AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
MONITORING AND EVALUATION SPECIALIST TO SUPPORT
THE CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE PROGRAM ON INTEGRATED
DEVELOPMENT AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE NIGER BASIN (PIDACC/NB)

1. The African Development Bank (AfDB) seeks to recruit a highly motivated Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist to assist the Agricultural Research, Production and Sustainability Division (AHAI.2) by providing technical assistance to mainstream monitoring and evaluation into the ‘Program for Integrated Development and Adaptation to Climate Change in the Niger Basin (PIDACC/NB)’. PIDACC/NB is one of the Programs under the Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA, 2017-2025) portfolio of the Bank, which aims for a sustainable and resilient transformation of African agriculture for food security in the context of climate change. The main deliverables of the CSA program include: i) 10 million producers adopting CSA technologies and practices; ii) 20 million producers who have access to climate information; iii) 5 million ha of degraded land recovered and forests under sustainable management; iv) 500,000 ha of agricultural land with resilient irrigation infrastructures; v) 100 % of Feed Africa projects integrate climate change; vi) 500,000 green jobs created; and vii) USD 1 billion climate funds mobilized for CSA projects in Africa. PIDACC’s activities are implemented at country level and coordinated at regional level by the Niger Basin Authority (NBA), making use of existing institutional arrangements to ensure national government involvement, engagement with relevant line ministries, and technical oversight.

2. More specifically, the objective of PIDACC is to improve the resilience of populations and ecosystems in the nine (9) Niger Basin countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon and Chad. This will be achieved through sustainable natural resources and ecosystem management. The Program aims to: (i) reduce the silting process of the Niger River, (ii) improve the adaptability of populations to climate change, (iii) protect biodiversity, and (iv) restore soil fertility. The program will contribute towards addressing the NDCs (INDCs) submitted by the Niger basin countries. The NDCs include adaptation in agriculture as a priority sector for action which creates a sectoral framework for climate action. Investing in the agricultural sector under the PIDACC will address not only hunger and malnutrition but also other challenges including: poverty; water and energy use; climate change; and unsustainable production and consumption. The PIDACC program is financed by a Consortium which includes the AfDB; the Climate Investment Fund, CIF, the Green Climate Fund (GCF); the European Union (EU); the Global Environment facility (GEF) and beneficiary countries.

3. The selected individual consultant is expected to provide the following services:

- Establish guidelines on monitoring and evaluation for the PIDACC program;
- Develop an M&E system for the PIDACC and establish systematic tracking of inputs and outputs of the program activities, identified also in terms of level/location, partners/actors and type of service provided or task performed. The M&E framework should describe the minimum M&E requirements for the Project and all Project-related indicators, as well as other indicators, to be monitored by the M&E Specialist;
- Plan and define a methodology for monitoring, evaluating and reporting on the results of the Program taking into account best practices and requirements in terms of indicators and reports of each donor;
- Organize and facilitate a launching workshop for the M&E of PIDACC;
- Harmonize the indicators of the different donors;
- Facilitate training on the implementation of the monitoring and evaluation plan and the collection of data;
- Support the NBA and national projects on the establishment and management of their M&E systems and ensure their alignment with the overall M&E system;
- Support the establishment of an information management system;
- Organize and facilitate M&E training for project managers, monitoring and evaluation experts and other actors involved in M&E;
- Support the preparation and review of donor reports;
- Identify information requirements of components concerning planning, monitoring and evaluation and define and design data collection tools, by actor and type of information, to enable consistent and objective inputs to the system;
- Set up operational arrangements for collecting, analyzing, and reporting project data, and for investing in capacity building, to sustain the Monitoring and Evaluation function;
- Analyze the information generation, transmission, storage, processing analysis, dissemination and retrieval process, at regional, National and sub national levels;
- Identify factors for achieving results, improving performance and having impact at scheme level or on portfolio performance, based on analysis and assessment of the quantitative monitoring data, considering effectiveness and costs of outputs (Evaluation component);
- Assess training needs relevant to monitoring, evaluation and management information systems and provide training and training of trainers to project stakeholders;
- Assist in the preparation and analysis of impact evaluations, beneficiary assessments, studies, and promotion/outreach campaigns;
- Prepare TORs for special studies as necessary (e.g. Impact monitoring and evaluation studies);
- Undertake field visits to a sample of micro-projects on a periodic basis to ensure compliance with operational procedures and assess progress;
- Prepare quarterly and annual reports, and assist the preparation of annual work plans in standard reporting format as required by the PIDACC funding agencies;
- Drawing on the analysis of key performance indicators, provide inputs to management reports;
- Propose ways in which M & E findings will be fed back into decision-making;
- Identify innovations and lessons learned that may be relevant for the PIDACC program implementation to improve program performance;
- Perform other duties as assigned by the AHAI.2 Division Manager / AHAI Department Director.
4. The key selection and eligibility criteria for this position include:

a) Master’s Degree or equivalent in Economics, Public Administration, Finance, Engineering, Business Administration, Social Sciences, in a field related to the services above;

b) Minimum 5 years of relevant professional experience in project management, project monitoring and evaluation or relevant connected fields in the operations of multilateral development and financing agencies, with experience in all phases of the project cycle, undertaking policy dialogue, programming and strategy preparation in respective sectors;

c) Experience in devising M&E systems that respect principles of the Paris Declaration (ownership, alignment, harmonization, managing for results and accountability);

d) Experience in creating and managing performance management frameworks and plans and leveraging performance monitoring data for improving on-going project performance, accountability of stakeholders and learning outcomes;

e) Proficiency with computer software programmes including proficiency in Excel, Word, Power Point and Microsoft. Experience in the use of web-based management systems and advanced programs for statistical data analysis;

f) Strong inter-personal skills and commitment to work in a team-oriented environment;

g) Excellent level of communication and report writing ability in English and or French. Knowledge of the two languages is an advantage;

5. In this regard, the Agriculture Research, Production and Sustainability (AHAI.2) Division invites Individual Consultants meeting the eligibility requirements to indicate their interest in providing the described services. Interested Consultants shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to undertake this Assignment (documents, reference to similar services, experience in similar assignments, etc.). The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank’s Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants under projects financed by the Bank Group, available on the Bank Website at http://www.afdb.org. Please, note that interest expressed by a Consultant does not imply any obligation on the part of the African Development Bank to include him/her in the shortlist. The consultant must be free from any engagement during the entire duration of the mission.

6. Duration of the Assignment: The estimated-working period is for six (6) calendar months from 1st July 2019, renewable for another period of six months based on the performance and needs of the Bank. The consultant will provide a monthly report.

7. Expressions of interest, including: (i) a cover letter; (ii) a comprehensive CV must be submitted no later than Tuesday, 2 July 2019 at 5:00 PM Côte d’Ivoire Time. Submissions should quote “Individual Consultant – Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist” and should be submitted in English or French to: the address below.

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