Introduction:

The African Development Bank Group (the AfDB) hereby invites Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: Experienced Climate Change Adaptation Specialist to support the development of GCF Funding Proposals with adaptation focus. The AfDB is a Multilateral Development Bank established in 1964 to catalyze sustainable economic development and social progress in its Regional Member Countries (RMCs). The AfDB undertakes its operations through three windows: the African Development Bank (ADB), which is the commercial lending window that lends to sovereigns and private sector entities on market-based terms; the African Development Fund (ADF), which lends to sovereigns on concessional terms; and the Nigeria Trust Fund (NTF) which lends on semi-concessional terms.

The AfDB is scaling up the implementation of the Ten-Year Strategy (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.

The AfDB was accredited by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in March 2016, as an International Entity to handle large size (> $250 million) funded activities with High risk (Category A/I-1) Intermediation. This provides the opportunity of blending GCF resources with internal resources to de-risk, and fund the incremental costs of climate measures as well as provide the critical investments needed to execute low-carbon and climate-resilient projects in Africa. Since 2018, the AfDB has mobilized over $189 million of concessional finance from the GCF for mitigation and adaptation programmes. These approved programmes will have a direct benefit to 4.8 million people on the continent and 15.1 million tonnes of emissions avoided (over the life time of the programmes). Ten RMCs (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Niger, and Nigeria) are the direct beneficiaries to these resources.

Tasks and Deliverables:

The services to be provided under the Assignment include:-
- 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 master university degree in Engineering, climate modeling, Economics, Energy, Climate Change, Climate Finance, Agriculture or in other relevant field.
- At least 6 years of relevant professional experience working in one or a combination of the following: (i) disaster risks management, (ii) climate change adaptation, and (iii) climate finance.
- 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 Green Climate Fund 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.

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 June 1, 2020.

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 Friday, May 8, 2020 at 17h00 local time and specifically mentioning SUPPORT OF GCF FUNDING PROPOSALS DEVELOPMENT: ADAPTATION.

**Establishment of the Short List**

A shortlist of three to six individual consultants will be established at the end the request of expressions of interest. The consultants on the shortlist will be judged on the following criteria on the basis of their updated resume.

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