

COMMON MARKET FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST/CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

LOCAL/REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF COST BENEFIT AND MACRO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN ESWATINI

Background and Context

The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) became a member of the NDC Partnership in August 2019 and has since been awarded a grant to support three (3) Member States namely: Eswatini, Zambia and Zimbabwe with Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) revision and implementation processes. The NDC Partnership is a global initiative to help countries achieve their national climate commitments and to ensure that financial and technical assistance are delivered as efficiently as possible. The Partnership targets to achieve the two overarching objectives as highlighted below:

- Objective 1: Enhance NDCs, including by raising ambition, as part of the Paris Agreement's NDC update process;
- Objective 2: Fast-track implementation of NDCs, including by providing in-country technical expertise and capacity building.

The NDC Partnership, which is a coalition of partners supports NDC work in countries through the Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP). The CAEP is a new offering of the NDC Partnership designed to deliver targeted, fast-track support to countries to enhance the quality, increase the ambition, and implement NDCs. Through the CAEP, NDC Partnership supports countries to achieve the goal of the Paris Agreement which requires countries to revise their NDCs every 5 years, to continuously cut greenhouse gas emissions and limit the Earth's temperature rise as well as implement solutions to adapt to the effects of climate change. Since most countries submitted their NDCs in 2015, submission of revised NDCs is due in 2020. Hence the timing of this support under the NDC Partnership. The updating of NDCs presents countries with significant opportunities to align their climate and development agendas to promote sustainable growth but also poses challenges of accessing funding for the initiatives.

1. The Support to Eswatini

The Kingdom of Eswatini submitted its Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in December 2015. In 2016, these became known as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and were adopted as the voluntary commitment of climate action for the country. The NDC development was spearheaded by the Climate Change Unit under the Department of Meteorology within the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs (MTEA). The NDC articulates the country's ambition for climate change adaptation and mitigation. For Eswatini, under adaptation, the NDC included actions in the sectors of Biodiversity and Ecosystems; Water, Agriculture as well as Health. Under mitigation it included actions in the sectors of Energy, Transport and Substitutes for Ozone Depleting Substances.

The Eswatini NDC is currently under review and there is need to identify and prioritize nationally appropriate mitigation and adaptation measures. Through the CAEP, this consultancy, supported by COMESA (under the activity code A306). will focus on adaptation measures. This will be done in priority target sectors of the adaptation part of the NDC.

The priorities for mitigation and adaptation in the sectors need to be amplified and clarified in the revised NDC. As discussed, and agreed with Government of Eswatini, and UNEP, the mitigation component of this will be done by UNEP to avoid duplication of effort. COMESA will therefore focus only on adaptation. Therefore, local, regional or international consultants are invited to apply for this consultancy which will be managed by COMESA with oversight from the Government of Eswatini and the NDC Partnership.

2. Scope of Work

The objectives of the consultancy is to obtain an assessment of cost benefit and macro-economic impacts of climate change in Eswatini. In addition, the consultancy aims to build capacity of targeted government officials in cost benefit and macroeconomic impacts analysis in the country

3. The Consultant is expected to undertake the following Terms of Reference

The consultant will assess and analyse adaptive capacity, adaptation and mitigation choices, socio-economic consequences of adaptation and mitigation, macro-economic impacts, cost-benefit, and make recommendations for climate actions based on this. This will include looking at wider economic effects of both market-driven and planned climate actions in adaptation and mitigation. Specifically, the consultant will:

- I. Undertake desk review and research on past and existing climate actions within the country;
- II. Undertake the assessment of cost benefit and macro-economic impacts of adaptation and mitigation climate change actions on selected key economic sectors in Eswatini;
- III. Using trusted modelling techniques, provide a detailed projection of future impacts of various climate change actions and come up with recommendations on the actions that will be more beneficial to the country with the least possible negative socio-economic effects;
- IV. Facilitate at least 2 capacity building sessions for the technical staff to build capacity on cost benefit and macroeconomic impact analysis within the country as capacity in this area is limited in the country.
- V. Facilitate workshop to validate recommendations on the climate actions that Eswatini should prioritise in its revised NDC;
- VI. Publish policy briefs on the recommendations;
- VII. Develop and disseminate the final report.

4. Reporting

The Consultant's work will be embedded in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development and work closely with the NDC Partnership focal points in Eswatini within the Ministry. The Consultant will also report to the NDC Partnership Support Unit.

5. Deliverables

The deliverables for this consultancy are:

- I. Assessment report of cost benefit and macro-economic impacts of climate action;
- II. Report with recommendations on which climate actions should be prioritized and to integrate/mainstream climate considerations into Government's short-, mid- and long-term development plans;
- III. Two training sessions on cost benefit analysis and workshop proceedings shared;
- IV. Validation workshop report;
- V. One blog post;
- VI. Two newspaper articles (policy briefs);
- VII. One report for non-technical audience.

6. 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);
- (v) The consultant must also indicate his/her monthly retainer rate in case COMESA decides to retain his or her services beyond this assignment.

| | Evaluation attribute | Percentage Points |
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| 1 | Consultant's Understanding of Client's requirements | 20 |
| 2 | Approach and methodology | 15 |
| 3 | Specific Experience of the consultant in carrying out similar assignments. Evidence in form of reference letters, offer letters, orders or copies of contracts should be presented | 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.

7. Minimum Qualification and Competences

- (i) Advanced degree and experience in economics, finance, climate change or a related field.
- (ii) At least 10 years of professional experience in public and private sectors, ideally related to economics, project finance, public Investment and project development.
- (iii) At least 3 years of substantial experience in economic analysis, macro-economic modelling, cost benefit analysis and successful track record in climate finance related activities.
- (iv) Experience working with government stakeholders in national and/or regional policy development and implementation in climate change activities.
- (v) Experience across multiple contexts, and an understanding of international policy debates and challenges in climate finance and economics.

8. Experience

- i. Economic analysis and cost benefit analysis expertise;
- ii. Proven ability to network and develop partnerships across a range of stakeholders and track record of managing complex multi-stakeholder strategies and plans;

- iii. Strong understanding of global environment and development issues that influence resource allocation by governments and development organizations;
- iv. Excellent writing, presentation, and interpersonal communication skills across a range of stakeholders, including senior financial institution or governmental leadership;
- v. Demonstrated experience in relationship management with senior leaders and high-level audiences.

9. Duration

This consultancy will be for 90 days spread over 4 months, commencing from the September 2020.

10. Location

Eswatini

11. Fees

An all-inclusive fee of USD 10,000 will be paid to the successful consultant upon submission of satisfactory reports cleared both by COMESA and the Government of Eswatini. The payment will be broken down as follows:

| Milestone | % of fees applicable |
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| Inception report | 10% |
| Assessment report of cost benefit and macro-economic impacts of climate action Report with recommendations on how to integrate/mainstream climate considerations into Government's short-, mid- and long-term development plans | 20% |
| Two training sessions organized and workshop proceedings shared Validation workshop report | 20% |
| One blog post Two newspaper articles One report for non-technical audience Final Report | 50% |

Synergies with the overall CAEP

The Consultant is advised that this consultancy is part of a larger NDC revision programme, supported by the CAEP. Hence, there will be linkages and overlaps as well as information sharing requirements amongst the various activities and across implementing partners. The consultant will work in tandem with this overall programme

and may from time to time be called upon to participate in the monthly CAEP coordination calls as may be deemed necessary by the partners.

The **COMESA Climate Change** now invites interested individual consultants to submit their Expressions of Interest including a detailed updated Curriculum Vitae with certified copies of academic and professional certificates and a motivation letter of not more than two pages explaining the Consultant's understanding of the various responsibilities required for this position on or before **Monday 21ST September 2020** at 15:00 hours Zambian time.

The Expression of Interest must be electronically clearly labelled; **Tender no: CS/PRO/CC/SC/04- EOI CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF COST BENEFIT AND MACRO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN ESWATINI**

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