REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Individual Consultant

Development of a Green Climate Fund Financing Proposal for a Multinational Program to Strengthen Climate-informed Early Warning, Early Action Systems for Africa’s Coastal Areas and Small Island Developing States

1. The Climate and Development Africa Special Fund (CDSF) seeks to recruit a highly motivated consultant with experience in climate information services to prepare a Green Climate Fund (GCF) financing proposal for a multinational program to strengthen climate-informed early warning, early action systems for Africa’s coastal areas and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

2. CDSF is the financial arm of the ClimDev-Africa Program, a joint initiative of the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Union Commissions (AUC) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), which seek ways of overcoming the lack of necessary climate information, analysis and options required by policy and decision-makers at all levels.

3. Africa is undoubtedly the most vulnerable continent to the adverse impacts of climate variability and change; yet, it lacks appropriate and reliable climate information services, critical to adaptation, resilience and disaster risk reduction (DRR). As a result, African government institutions, development practitioners and service providers rarely link climate change to development and are often extremely ill-equipped to effectively cope with the risks of extreme events and disasters.

4. The goal of the CDSF is to contribute to sustainable development, poverty reduction and DRR by implementing climate-resilient development programs that mainstream climate change information at all levels in Africa. The CDSF seeks to strengthen the institutional capacities of national and sub-regional bodies to formulate and implement effective climate-sensitive policies. In order to achieve this objective, the CDSF supports three main areas of interventions:
   i. Generation and wide dissemination of reliable and high quality climate information in Africa;
   ii. Capacity enhancement of policy makers and policy support institutions to integrate climate change information into development programs; and
   iii. Implementation of pilot adaptation practices that demonstrate the value of mainstreaming climate information into development.

5. The 2019 Tropical Cyclones Idai and Kenneth were the deadliest and costliest storms to ever hit Africa’s Southern Hemisphere. The storms killed over 1300 in Comoros, Madagascar, Malawi, Mayotte, Mozambique, Seychelles, and Tanzania, displaced hundreds of thousands and caused over 2.2 billion USD worth of damage. Africa’s coastal areas and SIDS are the world’s most vulnerable to climate-related disasters. These nations are extremely exposed to natural hazards and do not have robust climate-informed early warning early action systems in place to reduce its impact on human life, health, property, infrastructure, livelihoods and
6. In light of the above, the CDSF is seeking funding from the GCF to design a multinational program to strengthen climate-informed early warning, early action systems for Africa’s coastal areas and SIDS. The program will cover the following countries: Comoros, Cabo Verde, Djibouti, Guinea Bissau, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Seychelles, Sao Tome y Principe and Zimbabwe.

7. **Scope of Work:** Under the general guidance of the CDSF Secretariat, the objective of the consultancy is to develop a GCF funding proposal for a multinational program to support climate informed early warning, early action systems for Africa’s coastal areas and SIDS.

   a) Consult and hold discussions on climate and weather services for early warning, early action systems with regional economic communities, regional climate centers, relevant ministries, disaster risk agencies, national meteorological services, civil society organizations, private sector, development partners and beneficiaries;
   
   b) Evaluate and assess the strengths and weakness of the national early warning, early action systems;
   
   c) Elaborates the program’s theory of change in consultation with a broad range of stakeholders;
   
   d) Develops the logical framework for the Program with a broad range of stakeholders;
   
   e) Defines the program components with a broad range of stakeholders;
   
   f) Proposes activities and associated estimated costs;
   
   g) Assess the program risks and propose mitigation measures;
   
   h) Identify and analyse institutional and personnel capacities and propose partnerships and coordination mechanism;
   
   i) Propose an approach for successful implementation of the program;
   
   j) Review and proposes capacity building actions of stakeholders at regional and national levels and estimate its’ costs;
   
   k) Proposes the detail budget of the program;
   
   l) Evaluate the economic profitability of the investments;
   
   m) Propose possible opportunities for synergy or co-financing with other partners.

8. **Deliverables:** The key deliveries of the evaluation team will be the following outputs:

   - Inception Note with key timelines and deliverables
   - GCF Draft Concept Note
   - GCF Final Concept Note

9. **Selection Criteria:** The key selection and eligibility criteria for this position include:

   a) At least a Masters’ Degree in meteorology, weather sciences, climate change or related field;
   
   b) At least ten years’ of experience in the design, implementation and evaluation of complex development programmes involving climate change;
   
   c) Broad knowledge and understanding of early warning systems, adaptation to climate change & climate resilience;
d) Good knowledge of environment, climate change and climate and weather services in Africa;

e) At least 5 years of progressive and relevant experience in proposal development;

f) Experience developing climate finance proposals for GCF, the Global Environment Fund or other climate financing mechanisms;

g) Experience in working and collaborating with government institutions;

h) Experience with the operations of Multilateral Development Banks;

i) Proven ability for team-working and multi-tasking;

j) Great facilitation and communication skills;

k) Resourcefulness, attention to details and client orientation;

l) Strong computer skills (and ability to use standard software packages (word, excel, outlook, power-point);

m) Excellent written and oral communication in English with some knowledge of French.

10. **Duration of the Assignment:** The estimated-working period is for six (6) calendar months from 10 April 2020.

11. **Location:** The consultant is expected to work in the AfDB Headquarters in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire with some missions to the Bank’s RMCs required.

12. CDSF invites Individual Consultants meeting the eligibility requirements to indicate their interest in providing the described services. Interested Consultants shall provide information referencing similar services, experience and assignments, etc.

13. The establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank’s **Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants** under projects financed by the Bank Group, available on the Bank Website at [http://www.afdb.org](http://www.afdb.org). Please, note that interest expressed by a Consultant does not imply an obligation on the part of the African Development Bank to include him/her in the shortlist. The consultant must be free from any engagement during the entire duration of the mission.

14. **Expressions of interest:** (i) a cover letter; (ii) a comprehensive CV must be submitted no later than Friday, 25th February 2020 at 5:00 PM Côte d’Ivoire Time. Submissions should include the following title “Individual Consultant – GCF Financing Proposal.” Expressions should be submitted in English to:

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