

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

AFRICAN WATER FACILITY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Water Resources Management and Climate Resilience Consultant – Technical Advisor to The African Water Facility

- 1) The African Water Facility (AWF) hereby invites high calibre, suitably qualified and experienced **Individual Consultants** to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: **Water Resources Management and Climate Resilience Consultant – Technical Advisor to The African Water Facility.**
- 2) The services to be provided under the Assignment include to provide overall technical advice and support to AWF on WRM and climate resilient WASH issues; lead the Facility's project pipeline activities; and support the *AfDB/Denmark/NDF Programme on COVID-19 Recovery Through Climate-Resilient Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Measures in the Sahel and Horn of Africa (2021-2025)* programme.
- 3) The Terms of Reference for the Assignment are specified in Appendix I to this Invitation. You may comment on the TORs of the assignment.
- 4) The AWF invites high caliber, suitably qualified and experienced Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. Interested eligible Individual Consultant shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to provide the services (documentation, references for similar services, experience in comparable assignments, availability of qualified staff, etc.).
- 5) The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank's **Procurement Policy and Procedure for Corporate Consultants Recruitment**. Please, note that interest expressed by an Individual Consultant does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include it in the shortlist.
- 6) Interested individuals may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 8:00 to 12:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. local time in Cote D'Ivoire.
- 7) Expressions of Interest must be delivered in French or in English to the address below by the **27 September 2023 at 5.00pm (Abidjan time)** and mention **"Expression of Interest: Water Resources Management and Climate Resilience Consultant – Technical Advisor to The African Water Facility.**

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

**WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE CONSULTANT –
TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO THE AFRICAN WATER FACILITY**

1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The Bank: Established in 1964, the African Development Bank (AfDB or “the Bank”) is the premier multi-lateral development finance institution fostering economic growth and social progress in Africa. The AfDB’s primary goal is to reduce poverty and improve living standards by mobilising resources in and outside Africa and providing financial and technical assistance for development projects and programs in Africa.

The Complex: The Agriculture, Human and Social Development Complex (AHVP) leads the implementation of two of the five priority “High 5s”, namely “Feed Africa” and “Improve the Quality of Life for Africans”. AHVP comprises five departments: (i) Agriculture and Agro-Industry Development; (ii) Agriculture Finance and Rural Development; (iii) Gender, Women and Civil Society; (iv) Water Development and Sanitation; and (v) Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development.

The Hiring Department/Unit: The Water Development and Sanitation Department (AHWS) is responsible for the coordination of the Bank’s water development and sanitation-related activities to enhance synergies and contribute to the achievement of all High 5s. AHWS leads Bank support to Africa’s economic transformation through the identification and promotion of sustainable and integrated solutions across the water value chain and for sanitation. AHWS also supports regional hubs in the development and promotion of new knowledge, approaches and tools for green and inclusive water resources development and management, and for improved sanitation.

The African Water Facility (AWF or “the Facility”): The AWF, housed and managed within the AfDB, is an initiative of the African Ministers’ Council on Water (AMCOW), conceived to mobilize resources to finance water sector facilitation and investment activities in Africa. The AWF was established within the context of the Africa Water Vision 2025 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The resources of the AWF are primarily allocated to water resources projects and programmes focused on improving the enabling environment for sustainable national and regional water resources management, preparing projects and programmes for immediate capital

investments, and providing resources for strategic and small-scale investments. The AWF plans, organizes and carries out activities related to the project and programme cycle (identification, preparation, appraisal implementation and supervision) in the above areas, in all African countries; undertakes studies on issues regarding water sector development and related areas; provides advice and technical assistance to African countries; and ensures coordination and synergy with other partners and donors in the water and sanitation sector in Africa. The AWF currently manages a portfolio of €42 million spread over the continent.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTANCY

The AWF is seeking a highly motivated and dynamic Water Resources Management (WRM) and Climate Resilience Specialist to provide overall technical advice and support to AWF on WRM and climate resilient WASH issues; lead the Facility's project pipeline activities; and support the *AfDB/Denmark/NDF Programme on COVID-19 Recovery Through Climate-Resilient Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Measures in the Sahel and Horn of Africa (2021-2025)* programme.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Specifically, under the supervision of the Coordinator of the AWF, the **WRM Consultant** will perform the following duties:

- (i) Provide technical guidance and management support to ensure the soundness and climate-resilience of WASH measures implemented under the *AfDB/Denmark/NDF Programme on COVID-19 Recovery Through Climate-Resilient Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Measures in the Sahel and Horn of Africa (2021-2025)* programme including support for project identification, design and implementation activities; capacity building of AWF and country staff; and regular reporting on the programme to the Bank and to donors;
- (ii) Lead the continued development, project selection, and implementation activities of the Facility's project pipeline;
- (iii) Provide technical guidance and support on water, sanitation, hygiene promotion and climate-resilience during the preparation, appraisal, and implementation phases of projects selected for support under the AWF;
- (iv) Provide technical guidance on green approaches (Build Back Better, Nature-based Solutions, etc.) in the WASH sector;
- (v) Carry out training for AHWS/AWF and national staff in the application of the GWP/UNICEF Strategic Framework for Climate Resilient WASH and support task managers in general training and capacity building for project executing agencies;
- (vi) Contribute to the preparation of knowledge products and communication materials focusing on climate resilience and WRM;
- (vii) Contribute to AWF goals and activities to facilitate processes leading to the mobilization of investment financing for bankable projects;
- (viii) Perform any other duties as directed by the AWF Coordinator.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

- (i) Hold a minimum of a master's degree in water resources management, public health and sanitary engineering or civil engineering with specialization in water and sanitation, or other relevant field of study;

- (ii) Minimum of eight (8) years of professional experience in water resources management with very good understanding of climate change and WASH issues in developing country contexts, particularly in fragile countries;
- (iii) Minimum of 2 years of working experience in the water resources management and/or WASH sectors in sub-Saharan Africa;
- (iv) Good knowledge of water sector project preparation processes;
- (v) Expertise in planning, formulating, implementing, monitoring and reporting on WASH programmatic operations;
- (vi) Knowledge of the international donor community, including the UN system, multilateral financial institutions, and other relevant international and regional organisations;
- (vii) Ability to conduct data analysis using various methods and apply judgement in the context of assignments given;
- (viii) Working knowledge of Results Based Management approaches;
- (ix) Strong written and oral communication skills in either English or French, with a good working knowledge of the other language;
- (x) Sound computer skills with proficiency in common productivity programmes such as MS Office;
- (xi) Good team player and ability to work in a collaborative manner with team members and with multiple national and regional stakeholders at various levels;
- (xii) Demonstrated ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.

4. MANAGEMENT/SUPERVISION AND REPORTING

The WRM Consultant will report to the Coordinator of AWF. The Consultant will submit a monthly report detailing the activities carried out and the status of each activity, and highlighting the planned activities for the following month. The Consultant will submit an end of contract report on completion of the contract.

5. DURATION AND LOCATION OF THE CONSULTANCY

The Consultant will commence the assignment in November 2023. The assignment is for an initial period of **Twelve 12 months**, with a possibility of a one-year extension subject to performance. The consultancy is **home based** but may require physical presence at the Bank's Headquarters in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, and field missions to various regional and non-regional member countries as assigned.

6. REMUNERATION

The Consultant will receive a monthly all-inclusive fee to be negotiated on contract signature, and in compliance with the Bank's established remuneration scale, considering requisite qualifications and experience. No additional benefits will be paid while in Abidjan. The Bank will cover full costs of any required missions and provide a per-diem in accordance with rules governing consultant mission travel. The Consultant is responsible for his/her own health insurance and accommodation costs.

7. ELIGIBILITY

The position is open to nationals of one of the member countries of the African Development Bank Group.