ACSEA

Invitation for Expression of Interest

1. Introductions

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

In Cameroon, climate 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. The current projected severe impacts of climate change in Africa make adaptation an urgent priority. Yet, adaptation is not receiving the attention it deserves. A recent study by Tear Fund notes that Sub-Saharan African countries are likely to face adaptation costs five times the total budget on health care. Thus, adaptation at all levels of climate debates and dialogues is crucial and requires evidence-based findings including community-level adaptation innovations.

Community-level adaptation innovations refer to the development and implementation of

strategies and actions at the local level to address the impacts of climate change. These innovations enhance the resilience of communities, protect livelihoods, and promote sustainable development in the face of changing environmental conditions. They are often driven by communities themselves, who recognize the need to adapt to changing environmental conditions and build resilience in their social, economic, and ecological systems. Community-level adaptation can involve participatory risk assessment, disaster risk reduction and livelihood improvement strategies that are tailored to the local context and needs.

Accordingly, PAJCA/ACSEA is seeking to hire a qualified consultant or consulting firm to conduct a study on case study reports on community-level adaptation innovations in Cameroon that will support advocacy on climate justice and policy influence.

2. Objective of the Assignment

The objective of the assignment is to provide a comprehensive analysis of a case study report on community-level adaptation innovations in Cameroon. This analysis will focus on understanding the various innovative approaches that the community has adopted to adapt to the challenges posed by climate change and other environmental factors. It should to provide insights into the factors that contribute to successful adaptation, identify barriers and challenges faced by communities, and highlight innovative approaches that can be replicated or scaled up in other contexts.

3. Scope of Work

a. Before the study

(i) Identify the case study

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

c. During the Assessment

The scope of work should include the following components:

(i) Literature Review: An extensive review of existing literature.

(ii) Case Study Selection: Based on the findings from the literature review

(iii) Data Collection: Combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches

(iv) Data Analysis: Analyzed using appropriate analytical techniques

(v) Synthesis and Reporting: Synthesize the findings and highlight the key adaptation innovations observed, their effectiveness, and their potential for replication or upscaling. It would also discuss the enabling factors and barriers to community-level adaptation in Cameroon, as well as policy recommendations for supporting and enhancing these initiatives.

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

4. Period of Performance

The consultant will be engaged for **two (2) months** starting from **October 01 to November 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.