



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SELECTION OF A CONSULTING FIRM TO CONDUCT A BASE LINE STUDY FOR INCREASING THE ADAPTIVE CAPACITY OF VULNERABLE RWANDAN COMMUNITIES TO ADAPT TO THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

Increasing Climate Change Adaptive Capacity of Rwandan Community

Energy Access Sector

Financing Agreement reference: **5550155001051**

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The Government of Rwanda has received a grant from Global Environment Facility-Least Developed Countries Fund (GEF-LDCF) through African Development Bank (AfDB) to increase the adaptive capacity of vulnerable Rwandan communities to the adverse effects of climate change and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the grant to hire a consulting firm to conduct a base line study for Increasing the adaptive capacity of vulnerable Rwandan communities to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change.

The Energy Development Corporation Limited (EDCL) now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's ***Procurement Framework dated October 2015***, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. Borrowers are under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

Interested consultancy firms may obtain further information at the address below from 07:00-12:00 and 13:00-17:00 hours during working days:

Energy Development Corporation Limited (EDCL)

KN 2 ST, P.O. Box 3855 Kigali, Rwanda; Procurement Unit, 10th Floor KCT,
SEAP Procurement Specialist, Tel: + 250 7 88 75 91 54

Email: procurement@edcl.reg.rw and copy to smunyawera@edcl.reg.rw

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **14th July 2018** at 10.00 hrs and mention A BASE LINE STUDY FOR INCREASING THE ADAPTIVE CAPACITY OF VULNERABLE RWANDAN COMMUNITIES TO ADAPT TO THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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Terms of Reference (ToRs) for Conducting Baseline Study Increasing the adaptive capacity of vulnerable Rwandan communities to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change

1. Project Profile

Project Title: Increasing the adaptive capacity of vulnerable Rwandan communities to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change

Project aim: Improved quality of life for the Rwandan People

Project Objective: Diversified, strengthened and climate resilient rural livelihood opportunities for vulnerable women and men in the project area

Location

Karongi district: Mubuga, Gishyita, Rwankuba and Twumba

Nyamasheke district: Gihombo, Karengera, Ruharambuga, and Mahembe

Rusizi district: Nkungu, Nyakabuye, Bugarama, Butare, Bweyeye and Gikundamvura

Project period

Dec 2016 – Dec 2021

Beneficiaries

Total: a. Males: 400,000 b. Females: 400,000 c. Youth: 240,000

Implementing partner: National Fund for Environment and Climate Change

2. Project Summary and rationale for the assignment

Energy Development Corporation Limited (EDCL) Rwanda in partnership with the National Fund for Environment and Climate Change (FONERWA) received a five-year grant from Global Environment Facility-Least Developed Countries Fund (GEF-LDCF) through African Development Bank (AfDB) to increase the adaptive capacity of vulnerable Rwandan communities to the adverse effects of climate change. The GEF-LDCF grant will add resources to the ongoing Scaling-Up Energy Access Project (SEAP) funded by AfDB under the Electricity Access Roll out Program (EARP).

The project for Increasing Climate Change Adaptive Capacity seeks to increase the adaptive capacity of vulnerable Rwandan communities to the adverse effect of climate change through livelihood diversification and investment in rural infrastructures. The project will maximize the impact of SEAP which provides infrastructure to distribute electricity for households and public institutions, creates and expands opportunities for local populations to pursue electricity-dependent income generating activities.

The project intends to impact the lives of over 800,000 people of which 240,000 are youth, and has the following key outcome:

“Diversifying and strengthening climate resilient rural livelihood opportunities for vulnerable communities in Karongi, Nyamasheke and Rusizi Districts.

Under the framework of the above, EDCL requires consulting services to conduct the baseline survey of **“Increasing the adaptive capacity of vulnerable Rwandan**



communities to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change project” to inform the project implementing team on the community interest, knowledge, skills and attitudes in environment and climate change.

3. Objectives of Assignment

The assignment will pursue objectives as under:

- To assess knowledge, understanding and awareness of livelihood opportunities resulting from electrification
- To provide an in-depth indicative information on the status of community participation, their interest, knowledge, skills and attitudes in climate change, environment or Disaster Risk Reduction issues (especially the target groups in the community and/or development initiatives in the target communities)
- To provide analytical benchmark information on the Government plans/programs and their policies with regard to the climate change adaptation and to what extent they are well aligned with the adaptation needs of the local communities and provide in-depth understanding of the capacity and coordination gaps at the institutional levels
- To provide benchmark information for measuring project achievements and impact (at the project objectives, intermediate result levels based on the project logical framework
- To provide analytical information on the number of civil society/youth/women groups already actively engaged in issues of environment protection, climate resilient activities and provide a benchmark of their knowledge, attitude and skills in environment and climate change.
- To identify climate change hazards as their corresponding possible adaptation programs in the intervention area
- To review and update the project’s log frame by including field finding in the baseline data

4. Deliverables

The baseline survey will include the following key deliverables:

- Inception report
- Presentation of field findings and draft report
- Validation and approval of final report

5. Methodology

The consultant(s)/firm will utilize but not limited to the information available through secondary sources, review literatures and conduct households interviews and focus group



discussions with various stakeholders ranging from beneficiary communities and relevant key informants such as (Government representatives, Academic Institutions and CSOs).

6. Skills and experience required

The selection of the consultants/firm will be based on the quality of their proposal (incl. methodologies, tools, quantifications, time schedule, CV), their financial offer, the relevant educational background and experience of the applicants in similar activities.

The applicants should have the following qualifications:

- The consultants/firm should have at least five years' experience of conducting project baselines, evaluations and researches, particularly of the environment/climate change projects.
- The team leader should have experience in Natural Resources Management/Environment/Climate Change and/or Economics/Statistics or other related disciplines.

7. Requirements for submission

Interested consultants/research institutes are required to submit:

- A technical proposal comprising the consultants'/firms' understanding of the ToRs and an overview of the methodology that the team plans to use in order to meet the objectives of the baseline,
- A time-schedule for the assignment based on the scope,
- A detailed financial offer,
- The CVs of the persons involved in the assignment with their roles and responsibilities in the baseline process and proof of previous similar assignments that they have conducted