



# **Expression of Interest**

**Consultancy Service Thematic Expert for GMES & Africa**

**Procurement No: AUC/ESTI/CS/004**

**CALL FOR EOI – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **CONSULTANCY SERVICE - THEMATIC EXPERT FOR GMES & AFRICA**

#### **1. BACKGROUND**

The Global Monitoring of the Environment and Security in Africa (GMES & Africa) is a Pan African earth observation programme designed to promote the management of the environment and natural resources on the continent. Administered by the Department of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of the African Union Commission, the programme works with regional and national institutions across the five regions of Africa to implement grassroots projects in support of sustainable development. It strengthens the capacity of African policy-makers, planners, scientists, businesses, the private sector and citizens in the use of earth observation data and derived information.

#### **2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF ASSIGNMENT**

The purpose of the assignment is to provide support and strengthen the overall thematic outputs of GMES and Africa regarding use of EO to support African sustainable development. It intends to strengthen the capacity of GMES & Africa Programme Management Unit (PMU) for the implementation of the GMES & Africa phase 2. In this pursuit, the commission invites applicants who are citizens of Member States to fill the consultant position of Senior Scientific Officer for GMES & Africa programme. The Consultant will work with GMES and Africa's Programme Management Unit (PMU) and interact, within the scope of his/her duties, with other relevant functionaries as well as GMES and Africa consortia of institutions.

#### **3. MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Under the direct supervision of the Programme Coordinator, the responsibilities and duties of the consultant shall include the following:

- a. Coordinating the implementation of GMES & Africa services and applications and assuring consistent reporting;
- b. Ensuring quality control and assurance of products and services;
- c. Reporting on day-to-day implementation status of the thematic chapters;
- d. Facilitating cross-fertilization of applications and services across consortia.
- e. The consultant will report monthly to the Programme Coordinator of the GMES & Africa program through submission of monthly activities report outlining the achievements and status.

#### **4. GENDER MAINSTREAMING:**

The AU Commission is an equal opportunity employer and qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply.

## **5. DURATION**

The exercise will be undertaken within the period of six (6) months.

## **6. CONSULTANCY FEE**

A fixed lump sum of US\$ 48,000 is attached to the Thematic Expert position, inclusive of all allowances. Payment will be made monthly, upon submission of a monthly delivery report. Fees payable do not include costs associated with project related travels, coordination/organization of project related activities and events, stakeholder dialogues, consultations and workshops. These costs will be met by the AU.

## **7. DUTY STATION**

The consultant will undertake the work on site at AUC Headquarter, Addis Ababa

## **8. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING**

Under the overall supervision of the Director, the Consultant will report on his/ her activities to the Director, ESTI, AUC.

## **9. LANGUAGE**

Proficiency in at least one of the African Union working languages (Arabic, English, French, Portuguese); knowledge of other working languages will be an added advantage.

## **10. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE OF THE CONSULTANT**

A minimum of master's degree in Oceanography, Environmental science, Earth Observation, Geospatial Technology, Geo-informatics, or related discipline.

Candidates must have at least 7 years progressive experience and a sound scientific background in earth observation, 5 of which must be in a coordination role of earth observation projects between several institutions in Africa. Knowledge of the African Union system is an asset.

### **- Skills and Competencies**

- a. Ability to identify, analyse and participate in the resolution of issues/problems;
- b. Ability to apply monitoring and evaluation skills, and manage conflicting priorities;
- c. Ability to work and lead a multilingual team and to achieve team goals and priorities;
- d. Ability to work under pressure and in a multicultural environment;
- e. Ability to foresee risks and allow for contingencies when planning;
- f. Sound Computer literacy is desired such as knowledge of software applications: image processing, GIS, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.

## **11. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATIONS**

The African Union Commission now invites eligible **Individual Consultants** to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents for AUC's consideration:

1) Technical Proposal not exceeding 7 pages on

- i. Understanding and interpretation of the TOR
- ii. Methodology to be used in undertaking the assignment
- iii. Time and activity schedule

2) Personal Capacity Statement

- i. Relevant experience related to the assignment
- ii. A detailed Curriculum Vitae of the Consultant outlining the following:
  - Educational and Professional Qualification/Certifications
  - Relevant experience in similar assignments (clearly state the duties and the achievements in different sections under each position occupied)
  - References with Phone number and email addresses

## 12. EVALUATION AND QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

For evaluation the following criteria will be applied:

S/N	Award Criteria	Allocated Point
1.	General Education, Qualification and Relevant Training	20
2.	Relevant experience related to the assignment	30
3.	Technical approach and methodology	30
4.	Work Plan	10
5.	Fluency in English or in one of the AU recognized languages	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

## 13. INVITATION

The African Union Commission now invites eligible individual consultant to submit his/her CVs in providing the services and required documents as listed in the TOR. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services

Proposal must be sent to [tender@africa-union.org](mailto:tender@africa-union.org) and copy to [Mahleta@africa-union.org](mailto:Mahleta@africa-union.org) not late that 15:00hours local time on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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