



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SELECTION OF A CONSULTING FIRM TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ECO-TOURISM ACTIVITIES FOR INCREASING THE ADAPTIVE CAPACITY OF VULNERABLE RWANDAN COMMUNITIES TO ADAPT TO THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Increasing Climate Change Adaptive Capacity of Rwandan Community

Energy Access Sector

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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 Feasibility Study of Eco-tourism Activities 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

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Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **15th September 2018** at 10.00 hrs and mention A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ECO-TOURISM ACTIVITIES 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 for consultancy services to conduct the feasibility study of eco-tourism activities for Increasing the adaptive capacity of vulnerable Rwandan communities to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change project

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

December 2016 – December 2021

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 feasibility study for eco-tourism activities in Karongi District under the “**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 attractive environmental and cultural factors in the intervention areas and creation of economic opportunities for local communities.



3. Objectives of the assignment

The assignment will pursue objectives as under:

- To provide analytical benchmark information on the Government plans/programs and their policies with regard to the ecotourism promotion and to what extent they are well aligned with the needs of the local communities and provide in-depth understanding of the capacity and coordination gaps at the institutional levels
- To provide an in-depth indicative information on the status of community participation, their interest, knowledge, skills and attitudes in ecotourism activities.
- To assess potential ecotourism areas and provide analytical information on the possible ecotourism activities from which local communities can benefit.
- To provide the structure of subprograms including but not limited to:
 - Subprogram Name
 - Subprogram Description
 - Specific Objectives
 - Major activities (Description of what will be done and where it will take place)
 - Implementation Responsibility (who will do this and with whose help, including organizations, communities, etc.?)
 - Prerequisites for Implementation (what needs to be done, how to do it and what materials, or what personnel? What meetings, etc.?)
 - Provide a detailed cost estimates for identified activities.

4. Deliverables

The feasibility study will include the following key deliverables:

- Inception report
- Presentation of field findings and draft report
- Validation and approval of final report
- Detailed activity plan and cost estimates (BoQ where necessary)
- Strategy of implementation

5. Methodology

The consultant(s)/firm will utilize but not be limited to the information available through secondary sources, review literatures, field observation 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 ecotourism activities, feasibility studies and researches, particularly of the tourism projects.
- The team leader should have at least a master's degree in either Tourism or Natural Resources Management, Architecture or other related disciplines
- The applicants should have an experienced team staff relevant to the assignment

7. Assignment stages

The feasibility study will include the following stages:

- Signing of contract
- Briefing meeting and provision of all necessary project documents to the consultant/firm and ensuring desk review
- Preparation of feasibility study tools (questionnaires) and finalization of tools in a workshop with project staff
- Submission of the inception report to EDCL. Finalization of the inception report in a workshop with project staff and other relevant stakeholders
- Data collection in the field and analysis
- Preparation of a draft feasibility study report
- Submission of the draft report to EDCL. Feedback on the draft report in a workshop with project staff and other relevant stakeholders
- Finalization and submission of the feasibility study report

8. 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 feasibility study,
- A time-schedule for the assignment based on the scope,
- The CVs of the persons involved in the assignment with their roles and responsibilities in the assignment and proof of previous similar assignments that they have conducted
- A detailed financial offer (Based on the procurement method used)