



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST No. 164 - Special Advisor to the GCA Senior Director, Africa Region.

The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA)

The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) is an international organization that works as a solutions broker to catalyse action and support for adaptation solutions, from the international to the local, in partnership with the public and private sector, to ensure we learn from each other and work together for a climate resilient future. Adapting to impacts of climate change provides a “win-win” for health, livelihoods, food security, water supply, human security and economic growth. The work of the GCA elevates the visibility and political importance of climate adaptation and facilitates solutions, such as smarter investments, new technologies and better planning to become more resilient to climate-related threats. GCA is a rapidly growing organization with offices in Abidjan, Beijing, Dhaka, Groningen, and Rotterdam.

The GCA has an ambitious 2020-2025 business plan with three pillars:

- Programs and Action: Food Security; Using Nature for more resilient infrastructure; Water for Urban Growth and Resilience; Climate Finance; Youth Leadership;
- Knowledge Acceleration: Building adaptation knowledge globally through cutting edge products such as the State and Trends in Adaptation Report and the Knowledge Exchange Platform;
- Agenda Setting and Advocacy: Formulating policy messages to move the global, regional, and local adaptation agendas forward.

The African Development Bank (AfDB)

The African Development Bank (AfDB) is a Multilateral Development Bank established in 1964 to catalyze sustainable economic development and social progress in its Regional Member Countries (RMCs). The AfDB is scaling up the implementation of the Ten-Year Strategy (TYS 2013-2022) with the Hi-5s (1. Light up and Power Africa, 2. Integrate Africa, 3. Industrialize Africa, 4. Feed Africa and 5. Improve the quality of life for Africans). The operationalization of the Hi-5s include mainstreaming low carbon and climate resilient measures in the relevant policies, programs, projects and operational activities and are captured adequately in the Second Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) from 2016-2022.

Africa Adaptation Acceleration Program (AAAP)

Africa is a priority region in GCA’s 2020-2025 Business Plan. The urgency of the compounded COVID-19 and climate crises is compelling a new and expanded effort to accelerate momentum on Africa’s adaptation efforts. The African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) are joining forces to use their complementary expertise, resources and networks to develop and implement a new bold Africa Adaptation Acceleration Program (AAAP) to galvanize climate resilient actions through a triple win approach to address COVID-19, climate change, and the economy.

The AAAP will contribute to closing Africa’s adaptation gap, support African countries to make a transformational shift in their development pathways by putting climate adaptation and resilience at the center of their critical growth-oriented and inclusive policies, programs, and institutions. It will scale up successful initiatives fundamental to African nations’ economic development, and prosperity for women and men. It will take promising ideas and early-state programs to a regional and continental scale by developing and scaling up science-based solutions. It aims to achieve a balanced regional coverage to





promote socio-economic development and poverty reduction in African countries through prioritized regional and continental initiatives implemented over the short, medium, and long term, setting the first targets for 2025. The identified four pillars of the AAAP include the following: Climate Smart Digital Technologies for Agriculture and Food Security, Infrastructure Resilience Accelerator, Empowering Youth through Jobs and Entrepreneurship, Innovative Financial Initiatives for Africa.

Information on Consultancy

GCA seeks an experienced and dynamic individual to fill the role of Special Advisor, supporting the implementation of the AAAP by ensuring and implementing strong partnerships between GCA and key institutions and organizations of the African continent.

The Special Advisor for Africa will report to the GCA Senior Director for the Africa region, and also work with Leadership and staff of GCA.

EOI Technical Submission Requirements

The consultant is expected to have strong technical experience and specific qualifications with the following profile:

- Advanced Degree in climate change, international development, economics or other relevant field;
- Minimum of 12 years of experience working on climate change and specifically climate adaptation in Africa;
- Experienced negotiation skills on policy issues in climate change in Africa;
- Strong relations with African governments, institutions and organizations, including the African Group of Negotiations, African Union, AMCEN, AAI and others;
- Excellent knowledge of climate change and development issues in Africa;
- Proven experience in developing partnerships and mobilizing partners for events or activities;
- Experience of working in international, intercultural environments;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English;
- Excellent interpersonal and networking skills among senior level officials, government and policy makers;
- Proven planning, organizational and collaboration skills.

How to Express Interest

If you wish to qualify to submit a proposal to provide the above services, please send a cover letter which should indicate the position along with full resumes with evidence of technical experience in the topics listed in the “Technical Submission Requirements” sections above.

The GCA looks forward to EOI submissions with the subject line “EOI No. 164– Special Advisor to the GCA Senior Director, Africa region” to the following email address only: procurement@gca.org

The closing date for submissions is 18.00 CEST, 30th April 2022. Only those who have provided the required information in their EOI will be invited to submit proposals.

