

**COMMON MARKET FOR
EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA**



REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROPOSALS

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO CONDUCT A MAPPING OF
CLIMATE CHANGE-INDUCED CONFLICTS IN THE COMESA
REGION**

RFP Ref: CS/GPS/20/08/20.1/KJ

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1. BACKGROUND

- I. The Request for Proposal is called to identify a suitable Consultant to assist COMESA to conduct a mapping study on Climate Change-induced Conflicts in the COMESA Region.
- II. The mapping study once completed will be shared with COMESA stakeholders including Government agencies, the COMESA Committee of Elders, civil society organizations, and NGOs amongst others. Lastly, the mapping study will identify the societal groups mostly affected by climate change impacts and recommend various strategic interventions that can be applied by Governments and non-state actors in addressing and resolving conflicts at various levels (local, national/cross-border) that emerge as a result of climate change factors mainly droughts and floods.
- III. The mapping study will further complement the efforts that COMESA has put in place to develop the COMESA Resource Pack on Mediation Strategy particularly the Guidelines on Natural Resource-based conflicts. The mapping exercise will also identify climate change sensitive indicators that will be used by COMWARN to track climate change-related conflicts and their potential impact on peace and security.

Mapping of Climate Change-Induced Conflicts in the COMESA Region

- IV. Climate change issues particularly droughts and floods continue to emerge as key sources and drivers of conflict at the communal, national and cross-border/regional levels in the COMESA region. With regard to drought, the eastern and southern Africa regions have in the past few years witnessed recurrent cycles of droughts which resulted in reduced rainfall, crop failures, and the limited access to water and pasture resources for pastoralist communities. The long spells of drought in 2015-2016 and from mid-2017 to late 2019 were most dire for the pastoralist communities as they culminated in reduced access to water and pasture resources. This situation led to increased competition over water, land, and pasture and communal violence incidents in the form of livestock raiding and theft that caused killings and injuries, property damages, and displacement.
- V. On the other hand, the floods that occurred in eastern Africa in late 2019 to early 2020 took a heavy toll in the arid and semi-arid areas of Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, and Somalia which are inhabited by pastoralist communities. Prolonged rains forced pastoralist communities to migrate from their communal lands in search of land and pasture to other areas occupied by neighboring communities. In addition, displacement occurred as pasturelands were flooded and animal diseases set in depleting large herds which communities depend on for their livelihoods.

- VI. It is due to the above-mentioned climate change-induced threats to peace and security emanating from recurrent droughts and floods, and in line with Article 3 of the COMESA Treaty, which specifies the aims and objectives of the Common Market, specifically Article 3(d), “*to cooperate in the promotion of peace, security and stability among Member States in order to enhance economic development in the region*” that informs COMESA’s decision to commission this mapping study. In that regard, COMESA Ministers of Foreign Affairs were charged to deliberate on modalities related to matters of Peace and Security at least once in a year. The Ministers have mostly deliberated on the traditional issues of peace and security until their 14th Meeting which was held in Ethiopia in March 2015 when the Ministers included in their agenda deliberation on climate change and its impact on the peace and security dynamics. This was done following unprecedented flooding in the Southern African Region during that period. This has become a regular agenda item for the Ministers Meetings.
- VII. With the increase of climate change related manifestations globally, COMESA has identified the need to map the effects of climate change in the region and empirically identify the impact of climate change on peace and security. COMESA is therefore recruiting a short-term consultant to conduct the mapping study and clearly identify the linkage with peace and security as well as identify possible response options for COMESA. The outputs of the study will also feed into the COMESA COMWARN model as it seeks to incorporate dynamic data into the model. The study and the model will be validated with COMESA’s stakeholders at the local, national, and cross-border/regional levels in order to enhance the understanding of the nature and effects of climate change-induced conflicts in the region to adopt response options for the region. The study will therefore outline the various strategies that have been applied at the various levels in addressing and mitigating the adverse effects of climate-induced conflicts in order to enhance the skills and knowledge of peacebuilding practitioners when conducting peaceful interventions. The study will complement the utilization of the developed mediation resource pack that COMESA has developed towards addressing and resolving natural resource based conflicts.

2. OBJECTIVE

The broad objective of the consultancy is to conduct a mapping study on climate change-induced conflicts in the COMESA Region and the linkage to peace and security as well as propose response options

3. METHODOLOGY TO BE USED

The assignment will be conducted through an in-depth desk research on the extent to which climate change-induced conflicts have manifested themselves and influenced various conflicts in the COMESA Region especially at the regional/cross-border, national, and local levels. The Consultant may also conduct field research visits to selected areas that

continue to experience climate change-induced conflicts for interviews and Focussed Group Discussions with various relevant entities including civil society, local community leaders and representatives, Government agencies, and development agencies amongst others. Lastly, the study should highlight best practices that peacebuilding entities including government agencies, civil society, development agencies, and local authorities can apply in addressing, mitigating and resolving climate change-induced conflicts in the COMESA region.

4. DELIVERABLES

- I. A first draft report of the Mapping of Climate Change-Induced Conflicts in the COMESA Region. This should include the nature and manifestation of climate change in the region; the linkage with peace and security and recommendations on the possible response options by the respective stakeholders.
- II. The report will also include possible climate change indicators that can be incorporated into the dynamic aspects of the COMESA Early Warning (COMWARN) model.
- III. Presentation to a stakeholder's workshop (subject to availability of funds, otherwise comments will be provided by the Secretariat);
- IV. Finalised Mapping study of Climate Change-Induced Conflicts in the COMESA Region.

5. Eligibility of Consultants

This consultancy is open to reputable international and Local Consultants based in their respective COMESA member States that have sufficient experience in recruitment and selection to undertake this assignment.

6. Commencement and Completion of Work

The consultant shall:

- a. Finalize the assignment within 30 working days (not including workshop dates).
- b. Perform the assignment in the country of residence but may travel to certain selected cross-border areas and local areas to conduct field assessments and surveys upon agreement with COMESA Secretariat

7. REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Consultant will submit the final report and all accompanying tools to the Head of Governance Peace and Security.

8. Criteria for Evaluation of Consultants

Bidders must provide Technical proposals. The evaluation shall be based on the following attributes:

- (i) The overall responsiveness and quality of the proposal in clearly stating an understanding of the work to be performed;
- (ii) Technical ability of the proposer to perform the required services;
- (iii) The experience and reputation of the consultant as represented in the response and the quality of the references;
- (iv) Technical proposal detailing understanding of the task, proposed approach, the individual consultant's profile (including CVs, links/documents to attest to AT LEAST three similar assignments previously undertaken);

	Evaluation attribute	Percentage Points
1	Consultant's Understanding of Client's requirements	20
2	Understanding the methodology	15
3	Specific Experience of the consultant in carrying out similar assignments. Experience/ knowledge in conflict and peace research studies particularly on Climate Change issues and natural resource-based conflicts; Should also be conversant with the socio-political, environmental, and economic environments in the COMESA Member States and have a sound appreciation of COMESA Programmes on Peace and Security	40
4	Qualifications and Experience of the consultant	25
	Total	100

Please note only candidates with a pass score of seventy per cent (70%) and above shall be considered for this assignment, and the award shall be based on the highest score attained.

9. QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

Qualifications and skills of the Consultant

The consultant should possess the following qualifications and skills:

- I. At minimum of a Post-graduate degree from a recognized university in a relevant social science field such as international relations, economics, law, human rights, sociology, or any other relevant field;
- II. Experience/knowledge in conflict and peace research studies particularly on Climate Change issues and natural resource-based conflicts;
- III. Demonstrated knowledge on the nexus between Climate change, resource-based conflicts and security issues in the COMESA region;
- IV. Knowledge of existing frameworks and policies in the region that relate to Mitigation of Climate change effects and resource-based conflicts at the regional/cross-border, national, and local levels;
- V. Good analytical and report writing skills and be conversant with the use of the required computer software including Word and Powerpoint amongst others.

Professional Experience

The candidate should have professional experience in:

- I. Proven experience in the areas of research, conflict analysis and peacebuilding;
- II. Working/knowledge with diverse groups and conflicting parties especially those that relate to natural resources will be an added advantage;
- III. Previous similar work will be an added value.

The ideal candidate should also be conversant with the socio-political, environmental, and economic environments in the COMESA Member States and have a sound appreciation of COMESA Programmes on Peace and Security.

10. Submission of Applications

Interested consultants are free to submit either by courier services or by Email.

The bidder shall submit the proposal in **one external envelope containing inside three sealed envelopes** by the closing date set forth in point no. 11 through either email or physical delivery to:

**THE HEAD OF PROCUREMENT
COMESA SECRETARIAT
BEN BELLA ROAD
P.O BOX 30051
LUSAKA, ZAMBIA
Tel: 260 211 229725 – 32
Attention: Mr. Silver Mwesigwa**

Submission emails: procurement@comesa.int,
smwesigwa@comesa.int

For physical/courier delivery, the outer envelope should be clearly marked in the top right-hand corner **“RFP: Ref: CS/GPS/20/08/20.1/KJ - CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO CONDUCT A MAPPING OF CLIMATE CHANGE-INDUCED CONFLICTS IN THE COMESA REGION” DO NOT OPEN BEFORE 15th SEPTEMBER 2020 at 15.00 HRS Lusaka time.**

NOTE: If the envelopes are not sealed and marked as per the instructions in this clause, COMESA will not assume responsibility for the proposal’s misplacement or premature opening and may – at its discretion – reject the proposal.

This sealed envelope, which will be clearly marked “TECHNICAL PROPOSAL” must contain three (3) hard copies of the technical proposal with one marked ‘original’ and the other marked ‘copy’.

For submissions made via email, please submit your documents in pdf format.

In the event of any discrepancy between the original and the copy, the original shall govern.

11. CLOSING DATE OF TENDER

Tenders must be submitted to the COMESA Secretariat on or before **15th SEPTEMBER 2020 at 15.00 HRS LUSAKA TIME.**

12. AWARD OF CONTRACTS

COMESA reserves the right to wholly or partially reject or award this contract to any bidder and has no obligation to award this tender to the lowest bidder

13. Payment:

Payment terms and conditions shall be as per COMESA's procurement Rules and Regulations payment guidelines.

14. Technical Queries

Technical queries related to this tender should be submitted in writing to procurement@comesa.int with a copy to smwesigwa@comesa.int

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