



STANDARD TEMPLATE

TERMS OF REFERENCE	
Title of the Consultancy:	Consultancy to Support the Tripartite Partnership between the AUDA-NEPAD, the Commonwealth Secretariat & United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification (UNCCD)
Consultancy type: <i>(individual or firm)</i>	Individual
Directorate & Division	DTCPF
Contact Person	Director of Technical Cooperation and Programme Funding
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Duration of assignment	Approximately 4 months

Background

The Tripartite Partnership between the African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa’s Development (AUDA-NEPAD), the Commonwealth Secretariat, and the United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification (UNCCD), aims to coordinate, consolidate and mobilise resources to contribute to the delivery of the AU Agenda 2063 Aspirations and UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) focusing on sustainable land and water management, the UNCCD Strategic Framework, and the Commonwealth Living Lands Charter. The tripartite partnership will promote synergies and effective coordination between the activities of various national and regional bodies to facilitate the implementation of projects and initiatives contributing to sustainable land and water management, forest landscape restoration, combating desertification and droughts, enhancing climate resilience and biodiversity conservation. The tripartite partnership is mainly aimed at major resource mobilisation activities in support the Great Green Wall Initiative (GGW) programme.

Rationale

One of the key deliverables under the Tripartite Partnership is Mapping of projects across Africa to support the Great Green Wall Initiative (GGWI), particularly in the SADC Region. Therefore, the Tripartite partners, in collaboration with the SADC secretariat, the African Union Commission (AUC) and other partners, will organise workshops on project preparation for the SADC region, with the aim to prepare a compendium of projects that can be utilised for resource mobilisation. All 16 SADC countries will be represented at these workshops, including UNCCD national focal points, Great Green Wall (GGW) Focal Points, Global Environment Facility (GEF) Operational Focal Points (OFPs), Green Climate Fund (GCF) National Designated Authorities (NDAs), representatives from the Ministries of Finance, development partners and representatives from financing institutions and the private sector. During the sessions, countries will submit

project ideas for national, multi-country and regional projects and initiatives that align with the proposed pillars GGWI SADC. The work will lead to consolidating and referencing all Great Green Wall Initiative projects, which can be packaged for resource mobilisation by AUDA-NEPAD and its Tripartite Partners. Develop Joint Continental Investment Platform with the EU, bringing together international financial institutions (IFIs) and other policymakers from both the EU and Africa to facilitate the design of a sustainable joint investment and comprehensive programme

The objectives of the assignment

1. Support the overall coordination of the Great Green Wall (GGW) Resource Mobilisation Action Plan
2. Support the engagements with the leadership of SADC Secretariat, partners and donors to secure new financial commitments towards the SADC GGWI programme
3. Engage local and international private sector, investors, and governments to introduce investment into the SADC GGWI programme
4. Lead efforts to elevate submitted projects for investments and financing
5. Support ongoing efforts to engage SADC Member States to advocate for funding into the SADC GGWI programme

Deliverables

1. Inception report on concept notes, timelines and milestones of the project;
2. Prepare situational analysis report of the SADC GGWI programme;
3. Prepare a report of compendium of potential donors/development partners that fund programmes related to the GGW Initiative
4. Prepare report on support the RM Unit of TCPF in planning Resource Mobilisation activities on the GGWI for FY2023; and
5. Submit final report in providing programmes for the FY2023 where AUDA-NEPAD, Commonwealth and UNCCD can jointly organize relevant political advocacy and resource mobilization side events to deliver on the Tripartite workplan.

Scope of work, activities and Tasks

The tasks of the consultant will be as follows:

Action 1: Conduct desk review and benchmark analysis of the existing projects and programmes in the SADC region that are geared towards the GGW Initiative.

Action 2: Review the AUDA-NEPAD Partnership Profile Database and identify and update potential Donors/Development Partners that fund/invest in programmes related to the GGW Initiative

Action 3: Organise workshops/seminars involving SADC countries on project proposal preparation.

Action 4: Prepare a GGWI SADC partners meeting to align actions by various partners with AU, SADC and international political and resource mobilization processes.

Action 5: Identify Regional and Global events that can be used to leverage Funding and Advocacy activities for GGWI programmes and projects.

Person Days/Months

60 days for a duration of 4 months

Milestones	Number of person-days
Conduct desk review and benchmark analysis of the existing projects and programmes in the SADC region that are geared towards the GGW Initiative.	15 person-days
Review the AUDA-NEPAD Partnership Profile Database and identify and update potential that Donors/Development Partners that fund programmes related to the GGW Initiative	15 person-days
Organise workshops/seminars involving SADC countries on project proposal preparation. Prepare a GGWI SADC partners meeting to align actions by various partners with AU, SADC and international political and resource mobilization processes. Identify Regional and Global events that can be used to leverage Funding and Advocacy activities for GGWI programmes and projects. Provide a list of events for the first half of 2023 where AUDA-NEPAD, Commonwealth and UNCCD can jointly organize relevant political advocacy.	30 person-days
Total person-days	60 person-days

Language requirements

The consultant should have excellent written and communication skills in English. An excellent understanding and oral communication skills in French would be an advantage.

Consultancy fees

The consultant should propose professional fees to undertake this assignment. AUDA-NEPAD will not pay any operational costs to the consultant.

Governance, support and facilities to be provided by AUDA-NEPAD

AUDA-NEPAD will facilitate the consultants with letters of introduction to Regional Economic Commissions (RECs) and Member States and other stakeholders if required.

Proposed Payment Schedule

To be discussed on negotiations

Required qualifications

- i. At least an Advanced Degree / Masters / MBA University Degree in Project Management; Project Finance, Development or Investment Finance or related fields from a recognized institution (and Ph.D. is an added advantage;

Experience of the consultant

- ii. Extensive knowledge and experience of at least 10 years of working experience in the area of Development as it relates to the African Union, Program Funding, Project Proposal Development and Grant Funding;
- iii. At least ten (10) years experience in moderating and facilitating high-level meetings and technical meetings, conducting in-depth desk reviews and engaging Member States Leadership at the level on Heads of States and Ministers
- iv. Traceable understanding of the bilateral Cooperation and Agreements amongst stakeholders in the development sector; and

- v. Extensive experience working across the African continent including Regional Economic communities.

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