



CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS (CIF) NATURE, PEOPLE AND CLIMATE (NPC) PROGRAM CIF NPC ZAMBEZI REGION INVESTMENT PLAN (PREPARATION PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

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1. The Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM), through the Government of Zambia, has received financing from the Climate Investment Funds (CIF – Nature, People and Climate/NPC Program) towards the cost of preparing the Zambezi Region Investment Plan (IP) Project and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for **Consultancy Services for Preparation of the CIF NPC Zambezi Region IP.**

2. The CIF NPC Program seeks to address the multiple drivers and impacts of climate change, resulting from human activities on land resources and ecosystem services, in an integrated manner. The Program will deploy nature-based solutions that recognize the interdependence among land use, climate-change mitigation and adaptation, and the improvement of the sources of livelihoods of rural communities and indigenous peoples. The Zambezi Region IP will build on the ongoing AfDB-funded anchor operation, namely Programme for Integrated Development and Adaptation to Climate Change in the Zambezi River Basin (PIDACC Zambezi). Based on this, Zambezi Region IP will be anchored on the four Pillars, namely: (i) Building evidence-base for the design of nature-based solution in the basin; (ii) Strengthening the enabling environment for sustainable uses of land, water and other natural resources; (iii) Strengthening nature-based resilience; and (iv) Enhancing nature-based mitigation.

3. The Consulting Firm (Consultant) will be required to field experts who will cover the following areas: (i) Inclusive and Sustainable Land Management Diagnosis Assessment; (ii) Livelihoods and Gender Mainstreaming Assessment; (iii) Integrated Inclusive Water Management Analysis; and Private Sector Engagement/Market Analysis. The Firm shall undertake inclusive land use diagnostics assessment and identify potential priority areas for investment and programming under the CIF-NPC Program, using nature-based solutions, in order to prepare the Zambezi Region IP. The ZAMCOM's Project Coordination Unit has been tasked with the project management functions. The estimated maximum duration for the assignment is four (4) calendar months, starting from 1 April 2024.

4. ZAMCOM now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, CVs of proposed staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

5. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's *"Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded*"

Operations" (BPM), dated October 2015", which is available on the Bank's website at <u>https://www.afdb.org/en/projects-and-operations/procurement/new-procurement-policy</u>.

6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Qualifications-Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Policy.

7. Interested consultants may obtain further information, **including Terms of Reference (ToRs)**, at the address below during office hours 8:00 to 17:00 hours (Zimbabwe/Harare - local time).

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8. Amplified Expressions of Interest and Proposals must be delivered to the address below or submitted electronically to the emails listed above by **16 February 2024**, at **17:00 hours** (Zimbabwe/Harare-local time) and clearly marked: "Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for Preparation of the Zambezi Region Investment Plan (Consultants' Qualifications-Selection)"

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