

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK - PESD

Title of the assignment: Accelerating Coal Transition and Just Energy Transition support to the African Development Bank in South Africa.

Brief description of the Assignment:

The Bank is co-implementing the Accelerating Coal Transition (ACT) Investment Plan (IP)¹ under the Climate Investment Funds as one of its key operations within the Southern Region portfolio. The main objective of the assignment is centred on the provision of technical expertise and support in the development, implementation, and monitoring of the Bank's ACT IP activities. Accordingly, the Bank is seeking the services of an individual consultant who has expertise in climate change, just energy transition, and energy to provide technical support and advice to the Energy Task Team of the African Development Bank in Pretoria.

Department issuing the request: PESD 5

Nature of assignment: Individual Consultant

Duration of the assignment: Twelve (12) months

Deadline for submission of applications (CVs): Monday June 5, 2023

Curriculum Vitae (CV) to be submitted by email to:

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Terms of Reference for Individual Consultant: Climate Change, Just Energy Transition (JET)

Introduction/ Background

The African Development Bank (the Bank or AfDB) established in 1964 is the leading development bank on the continent with a mission and objective to spur sustainable economic development and social progress in its Regional Member Countries (RMCs), thus contributing to poverty reduction. Whilst cooperating with its regional member countries, in addition to providing project funding (project grants/loans) the Bank also

¹ <https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forcomment/coaltransitioninvestmentplan>

carries out other types of cooperation, including policy related work, knowledge sharing and advisory services.

The Bank's Triple-A rating across major rating agencies enables it to mobilize and allocate resources for investment in Africa, while providing policy advice and technical assistance to support development efforts. To accelerate Africa's transformation, the Bank has identified five operational priority areas, specifically: (i) Light & Power Africa; (ii) Feed Africa; (iii) Industrialize Africa; (iv) Integrate Africa; and (v) Improve the quality of life for the people of Africa – collectively, the High 5s. The High 5s will help Africa achieve 90% of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals and are intrinsically linked to the African Union's Agenda 2063.

The Light and Power Africa has been identified as a critical driver and engine for growth across the continent. The Bank's interventions in the power sector are aimed at improving connectivity and access to electricity in urban and rural areas, with the aspirational goal of achieving universal access to energy in Africa by 2025. Furthermore, the Bank's commitments to the Energy sector also transpires from its New Deal on Energy in Africa (NDEA) strategy, through which an additional 16 GW of on-grid power is expected to be added to the continent's supply, alongside enhanced transmission and distribution investments expected to add another 130 million on-grid connection and 75 million off-grid connections. The NDEA strategy will be instrumental to achieve the Light up and Power Africa vision and is structured around 9 flagship programs, specifically: (i) IPP auction; (ii) Power Utility transformation; (iii) early project preparation facility; (iv) funding catalyst; (v) bottom of the pyramid funding; (vi) mobile payment; (vii) regional projects acceleration; (viii) country-wide energy sector turnaround; and (ix) transformative partnership program.

The AfDB's Southern Africa Regional and Business delivery Office (RGDS) was established to strengthen dialogue between the Bank and the Southern Africa Development Community countries, development partners, the private sector, and the civil society, in the design of its development policies and programs, as well as on implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Bank programs. RDGS also seeks to assist the operational functions of the Bank Group in launching and follow up of projects and programs in the region with a view to enhance portfolio quality, identification, promotion of participatory approach, and regional integration.

The African Development Bank's Regional office in Pretoria is responsible for 13 countries, including South Africa.

Scope of Work:

The consultant will be expected to perform the following tasks:

- Provide technical support to the Task Team in the preparation, implementation, and monitoring of projects under the ACT IP umbrella.
- Develop funding proposals to mobilize additional resources under the ACT and other relevant JET projects;
- Review project documents and other relevant documents and provide technical opinion/advice to relevant clients and to the Bank;
- Participate in the development of strategies, policies, procedures, papers, briefs, and various reports relating to the financing of ACT energy projects;
- Prepare and participate in ACT related appraisal missions.
- Assist in reviewing and processing of disbursements for approved projects, ensuring clients compliance with all fiduciary, safeguard and third party's contractual obligations;
- Support the Bank Task Team in carrying out supervision of approved projects, involving inter alia the review of progress reports, preparation, participation in supervision missions, drafting of project supervision reports, and identification of solution to overcome implementation challenges;
- Conduct research and analysis on climate change, energy transition, and energy-related topics;
- Co-represent the Bank in international seminars/conferences/workshops concerning energy projects in the region;
- Support and participate in policy dialogue with government officials, development partners, etc.

Deliverables:

The consultant will be expected to provide the following type of deliverables, including:

1. Produce Terms of References, Project Concept Notes (PCNs) and Project Appraisal Reports (PAR) for ACT and JET projects in collaboration with the South Africa Energy Task Team.
2. Generate back-to-office reports (BTORs) as a result of participating in business development meetings regarding ACT and JET financing opportunities for the Bank.
3. Provide regular research and analysis updates on JET and ACT related climate change, energy transition, and energy-related topics.

Duration of the assignment:

The assignment is for twelve (12) working months, rendered over a period of maximum 18 calendar months, starting from the date of the contract signing, with a possibility of extension based on need and performance of the Consultant. The Consultant will be expected to provide regular progress reports and deliverables as per an agreed timeline proposed by the Consultant.

Qualifications and Experience Required:

The individual consultant should have the following qualifications:

- i) Advanced degree related to climate change, energy, engineering, economics, or a related field;
- ii) At least 8 years of relevant work experience in climate change, energy transition, and energy-related fields;
- iii) Experience in working with and providing technical support to multilateral organizations, specifically Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), on climate change, energy transition, and energy-related topics;
- iv) Full understanding of the MDB's project cycle and project implementation, including project management experience;
- v) In-depth knowledge of the principles behind the Climate Investment Fund's support to JET programs. Experience working in Sub-Saharan Africa, particularly in South Africa;
 - a. Exposure to the South African JET process is a significant advantage.
 - b. Engagement in JET work in South Africa a distinct advantage.
- vi) Good oral and written communication skills and capacity to advance interinstitutional dialogues, whilst building lasting relations with clients and stakeholders;
- vii) Strong analytical skills, including experience conducting research and analysis, alongside demonstrated ability to work both independently and as part of a team;
- viii) Fluency in English is required.
- ix) Accomplished in using Microsoft Office (MS Office), and other relevant software.
- x) Other ad hoc assignments as requested by the Bank's South African Energy Team and the CIF Coordination Unit.

Reporting requirements

The successful consultant will work under the guidance of the Division Manager (PESD5) and the Chief Regional Power Syst. Officer (PESD5).

Eligibility

The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a shortlist and the selection procedure shall conform to the Bank's Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants under projects financed by the Bank Group. Please note that the expression of interest by a consultant does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include the Consultant in the shortlist. The Bank retains the right to postpone or cancel this recruitment process.

Duty Station

The consultant shall be physically present at the Bank 's offices in Pretoria, South Africa. Limited travel may occur.

Budget:

The budget for this consultancy will be based on the consultant's qualifications, and the scope of work, in line with the Bank's rules and regulations. The consultant is expected to provide a detailed budget proposal as part of the application.

Selection criteria

The applications for expression of interest will be evaluated based on the below selection criteria.

General qualifications and adequacy for the proposed Assignment	25
Similar experience in the area of expertise of the Assignment as described in the Terms of Reference	40
Previous work/consultancy experience with the African Development Bank or other international development organizations	10
Language proficiency	5
Knowledge of the region, ACT and JET (assignment environment)	20
Total	100 points

Only proposals scoring 70 points or above shall be considered for the assignment. A shortlist will be prepared, with a minimum of three (03) or a maximum of six (06) Consultants selected on the basis of their qualifications and professional experience

related to the proposed assignment. The shortlist consultants will then be invited to submit their technical proposals and methodology withing a period of seven (07) days.

All the Consultants final scores shall be ranked, and the highest ranked Consultant will be selected for the said assignment if his/her fees are within budget limits. Should the highest scoring consultant's financial proposal exceed the budgeted amount, the consultant will be contacted for negotiations. If no agreement is reached, the next highest scoring consultant shall be contacted until a suitable financial proposal is achieved.