Invitation for Expression of Interest

Short-term Consultancy to undertake a mapping and documentation of community-level adaptation innovations in the Agricultural, Water and Energy Sectors: The Case of NW and SW Regions of 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. These severe consequences make adaptation an urgent priority. Thus, adaptation at all levels of climate debates and dialogues is crucial and requires evidence-based findings including mapping and documenting 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 mapping can involve participatory methods such as community risk assessment (CRA) and vulnerability and capacity assessment (VCA) to engage with stakeholders from different sectors and levels. Mapping and documenting community-level adaptation innovations in Cameroon is a crucial step in understanding and addressing the impacts of climate change on local communities.

Accordingly, PAJCA/ACSEA is seeking to hire a qualified consultant or consulting firm to map, document and analyze successful community-level adaptation innovations in the NW and SW Regions of Cameroon that will support advocacy on climate justice and policy influence.

2. Objective of the Assignment

To identify, document, and analyze the various successful adaptation initiatives undertaken by local communities across the NW and SW Regions of Cameroon to enhance resilience to climate change impacts. The study aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the types of adaptation innovations being implemented at the community level, their effectiveness, and their potential for replication and upscaling.

2. Scope of Work

The scope of work for this study is limited to Agriculture, Water and Emery in the NW and SW Regions of Cameroon. It involves several key components:

(i) Literature review: of community-level adaptation innovations and their distribution

(ii) Selection of study sites: should represent socio-economic contexts, and levels of vulnerability to climate change impacts.

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

(iv) Documentation: Documenting the different types of community-level adaptation innovations

(v) Analysis: Analyze the effectiveness and impact of community-level adaptation innovations

(vi) Replication and Upscaling: Explore the potential for replicating and upscaling successful community-level adaptation innovations in the regions as well as policy recommendations for supporting and enhancing these initiatives.

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 should include the following components:

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 **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.