



Poverty Reduction Through Sustainable NRM



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UPPER TANA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

COUNTRY :	KENYA
PROJECT:	UPPER TANA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROJECT (UTaNRMP)
LOAN NO./CREDIT NO./GRANT NO.:	INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN NO I-867-KE AND SPANISH TRUST FUND LOAN NO I-E-8-KE
REFERENCE:	UTaNRMP/ICB/001/2017
ASSIGNMENT TITLE:	INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT AGENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO CARRY OUT COMMUNITY PROPOSAL APPRAISALS (BOTH DESK AND FIELD), IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF APPROVED PROPOSALS.

- The Government of Kenya has received financial assistance from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Spanish Trust Fund towards financing an eight year (2012-2020) Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project. The goal of the project is to contribute to rural poverty reduction in the Upper Tana River Catchment through increased sustainable food production and incomes and sustainable management of natural resources for provision of environmental services. The Project Lead Agency is the Ministry of Water and Irrigation. The project area covers six counties namely: Embu, Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Nyeri, Kirinyaga and Murang'a. The area includes Mount Kenya and Aberdares National Parks and Forest Reserves.
- The Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (UTaNRMP) intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The consulting services ("the Services") include providing Independent Oversight Services as an Independent Oversight Agent by carrying out community proposal appraisal (both desk and field for purposes of funding), implementation monitoring and evaluation of funded community proposals. The expected period of engagement is 12 months.
- Scope of Work: During the implementation phase of the project, requests for proposals from communities will be from the tributaries of MKEPP river basins and the 24 river basins of Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Embu, Kirinyaga, Muranga and Nyeri Counties where the project operates. The consulting firm will therefore be required to carry out appraisals (desk and field) for proposals as well as undertake field visits/ monitoring and evaluation within the period of assignment covering a total of 115 FDAs(3rd and 4th level FDAs). A minimum of two thousand five hundred (2500) proposals are expected from the FDAs and after appraisal a minimum of 700 CIGs are expected to qualify for funding and subsequent monitoring across all the tributaries of MKEPP river basins and the 24 river basins. In order to work closely with PCT, the consulting firm will be expected to have an operational office at the Project Coordinating Team (PCT) Embu manned by competent personnel. For ease of monitoring and capacity building it is expected that the Consulting firm will station a minimum of one competent official (staff) at the county level depending on the number of Common Interest Groups (CIGs) to be monitored (One staff to cover a maximum of 60 CIGs).
- The Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (UTaNRMP) now invites eligible consulting firms (Consultants) to submit their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - Eligibility in accordance to paragraph 1.11 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers 2011, revised 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines");
 - Experience of the firm in similar activities in the last 5 years;
 - Demonstrated relevant past professional experience on similar consultancies (minimum five previous relevant experiences)
 - Positive relevant references (Written and duly signed) from at least five previous clients knowledgeable about the Consulting firm based on the previous assignments and their relevance to the proposed assignment

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers 2011, revised 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines")*, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

- Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.
- A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Selection Based method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours: 0900 to 1700 hours EAT.
- Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 1700 hours EAT on 22nd September 2017.

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