ACSEA

Invitation for Expression of Interest

Short-term Consultancy on tracking adaptation finance flow in Cameroon

1. Introduction

Project Overview

Climate change poses a serious threat to the livelihoods and well-being of millions of people in Africa, especially in the Sub-Saharan region. The impacts of climate change are already being felt in various sectors, such as agriculture, water, health, and biodiversity. To cope with these challenges, adaptation is a key priority for Africa. However, adaptation does not receive enough attention or support in global policy processes and dialogues.

To address this gap, a new project, Needs-Based Adaptation Advocacy (NBAA) project, has been launched by the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). The project aims to elevate needs-based adaptation in Africa and influence global policy processes to ensure that adaptation is adequately financed and implemented.

Needs-based adaptation is an approach that focuses on the specific needs and priorities of vulnerable communities and groups, rather than on generic or top-down solutions. It involves participatory and inclusive processes that empower local actors to identify and implement adaptation actions that are relevant, effective, and sustainable. Needs-based adaptation also recognizes the synergies and trade-offs between adaptation and other development goals, such as poverty reduction, food security, gender equality, and human rights.

Background

The impacts of climate change, such as increased temperatures, changing rainfall patterns, and extreme weather events, are already being felt in various regions of Cameroon. The change has contributed to land degradation, loss of biodiversity, and the spread of invasive species and pests. It has reduced food crop yields, livestock, and fish, and deterioration in food nutritional quality. To address these challenges and enhance resilience, Cameroon has been actively seeking financial support from international sources for adaptation projects. These include the Green Climate Fund, Adaptation Fund, and Global Environment Facility. Tracking the flow of adaptation finance in Cameroon is crucial to ensure transparency, accountability, and effective utilization of funds. Enhancing the capacity of stakeholders to track and report on adaptation finance flow in Cameroon is a crucial step towards ensuring transparency, accountability, and effectiveness in the allocation and utilization of funds for climate change adaptation initiatives. By improving the ability of stakeholders to monitor and report on the flow of adaptation finance, it becomes possible to identify gaps, address challenges, and optimize resource

allocation for maximum impact.

Accordingly, PAJCA/ACSEA is seeking to hire a qualified consultant or consulting firm to develop a methodology for tracking adaptation finance for stakeholders in Cameroon that will support advocacy on climate justice and policy influence.

2. Objective of the Assignment

The aim is to enhance the capacity of stakeholders to track and report on adaptation finance flow in Cameroon to ensure that funds are allocated efficiently and effectively towards projects that have the greatest impact on building resilience and reducing vulnerability.

3. Scope of Work

a. Before the study

(i) Develop and submit an inception report outlining the methodology, work plan and deliverables for the assignment.

c. During the Assessment

The scope of work involves various activities aimed at improving the ability of stakeholders to monitor, track, and report on the flow of adaptation finance in the country. They include:

(i) Identify key stakeholders involved in adaptation finance management

(ii) Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the existing capacity of stakeholders to track and report on adaptation finance

(iii) Training and Capacity Building: Develop tailored training programs and capacity-building initiatives to address identified gaps in stakeholder capacity.

(iv) Production of guidance materials for stakeholders

(v) Establish a robust reporting mechanism for tracking adaptation finance in Cameroon

c. After the study

(i) Prepare a comprehensive report of the findings containing recommendations for advocacy on climate justice and policy influence.

(ii) Produce a Summary report (policy brief)

(iii) Prepare a Power-Point of the main findings

(iv) Facilitate a dissemination workshop of the findings

4. Period of Performance

The consultant will be engaged for t**hree (3) months** starting from **October 01 to December 30, 2023**

5. Additional Conditions

a. Carry out the services and perform tasks with care, skill and in an efficient and professional manner

b. Not use information and data of participants for any reason other than to complete the assignment

c. Ensure a high degree of quality in the output
d. Be guided by these terms of reference
e. Carry out tasks and present results to ACSEA and PACJA on or before agreed deadlines
f. Maintain a high level of integrity and confidentiality

6. Adherence to PACJA/ACSEA Principles and Policies

Once hired, the consultant shall operate under the principles governing PACJA/ACSEA. These principles include adherence to PACJA/ACSEA policies and procedures related to neutrality, gender sensitivity, impartiality, accountability, and other policies governing PACJA/ACSEA operations on transport usage, security guidelines and confidentiality of information collected

7. Reporting Lines

The consultant will report directly to the Director of Programs (ACSEA Secretariate) and Thematic Lead, Just Transition and Energy Access (PACJA Secretariat).

8. How to Apply

Interested consultants or consulting firms are invited to submit their expression of interest by email to info@acsea54.org (cc: eugene.nforngwa@pacja.org) **by September 25, 2023**. The expression of interest should include:

- A cover letter summarizing the relevant experience and qualifications of the consultant or consulting firm.
- A detailed curriculum vitae (CV) or profile of the consultant or consulting firm
- A technical proposal outlining the methodology, work plan, and deliverables
- A financial proposal indicating the total cost of the assignment, including a breakdown of fees, expenses, and taxes.

The eligibility criteria for applying for this assignment are:

- The consultant or consulting firm must have at least five years of experience in the domain
- The consultant or consulting firm must have a relevant academic background in the domain
- The consultant or consulting firm must have excellent knowledge of the study field
- The consultant or consulting firm must have excellent analytical, writing, communication, presentation, and facilitation skills.
- The consultant or consulting firm must have fluency in English and French, the official languages of Cameroon.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for further information and interviews.