REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING FIRMS)

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
Independent Development Evaluation (IDev)

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Evaluation of the African Development Bank’s Support to Renewable Energy

1. The African Development Bank (AfDB) hereby invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: Consultancy Services for the Evaluation of the AfDB’s Support to Renewable Energy (2012-2021), henceforth “the assignment” being carried out by its Independent Development Evaluation.

2. The purpose of the evaluation is to inform the Bank’s strategies and operational approach to renewable energy sub-sector assistance, by identifying emerging trends, assessing how the Bank has responded to these trends, taking stock of the results of the Bank’s assistance, and drawing lessons for future work. The evaluation combines two objectives of (1) accountability, through determining the extent the Bank has contributed to the development of the renewable energy sector in RMCs and (2) learning, by identifying the lessons on how the Bank can contribute most effectively to improving the renewable energy of its RMCs.

3. The evaluation questions concern the issues of relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of Bank’s support in the renewable energy sector.

4. The services to be provided under the Assignment include:
   - Literature and Policy Review
   - Selected Project Results Assessment (PRA)
   - Country case studies focused on renewable energy issues with climate change lens
   - Thematic Cluster Evaluations Synthesis (Geothermal, Hydro, and Solar and wind. )
   - Review of other evaluation building blocks (including portfolio review and renewable project-level evaluations)
   - Technical Evaluation Report

The evaluation will include the following three phases.

- Inception Phase – The objective of the Inception Phase will be to assess available background information, identify available data, assess data quality, identify
information gaps and finalize a suitable methodology for the evaluation. The evaluation team will fine-tune and prioritize the evaluation questions, further develop the evaluation design and finalize the issues-indicator matrix, prepare and test data collection tools, identify required resources, and agree on roles and responsibilities, as well as the detailed workplan.

- **Data Collection and Analysis Phase** – The objective of the Data Collection and Analysis Phase will be to implement the approved inception report and collect primary data to complement the review of project documents and fill identified data gaps. Subsequently, all available data will be triangulated against the approved evaluation matrix to identify evaluation findings and conclusions.

- **Reporting Phase** – The reporting phase will proceed in three stages with the objective of: (1) consulting key stakeholders on the preliminary evaluation findings; (2) validating the preliminary findings and identifying evaluation recommendations; and (3) preparing the draft and final technical evaluation report. The final technical evaluation report will be drafted at this stage and shared with internal peer-reviewers, an external peer-reviewers, the Reference Group, and IDEV management.

5. IDEV will lead some components internally and will provide guidance and ensure adherence to standards during the evaluation design and conduct, ensure quality control at all stages and will also be involved in missions where possible. IDEV uses both the OECD DAC evaluation criteria, principles and quality standards as well as the Evaluation Cooperation Group’s Big Book. As part of the finalization of the evaluation, IDEV will also use the technical evaluation report to prepare a summary evaluation report for submission to the Bank’s Board.

6. **It is anticipated that a Request for Proposals will be issued in November 2021, with contracting of the Firm and commencement of activities by December 2021.** The final technical evaluation report is expected to be produced in June 2022.

7. IDEV invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. Interested eligible Consulting Firms or associations of Consulting Firms shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to provide the services (documentation, references for similar services, experience in comparable Assignments, availability of qualified staff including CVs of proposed team members, etc.). The firm should be able to bring together a range of expertise relevant for the assignment – including robust evaluation and subject matter specialists - and providing an experienced evaluation Team Leader. The Firm is also expected to include national consultants from the 10 countries to be selected for case studies in the team. Details of the profiles of the firm, the team leader and other evaluation team members will be outlined in
the Terms of Reference (ToR). Firms should also note that the Bank covers the whole continent and therefore, constitute teams that can work in English or French primarily, but also other associated languages for RMCs involved in the evaluation, in particular the case studies.

8. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank’s **Rules and Procedure 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 Consulting Firm does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include it in the shortlist. IDEV reserves the right to adjust the scope and details of the assignment described here, in the Request for Proposals.

9. The estimated duration of services is **seven (7) months**, and the estimated starting date is **December 2021**.

10. **Interested Individual Consultants may obtain further information** at the address below during the Bank’s working hours: **from 09:00 to 17:00 hours (GMT)**.

11. Expressions of interest must be received (by email) at the address below no later than **25 November 2021, 17:00 Hours** local time and specifically mentioning **Evaluation of the AfDB Support to Renewable Energy**. Expressions of interest should be written in either **English or French**.

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