Transformation in Africa (2016-2025) that takes a “commodity value chain approach” for a competitive and inclusive agribusiness sector that creates wealth, improves lives, creates jobs, secures the environment and alleviates poverty. The Strategy notes that security of land tenure remains a major component for an enabling environment that can facilitate the implementation of the Strategy. The implementation of the Strategy started at a time when most African countries have basic land tenure laws that are incomplete and poorly enforced, deterring private investment. The Strategy highlights the Bank catalytic role in assisting Regional Member Countries (RMCs) in creating enabling conditions for agricultural business-led transformations. Some improvements in the land sector will be necessary to create an enabling environment for agricultural development. One of the most important factors is the availability of land resources upon which small-scale and commercial agricultural activities occur. Agrarian reforms are crucial not only for the rural farmers but also for foreign and local commercial investors, some of whom seek to engage in large-scale farming, including the development of extensive irrigation networks.

- Mainstreaming land governance in the Bank’s investment programmes and projects has been prioritized as one of the ways that can create an enabling environment for the needed transformation. To address this concern, the Bank engaged with Regional Member Countries to undertake land tenure systems studies and evaluated the constraints and opportunities in driving the Feed Africa Strategy for Agriculture Transformation in Africa; Public and Private Sector needs for the reforms for the agriculture sector to be competitive; and whether different land tenure systems in respective countries require a different framework to support agriculture transformation. The studies were followed by validation processes and consultative planning meetings, which resulted, to the development of a Land Governance.

- The overall goal of the Land Governance Programme is to implement the Bank’s High 5s using inclusive and sustainable good land governance to foster structural transformation as a means to achieve enhanced economic growth, reduced poverty and improved livelihoods. More specifically, the programme objectives are to: increase equal and secure access to land and land tenure security; reduce conflicts and competing for land claims; and promote sustainable and efficient use of land for food and production. Guidelines for mainstreaming land governance that complement the Programme were also developed to a road map for Task Managers in integrating land governance issues in Bank’s programming and project cycle.

II. Purpose

- The purpose of the consultancy is to help regional member countries mainstreaming land governance in their investment programmes and projects to increase productivity, paving the way for agriculture transformation and attain food security.
III. Objectives and Scope

- The objective of the consultancy is to provide technical support to the Department of Agriculture and Agro-Industry in the design, preparation and implementation of programmes and projects while resolving land-related issues and challenges within the department and at the bank as a whole.

IV. Duties and responsibilities

- Undertake researches and analyzes on technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional, and technology-related information, data and statistics and/or related policy issues to identify potential entry points and support the mainstreaming of land governance in agriculture investment Programmes, projects, products and services;
- Provides technical support/analysis and backstopping to various assessments, studies, initiatives including the finalization of the Land governance programme and guidelines for Bank’s Task Managers in mainstreaming land governance in investment projects and Programmes;
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality/effectiveness of capacity development activities for Task Managers and Regional Member Countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, online tools;
- Supports resource mobilization activities as per the Bank’s procedures and guidelines;
- Produce advocacy, awareness-raising and extension materials on land governance- High 5’s linkages and outlining promising practices;
- Participate in organizing technical assistance and advisory, identification, preparation and appraisal missions to help Regional Member Countries according to their practical issues, challenges and needs, and;
- Develop an M&E mechanism and indicators for tracking progress on the implementation of land governance issues in Bank’s investment Programmes and projects, based on developed indicators at the country and continental levels.

V. Expected Deliverables

- Inception report with a detailed work plan outlining the understanding of the task, the issues to be addressed, methodology and sources of information;
- Research, technical analysis, and project-related services (during programming, identification, preparation and appraisal stages) to support the delivery of investment programme, projects, products, and services that mainstream land governance;
- Validated Land Governance Programme with implementation arrangements, monitoring tools, costs estimates and areas of collaboration with partners and development partners; and
- Guidelines and key issues to be addressed by task managers during project identification, preparation and appraisal stages, for mainstreaming security of tenure and sustainable land management in developing bank’s projects.

VI. Qualifications and Experience

- Advanced university degree (Master’s degree or above) in land-related disciplines, including land law, land administration, Economics, agricultural economics, agriculture development, natural resources management or related fields;
• Knowledge and strong analytical capacity on land-related issues (including political, economic, social and cultural dimensions) especially applied to the African context;
• A minimum of ten years progressively responsible experience in a land-related field especially developing and implementing land governance (including policies and land administration) strategies, programs and projects are required;
• Working experience or knowledge about land degradation will be an asset;
• Be able to communicate effectively (written and oral) in English or French; and
• Master the use of MS Office software.

VII. Duration of the assignment:
The consultant will work 40% of six working months (Mid June 2020 – Mid December 2020)

VIII. Submission
Expressions of interest must be received no later than 10th May 2020 at 17:00 hours Abidjan, Cote D’Ivoire time to m.marealle@afdb.org and copy t.monyatso@afdb.org and f.kondo@afdb.org. The submission should include:
• a CV/Resume (4 pages max), and;
• a technical proposal with a detailed work plan outlining the understanding of the task, issues to be addressed, methodology and sources of information