REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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African Natural Resources Centre

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Department issuing the request: AFRICAN NATURAL RESOURCES CENTRE (ANRC)
Position: CONSULTANT: ECONOMIST (NATURAL RESOURCES)
Place of assignment: Home based
Duration of the assignment: 6 Months
Tentative Date of commencement: May 2020
Deadline for applications: 19th April 2020
Applications to be submitted to: Maali Harrathi (M.HARRATHI@AFDB.ORG)

Any questions and requests for clarifications may be sent to:

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1. INTRODUCTION

The African Natural Resources Centre (ANRC) is a non-lending entity of the African Development Bank (AfDB). The AfDB established the Centre to support Regional Member Countries (RMCs) to maximize development outcomes from their natural resources. The ANRC generates high quality knowledge and conducts impactful policy dialogue on harnessing natural resources for accelerated sustainable development in Africa. It also provides technical support to RMCs on natural resources planning, investment and governance, with a focus on land, forestry, fisheries, water, oil, gas and minerals. The ANRC also informs the Bank’s operational work in the natural resources sector.

The ANRC seeks to strengthen its team of researchers and policy analysts by recruiting a Consultant Economist with expertise in natural resources, preferably in one or more of the following areas: natural capital, blue economy, mineral and energy economics, petroleum economics, economics of biodiversity, low carbon transitions and green growth.
II. THE CONSULTANCY:

By filling this position, the ANRC seeks to consolidate its contribution to the implementation of Bank’s Ten-Year Strategy by fostering the harnessing of natural resources for inclusive and green growth in Africa through:

- Strengthened knowledge generation in the economics of natural resources and sustainable development;
- Enhanced policy analysis and dialogue on the economics of natural resources and sustainable development;
- Improved technical assistance on natural resources planning, investment and governance;
- Enhanced operational effectiveness of the Bank through improved ‘feedback loop’ between, to and from, country diagnostic analyses, project design, implementation and evaluation.

III. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the general supervision of the Director of the ANRC, the incumbent’s duties and responsibilities will be to provide critical and intellectual inputs into the ANRC’s strategic work programme and flagship projects, as follows:

- Conducting research and generating knowledge products in one or more of the following areas: harnessing natural resources for economic diversification in Africa; natural capital and sustainable development in Africa; blue economy and sustainable development in Africa; global low carbon transition and the risks and opportunities this poses to the natural resources sector in Africa; the extractive industry and structural transformation in Africa, etc;
- Convening and facilitating evidence informed policy dialogue on natural resources and sustainable development in Africa;
- Providing technical and analytical support to country and regional projects on natural resources governance and management;
- Peer review of knowledge, project, programme and policy documents;
- Performing any other duties as may be assigned by the Director.

IV. SELECTION CRITERIA: (including desirable skills, knowledge and experience)

1. A Master’s Degree in Economics or related discipline. A PhD is a strong advantage;
2. A minimum of ten (10) years’ experience in natural resources economic research or related areas.
3. A strong publication record in international peer reviewed journals;
4. A track record as a policy convenor or facilitator and a strong background in evidence informed policy dialogue and/or advocacy;
5. Strong knowledge and experience in the use of statistical and econometric methods and packages in development economics research; theoretical knowledge to develop and implement research programmes; and ability to design and manage research projects from conceptualization to publication;
6. Established reputation in leading economic research networks and ability to broker knowledge through partnerships and collaboration;
7. Proficiency in English and/or French;
8. Proven skills in drafting and preparation of policy memoranda;
9. Experience in communicating research results to policy makers.
V. CONSULTANT SELECTION
The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the African Development Bank’s Implementation Manual relating to the Procedures for Acquisition of Consulting Services funded by the Administrative or Capital Expenditure Budget of the Bank Group. The candidate shall be evaluated based on the following technical criteria:

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<td>Experience with the Bank or other international donors</td>
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Applicants are to submit a cover letter, resume, copies of academic certificates and transcripts, and three samples of written work. Appendix 1 gives a template for submission of CVs. Only the best candidates earning 70% and above will be shortlisted.

VI. TIMEFRAME:
The consultant will work on a fulltime basis for a period of six months starting in May 2020.

VII. REMUNERATION
The Consultant will be hired for a period of six (6) months and paid a monthly lump sum based on the AfDB Consultants’ remuneration scale and the schedule and conditions to be negotiated with the ANRC. The consultancy will be home based. Where field missions are required, cost of travel and per diem will be covered in line with AfDB rules.

VIII. Service Conditions
The African Development Bank conditions for retaining short-term consultants will apply.
Appendix 1:

Please attach an updated Curriculum Vitae on the basis of the template below:

MODEL CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Title of the Assignment:
Department:
Surname: First Name:
Birth Date: Nationality:
Address: Country:
Telephone: E-mail:

Are any of your family members (spouse/partner, father/mother, Brother/sister, Son/daughter, etc. employed in the African Development Bank?  

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Key Qualifications:

Please provide (i) a summary of your experience and training highlighting the most relevant for the proposed assignment, and (ii) the responsibilities which you exercised. Utilise one half-page maximum.

Education (University Level and above only):

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Employment Record:

Begin with your most recent employment. For each job since your Master Degree achievement, please indicate:
- Name of the Employer
- Type of Activity/Business of the Employer
- Title / Function
- Place of Employment
- Brief Description (three lines maximum) of main accomplishments and responsibilities

Reference:
Please indicate the name and address of three persons with no family relationship with yourself, familiar with your character and work.

I hereby certify that the responses which I provided above are all, to the best of my knowledge, true, complete and accurate. I acknowledge that an inaccurate statement or essential omission in a personal declaration or another document required by the African Development Bank might result in the rejection of my application, termination of my Contract or any other administrative sanction by the Bank. The African Development Bank may verify any statements which I made in this application.

Date: ____________

Signature: ___