
**Africa Union Development Agency - New Partnership for Africa's Development
(AUDA-NEPAD)**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS
CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO IDENTIFY AND PILOT DATA COLLECTION/MONITORING
TOOL IN THREE ANGLOPHONE COUNTRIES**

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1. INTRODUCTION

African forests and landscapes are under significant pressure and are severely compromised. The continent loses approximately 2.8 million hectares of forests each year and about 50 million hectares of land is affected by degradation. Deforestation and landscape degradation threaten ecological functions vital to African economies. Additionally, landscape degradation decreases food production, reduce quality of life and increase poverty particularly, amongst rural households and smallholder farmers whose livelihoods largely depends on stable weather patterns, healthy soils and tree cover, and water. Compounding this reality are climate change pressures which add to the already devastating social and economic effects of forest loss and landscape degradation.

The widespread degradation across landscapes in Africa, presents strong opportunities to initiate transformational **forest landscape restoration (FLR)**. FLR as a process of regaining ecological functionality and enhancing human well-being across deforested or degraded forest landscapes presents opportunities to improve livelihoods and lift people out of poverty. FLR also provides prospects to improve soil fertility, stabilize food production and reduce food insecurity, while protecting biodiversity and restoring the integrity of ecosystems in order to benefit from ecosystem services. Moreover, FLR can help diversify and support African economies grow by encouraging green economy opportunities and green jobs as well as contribute towards adapting to and mitigating climate change.

AFR100 is based on a lean and agile governance structure, aiming at catalyzing national efforts and providing support where needed. The AFR100 partnership comprises of a Secretariat housed at the African Union Development Agency – (AUDA-NEPAD). The AFR100 Secretariat is provided continental legitimacy through the mandate given to the AUDA-NEPAD by the African Union Heads of State and Government. The functions of the Secretariat include amongst others:

- Deepening engagements and networking with AFR100 Countries, Financial and Technical Partners, RECs and restoration partners,
- Coordinating and managing day-to-day activities of the AFR100 Initiative,
- Monitoring and evaluation, i.e. Tracking Progress of AFR100 Implementation,
- Mobilization resources and strengthening partnerships to meet growing demand
- Convene technical and high-level conferences/ meeting.

Rationale

Launched in 2015, the African Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFR100) aims to bring 100 million hectares of forests and degraded landscapes across Africa under restoration by 2030. Phase I (2015-2020) has focused on mobilizing the various technical and financial partners, as well as national, regional and civil society actors to be involved in the initiative. In the current

phase, AFR100 is transitioning from commitments/pledges to implementation. As a result, there is a need to establish a sound and comprehensive AFR100 implementation progress tracking system. One important step is to start developing a data collection/monitoring tool with 3 Anglophone AFR100 member countries, collect relevant information in these countries using a participatory approach, analyse and validate the results obtained, write a report on monitoring and tracking FLR in the 3 Anglophone countries.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The objective of this Consultancy is to develop selection criteria, identify any three Anglophone countries and pilot data collection, monitoring and tracking of FLR using a validated framework by AFR100 Secretariat.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

Under the overall supervision of AUDA-NEPAD and the guidance of the AFR100 Monitoring Working Group, the consultant will carry out the following tasks:

- a) Carry out a desktop review of literature related to FLR in Africa and collect information on environmental, social and economic variables/indicators to monitor and track FLR in Africa;
- b) Develop criteria for selecting three Anglophone countries (e.g. (i) level of FLR implementation; (ii) number of hectares pledged for restoration; (iii) availability of monitoring systems);
- c) Develop a data collection format and validate it with the AFR100 Monitoring Working Group;
- d) Develop a methodology for collecting relevant data in the three Anglophone countries;
- e) Collect relevant data to monitor and track FLR in the three Anglophone countries;
- f) Analyse the data collected using appropriate tools; and
- g) Write a report on monitoring and tracking FLR in the three Anglophone countries.

The assignment is a combination of a desk-based research, online interviews, and travel to the three countries to collect the relevant information. Consultation meetings with the AFR100 Monitoring working group shall be held remotely.

This is a full-time consultancy assignment and is expected that the expert shall be available as needed during the entire duration of the project. The Consultancy shall be completed within a period of 60 days or three (3) calendar months from the date of signing the contract.

4. DELIVERABLES

- a) An inception report compiling the information of the desk study, the methodology for selecting the three countries, the data collection format, the methodology of data collection and the chronogram of the data collection which will be carried out in the three countries.
- b) A report describing the data collection activities in the three countries, the key resource persons met (including AFR100 technical and financial partners), and the challenges.
- c) A report on the preliminary results of the data analysis: maps, tables, trends etc.
- d) A final report on monitoring and tracking FLR in the three Anglophone countries.

AUDA-NEPAD now invites eligible individual consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

5. QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES

Qualifications

- a. At least an advanced tertiary qualification (MSc) in Forestry or Environmental Science, natural resource management or any related field. A PhD would be an added advantage.

Experience

- a. Data collection experience for at least 10 years preferably in similar assignments.

- b. Ability to provide overall guidance to the assignment and provide a comprehensive project management support to AUDA-NEPAD and the Monitoring Working Group during the period of assignment.
- c. Skills in monitoring and evaluation, analysis and report writing.
- d. Experience in GIS field will be an added advantage.
- e. Extensive experience (at least 7 years) working in Eastern and Southern Africa.
- f. Excellent command of English, both speaking and writing.

6. SHORTLISTING CRITERIA

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

- i) Qualifications, Relevant Training and Education (30 points);
- ii) Experience in the Specific Assignment as Described in the TORs (60 points); and
- iii) Knowledge of the Region & Local Conditions (10 points).

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) method set out in the AU Procurement Manual.

7. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents for AUDA-NEPAD consideration:

- i. Cover letter confirming compliance to eligibility;
- ii. Signed declaration of undertaking (annex 1); and
- iii. Curriculum Vitae (CV).

8. REPORTING AND TIME SCHEDULES:

In undertaking this exercise, the consultant will on a day-to-day work with the Senior Programme Officer, Climate Change Smart Agriculture under the Environmental Sustainability Programme, and will be expected to frequently exchange and interact with AUDA-NEPAD and the Monitoring Working Group.

9. Only Individual Consultants are eligible for this assignment if they fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

- a) Have no conflict of interest in relationship to performance of this assignment;
- b) Are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to, a temporary suspension or a debarment imposed by the African Union, World Bank or any other multilateral development bank and being listed on the website <http://www.worldbank.org/debarr> or respectively on the relevant list of any other multilateral development bank. Further, are not ineligible pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council;
- c) Have not been convicted by a final judgement or a final administrative decision or subject to financial sanctions by the African Union, United Nations or Country for involvement in a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorist-related offences, child labour or trafficking in human beings; this criterion of exclusion is also applicable to legal Persons, whose majority of shares are held or factually controlled by natural or legal Persons which themselves are subject to such convictions or sanctions;
- d) Are not being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by courts, having entered receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation;
- e) they have not been the subject of a judgment which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organization or any other illegal activity detrimental to the AUDA-NEPAD financial interests;
- f) they have not been declared guilty of gross professional misconduct proven by any means which AUDA-NEPAD can justify;

Interested consultants may obtain further information from the address listed below. All Expression of Interests should be sent electronically to email listed below.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by email on or before **October 25, 2021 14:30 hours (South African Time)**. All EOI's must be marked "**CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO IDENTIFY AND PILOT DATA COLLECTION/MONITORING TOOL IN THREE ANGLOPHONE COUNTRIES. REF: 29/AUDA/DPDC/ES/ICS/2021**" in the subject line of the email.

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