

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

African Development Bank Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PERN) Department Desert to Power (DtP) Initiative

Program Management Officer - Individual Long-term Consultant

Expressions of interest are requested for an Individual Long-term Consultant Position

The African Development Bank (AfDB) invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing services under the Desert to Power (DtP) Initiative to support the Initiative's resource mobilization efforts. The Desert to Power (DtP) Initiative **aims to accelerate economic development in the Sahel region through the deployment of solar technologies at scale**. Specifically, DtP proposes to deliver electricity to 160 million people on-grid and 90 million off-grid and to add solar energy generation capacity of up to 10 GW through a combination of public and private interventions. The Initiative covers 11 countries; Burkina Faso, Chad, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Sudan. The initial roll-out of the project will focus on the G5 Sahel countries notably, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger.

The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PERN) Department of the African Development Bank (AfDB) has the broad objective of promoting the development of renewable energy both large and small scale and promoting energy efficiency along with clean cooking.

Within the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Department (PERN) and under the supervision of the Desert to Power Manager, PERN1, the Program Management Officer – to be based at the AfDB Headquarters in Abidjan - will be a member of the Desert to Power Taskforce.

2. The Consultant will be expected to provide the following service;

(i) Coordination Support to DtP Management

- Actively support the Initiative's Manager and Coordinator to manage relationships with focus country officials, international development partners, and key stakeholders
- Support the Desert to Power Taskforce to manage communications and ensure stakeholders are aware of project activities and commitments.
- Support the review process and ensure quality control of key documents.
- Follow-up on agreed actions and ensure that the focus countries adhere to the commitments made.
- Keep the focus countries informed of the achievement of project outcomes.
- Manage the Desert to Power archives/files.

(ii) Project Management and Reporting

- *Preparation of reports* - Prepare a summary of the reports on the project milestones and implementation process.
- Prepare a synthesis of the implementation of the work program and highlight the bottlenecks and proposed solutions.
- Support the coordination of overall portfolio management and operations programming.
- *Monitor*- Follow-up and manage portfolio and operational activities including the overall budget.
- *Undertake quality control* of key documents, participate in dialogue with government officials in the focus countries as required, and follow up on agreed actions.
- *Support the Initiative Coordinator* in ensuring country office team members' actions comply with Bank guidance on ethics, regulations, and policies.

- *Provide input to the preparation* of Project Briefs, and presentations for the Initiative’s events and other documents.
- *Act as a liaison between* the respective country officials to ensure that they understand the Initiative’s mandate as well as the AfDB operational procedures in relation to project implementation.
- *Incorporate lessons learned* in project development and implementation for future reference.

(iii) **Communications:**

- *Develop and manage* social media platforms for the Initiative.
- *Work with a graphic designer and the Bank’s Communications Department* to develop communication material.
- *Organize the Initiative’s roadshows and events* in accordance with AfDB operational procedures.
- *Liaise with external service providers* (Graphic Designer, Photographers, Printers) to develop a suite of products to advance the DtP Brand and its advocacy messages.

3. Interested Consultants shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to undertake this assignment (documents, reference to similar services, CVs, experience in similar assignments, etc.). Fluency in both French and English is critical for this position.

4. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank’s Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants. Please, note that interest expressed by a consultant does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include him/her in the shortlist.

5. The duration of services is **twelve (12) months**, and the estimate starting date is **mid-April 2023**.

6. Interested Individual Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank’s working hours.

For the EOI to be considered, the consultant needs to be registered in the AfDB DACON Consultant Database.

7. Expressions of interest must be received in softcopy at the email address below no later than **Wednesday, 5 April 2023 at 17:00 hours GMT** and mention “**Program Management Officer Name.**” :

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