

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

STRATEGY AND PLANNING CONSULTANT FOR AFRICA CDC PUBLIC PRIVATE AND PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERSHIPS (4Ps) AND FOUNDATION LAUNCH

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Background

Taking into account the health challenges faced by the African continent and in recognition of the need for Africa to develop optimal capacity for preparedness and response to public health emergencies and other health security risks, the African heads of State and Government (AU HoSG) - at a special summit of the Africa Union (AU) held in Abuja, Nigeria 2013 - called for the establishment of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) through **Assembly Decision /AU/Dec.554 (XXIV)**. This specialised organ was officially launched on 31st January 2017 with the overall mission to “strengthen Africa’s capacity and institutions for preparedness and response to public health emergencies and disease priorities through partnerships, science, policy and data-driven interventions”.

Pursuant to Article 28 of the Statute of Africa CDC which states that, “*the Africa CDC shall maintain working ties with Development partners and stakeholders, particularly with the Regional Health Organizations, RECs private sector, civil society organizations, other Organs of the Union and the non-African CDCs in pursuit of its strategic objectives*”. Africa CDC intends to launch a public health Foundation and Public Private Philanthropic Partnerships (Africa CDC 4Ps) to advance its strategic priorities through the development of linkages to innovative financial mechanisms targeting increased investment in African health systems. This will generate both positive development and returns on investment through efforts to promote an enabling environment for the private and philanthropic sectors amongst the African Member States.

In carrying its overall mission, it is incumbent upon Africa CDC to develop its legal and policy capacity and credibility in order to achieve productive engagements with private and philanthropic sectors. Recognition as a credible technical organization will be the foundation to establish sustainable collaborations with diverse stakeholders, enhance resource mobilization prospects and obtain funds.

It is in this light that the Africa CDC will convene this special event on 26 October 2018 (tentative), to introduce itself as the fulcrum for coordinating health assets and response from private and public sectors in order to meet the health security challenges of the African region.

Objective of the Assignment

The objective for the consultancy will be to develop the private and philanthropic sector engagement, support the launch event and conduct research into the feasibility of innovative financing mechanisms. Particular responsibilities include planning of the launch and coordination of internal and external stakeholders to ensure resources are mobilized and deployed ethically and efficiently.

Scope of the Assignment

The Strategy and Planning Consultant will report directly to the Director of Africa CDC and carry out the following:

a) Private and Philanthropic Sector Engagement

- Research, compile and map potential partnership opportunities with the private and philanthropic sectors to develop resource-based solutions supporting Africa CDC's mission.
- Develop communications strategy used to initiate and sustain relationships with partner organizations and donors.
- Provide information on Foundations/philanthropic entities globally and in Africa specifically aimed at supporting public sector institutions. This is with a view to subsequently inform strategies to support and sustain the planned Africa CDC Foundation.
- Develop and execute engagement strategies and tactics to promote Africa CDC in consultation with the Director and other Africa CDC staff as necessary to inform strategies and plans.
- Encourage and promote private sector participation in policy dialogue, knowledge sharing and multi-stakeholder initiatives to advance Africa CDC strategic priorities.
- Support and prepare materials for engagements between Africa CDC and potential partner/donors.

KEY DELIVERABLES

SN	DELEVERABLE	1 st Month	2 nd Month	3 rd Month
1.	Partnerships Pitch Material and documentation.			
2.	Framework for Multi-sectorial engagements.			
3.	Strategic Plan for Resource Mobilization.			
4.	Business Model development to facilitate collection and deployment of resources.			

Duration of the Assignment and Payment Arrangements

The duration of the Consultancy is three (03) months. A monthly fee of US\$8000 will be paid to the consultant.

Qualification and Experience

a) **Education:** Advanced degree in Business Administration or Public Health.

b) **Experience**

- At least eight years of experience working in matrix organization with private sector preference.
- Knowledge and experience in international development and finance, business strategy development, public-private partnership and related areas.
- Experience developing business models and strategic plans for new programs or businesses.
- Experience in performing market research, analyzing and synthesizing large amounts of information from different sources to develop comprehensive recommendations.
- Relevant experience in resource mobilization, private sector partnership and innovation.
- Business background is desirable.

Required Skills

- Proven Knowledge of finance, program development and operations practices and procedures and ability to apply them in an organizational setting.
- Excellent interpersonal and team building skills and ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.
- Focus on impact and result.
- Evidence of strategic thinking and proven ability to organize, plan and prioritize work.
- Manage workload with minimum supervision.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with people in a multi-cultural environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity
- Builds strong relationships internally and with external actors.
- Demonstrated analytical, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.
- Fluency in English and/or French and any other African Union official language.

The African Union Commission now invites eligible **Individual Consultants** to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested candidate must provide information demonstrating that he/she has the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Consulting firms may propose individual consultants, but only the experience and qualifications of individuals shall be used in the selection process, and that his or her corporate experience shall not be taken into account, and the contract would be signed with the proposed individual.

Evaluation and qualification criteria

For evaluation of the expressions of interest the following criteria will be applied:

Criteria, sub-criteria, and point system for the evaluation of the Full Technical Proposals:	Weight
(i) General Education Qualification and Relevant Training: <i>a) Master's Degree in Business Administration related fields-20%</i> <i>b) Bachelor Degree in Business Administration related Fields-10%</i>	20%
(ii) Technical approach and methodology and Work Plan: <i>a) Technical approach and methodology (45%)</i> <i>b) Work plan(10)</i>	55%
iii) Experience Related to the Assignment (25 points): <i>a) Knowledge and experience in international development and finance, business strategy development, public-private partnership and related areas (10%).</i> <i>b) At least 5 years of Experience in performing market research, analyzing and synthesizing large amounts of information from different sources to develop comprehensive recommendations (5%).</i> <i>c) At least 2 years of experience working in a multilateral or bilateral agency in which programs or initiatives required diplomatic coordination between governments or Ministries bodies (5%)</i> <i>d) Significant experience working on the African continent, preferably including experience with or exposure to the African Union (5%)</i>	25%
<i>Total weight:</i>	100%
Total points for the three criteria:	100
The minimum technical score (St) required to pass is: <u>70</u>	

Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents for AUC's consideration as an attachment to their CVs:

- a) Technical Proposal on:
- understanding and interpretation of the TOR
 - methodology to be used in undertaking the assignment

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00-13:00hrs and 14:00-17:00 hours Local Time.

Proposal must be delivered in a written form to the address below not later than 15:00 hours local time, December 11, 2018.

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NB: The Title of the Assignment and Procurement reference number should be clearly indicated in the subject matter of the email.