1. CONTEXT

Green Growth is about ensuring the quality and sustainability of growth. Today’s enabling conditions and realities for development are vastly different from those of the 20th century. Increasingly inter-connected and knowledge-based economies present new opportunities for development, while pollution, waste, environmental degradation and climate change pose growing challenges. On a global scale, development processes need to become more resource-efficient and growth processes more resilient if the needs of a growing world population are to be met. This requires the shift towards a greener, more sustainable and inclusive development model.

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio (RIO+20) underscored Green Growth and the transition towards Green Economy. This paradigm shift is now considered by a growing number developing countries especially Africa as viable and necessary approach to development. Several African countries have taken the lead in defining their strategic approach to Green Growth and launching their road maps towards a Green Economy.

The Bank as part of its ten-year strategy 2013-2022 aims at ensuring Africa’s transition to green and inclusive growth. To achieve this corporate goal, the Bank has adopted a green growth framework that provides operational guidance to mainstreaming green growth into Bank’s operations and support Regional Member Countries (RMCs) in developing their own growth strategies.

In 2015, the Bank developed and piloted the concept of the Africa Green Growth index (AGGI) that covered 22 countries, representing close to 75% of Africa population with 48 indicators shared across five main dimensions. One of the main limitation of the AGGI was the lack of data. In addition, some data of interest to the countries included could also not be found. From this study, it implies that moving forward; efforts must be made to have relevant data and to cover all 54 African countries.
2. ASSIGNMENT

The overall objective of this assignment is to support the Department of Climate Change and Green growth to develop the second phase of the Africa Green Growth Index covering all 54 RMCs with support from the Bank, AUC and GGGI. The Africa Green Growth Index to measure African countries performance in green growth. Specifically, the index will:

- provide a composite index to measure, track, and communicate green growth performance of all 54 African countries;
- improve current knowledge on green growth and its drivers using a user-friendly index and policy tool
- foster a data- and evidence-driven approach in identifying and developing strategies on green growth
- inform government, development partners and businesses and demonstrate that green investment in (many) African countries is less risky than perceived.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPORTING

3.1 Component 1: Scoping Study
a. Literature review on African Green Growth (GG) Issues
b. Identify and collect relevant data from the AfDB
c. Writeup: Synthesis report on the study

3.2 Component 2: Regional consultation Workshops
a. Consult with experts on the African Green Growth framework, including relevance of new indicators and data
b. Consult with experts on the most relevant targets for regional benchmarking, use of weights for indicators, and presentation of scores (i.e., ranking)
c. Conduct regional workshops

3.3 Component 3: Development of Index
a. Identify targets and weights for the indicators
b. Empirical application of African framework
c. Robustness check of the African Green Growth Index

3.4 Component 4: Preparation of Reports
a. Presentation of results (scores, benchmarks)
b. Writeup: Report on African Green Growth Index
c. Writeup: Factsheets on selected countries (i.e., 5 top performers)

3.5 Component 5: Launch of Report and Factsheets
a. Organize a regional event to raise awareness on and disseminate the African Green Growth Index reports and factsheets

3.6 Perform any other relevant duties assigned by Bank management
The consultant will work in close collaboration with the Director of the Climate Change and Green Growth Department and under the overall supervision of the Division Manager for Climate Change and Green Growth. A detailed work program will be agreed on commencement of the assignment.

4. ASSIGNMENT DURATION AND LOCATION

The assignment will be undertaken for 6 calendar months, with potential for extension or renewal subject to satisfactory performance. The duty station for the assignment is at Bank’s Headquarters in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire. The expected contract start date is the 20th of September 2019.

5. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Qualifications, competences and experience required:

- Hold at least a Master’s degree in climate or environmental sciences, natural resource management, environmental economics, international development, or a related field;
- Have a minimum of ten (10) years of extensive experience and knowledge of key development issues in Africa;
- A demonstrated knowledge of concepts relevant to sustainable development, green growth and green economy in the African context;
- Experience working with a cross-section of stakeholders, including senior government officials, donor governments and bilateral organisations, as well as regional organisations;
- Results-oriented, team player, articulate analyst with attention to details, persuasive communicator and good writer;
- Excellent technical and analytical skills and established track record in operational and policy work on climate change, green growth and green and climate finance matters;
- Competence in the use of standard Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint);
- Fluency in spoken and written English, knowledge of French is desirable;
- Demonstrated ability to work in inter-disciplinary, multi-cultural teams.

6. DUE PROCESS

The eligibility criteria, 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 Individual Consultants. Please, note that interest expressed by a potential consultant does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include him/her in the shortlist.
Shortlisted candidates will be required to submit a technical and financial proposal that will be assessed based on the Bank’s remuneration policy.

Interested Individual Consultants may obtain further information at the email addresses below during the Bank’s working hours: 09:00 to 17:00 hours.

Expressions of interest comprising letter of motivation, technical and financial proposals (PDF Format) must be received at the email addresses below no later than 8th September 2019, at 17h00 local time (GMT) and should mention “Consultancy-Africa Green Growth Index” in the subject line.

For the Attention of:
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7. REMUNERATION

The proposed remuneration will be defined based on the candidate’s financial proposal in compliance with the Bank’s established remuneration scale considering requisite qualifications and experience.

8. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The prospective consultants’ offers will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

i. General qualification and suitability for the task to be performed 30%
ii. Experience in specific assignment described in the TOR 40%
iii. Experience with MDBs 05%
iv. Proficiency in English and French 05%
v. Knowledge of the African Region 20%

Only consultants who will score more than 70% will be considered for the next step.