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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LAND REFORM

NAMIBIA WATER SECTOR SUPPORT PROGRAM (NWSSP)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL (E&S) COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR NAMIBIA WATER SECTOR SUPPORT PROGRAM (NWSSP)

(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

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Namibia is currently facing water scarcity, water supply, and sanitation problems. To address the challenge, the Government of the Republic of Namibia (GRN), through the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR), embarked on implementing the Namibia Water Sector Support Program (NWSSP) supported/funded by the African Development Bank (AfDB). The program has been designed to help sustainable production and consumption of water resources, sanitation facilities, promotion of hygiene good practices, resulting in i) improved access to safe drinking water for human consumption and industrial use, ii) improved food and nutrition security in the Urban and Rural areas in Namibia, iii) construction of Water Supply Schemes. This will be achieved by investing in water and sanitation infrastructure, leading to an increase in access, quality, security, and sustainability of water supply and sanitation services. Further, the program will support the construction and extension of water supply systems and sanitation facilities (nationwide). In addition, the program will further support the development of rain and floodwater harvesting infrastructure for rural populations and climate change resilience and adaptation programs countrywide. The program is currently in its inception phase to build a cohesive and solid portfolio to find long-term solutions for accessible, safe drinking water, climate change resilience, sanitation, and hygiene for all.

It is against the foregoing that, the MAWLR in partnership with the AfDB now invites individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest in undertaking this service of Annual Environmental and Social Compliance Audit for the project. The objective of the Environmental and Social compliance audit is to assess the level of compliance of the projects with the applicable E&S requirements. The audit will focus specifically on assessing the extent of compliance

with the financial agreements provisions, including national legislations, regulations and procedures, the Bank's environmental and social requirements of the project's sector. The audit will identify non-compliance, good practices, and deficiencies, and recommend corrective actions to avoid and/or minimize the anticipated project impacts.

Interested consultants must provide information (cover letters, curriculum vita, copies of academic and professional, description/ evidence of similar completed projects by consultant (s), experience in similar project projects authorities, evidence of work in similar geographical areas, availability of appropriate skills. qualification certificates and contact details), indicating that they are qualified to perform the service.

Preference will be given to candidates with 10 years of experience, a) in auditing of environmental management system for infrastructure projects b) experience of carrying out environmental impact assessments or strategic assessment, and initial environmental examination reports and c) experience of working in infrastructure projects financed by bilateral / multilateral funding agencies for environmental safeguards. d) The person should have a well-rounded understanding of critical issues in sustainable development, international environment and development policy, climate change, gender, social enhancement measures, labor, women and youth employment, etc. e) The Consultant should also have good mix of experience of both auditing and subject knowledge and experience on environment and social safeguards. Experience in occupational health and safety monitoring and auditing is an added advantage.

The Consultant must have the following minimum academic/professional qualifications, at least an Honors or Master's Degree in Environmental Studies, Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Natural Resources Management, Social Development Studies, or equivalent in any related fields.

The Consultant is expected to conduct an annual Environmental and Social Compliance Audit for the years **2021, 2022 and 2023**. The consultant will carry out the following tasks among others:

- Review program reports including project appraisal, agreement and technical annex, various aide memoire, loan/grant agreements, Strategic Environment and Social Assessment, Environmental and Social Management Framework, Environmental and social impact Assessment and Environmental and Social Management Plan, periodic implementation reports and any relevant documents and records available information.
- Conformity with applicable national legislations, regulations, norms, standards and procedures, including national legal Authorization, Permits and Certificates required prior to action.
- Conformity with the Bank's environmental and social policies' requirements, including climate change and gender.
- Conformity with International environmental agreements and International Finance Cooperation (IFC)

E&S performance standard Best Practice.

- Evaluate the Implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) and Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF).
- Status of Stakeholder Engagement Plan including internal and external grievance mechanisms, and key content/structure and operation management of GRM.
- Health and Safety (H&S) provisions and record for the project, including pertinent H&S provisions as presented in the ESMPs documentation to provide a benchmark of the accident and incidents rates for the project.

Eligibility criteria, the establishment of the short-list, and the selection procedure shall be following the African Development Bank's *Procurement Framework for Group Funded Operational, October 2015 edition*, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. In accordance with the Bank Procurement Selection Method, Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method will be used for this consultancy service.

Any clarification and inquiries requests should be address as indicated below during office hours between **08h00 and 17h00 (local time)**, before the deadline set for submission. The duration of this assignment is 30 days and expected to start in March 2022.

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Sealed Expressions of Interest must be submitted by e-mail or physical submission to the address above by **24 January 2022 at 11h00** local time and marked "*Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for Annual Environmental and Social (E&S) Compliance Audit for the Namibia Water Sector Support Program.*"

