



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST No. GCA-PR-22-178 - CONSULTANCY FIRM TO CONDUCT A CITY SCOPING AND RAPID CLIMATE RISK ASSESSMENT (RCRA) FOR URBAN ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE IN FRANCOPHONE AFRICA.

Introduction

The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) requests Expressions of Interest in order to carry out a Rapid Climate Risk Assessment (RCRA) in two to four cities in Francophone Africa. The RCRA is carried out in coordination with City Diagnostics implemented by the African Development Bank (AfDB).

The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA)

The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) is an international organization that works as a solutions broker to catalyze 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 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.

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.

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 will contract a firm to perform city-specific Rapid Climate Risk Assessments (RCRAs) for 2 to 4 cities in Africa (Francophone). These RCRAs will be conducted in close coordination with the City Diagnostics that are being commissioned by the AfDB's Urban and Municipal Development Fund (UMDF). The RCRAs consist of the following three parts:

- **Part A – City Scan** will provide a rapid review of what has been done in the respective city regarding climate hazard and risk assessments as well as more locally focused assessments of vulnerability and adaptive capacity. It will also provide a clearer picture of the city's climate adaptation and resilience ambitions, strategies, plans and specific priorities.
- **Part B – Rapid Climate Risk Assessment** will provide an overview of the key climate hazards and associated risks that a city faces and will inform the decision whether an in-depth climate risk assessment is required.
- **Part C – City Scoping** will provide insight into past and current initiatives relevant for climate adaptation and resilience building, identify key stakeholders and relevant initiatives.

The estimated duration of assignment is no more than 5 months.

The GCA hereby invites firms to express their interest for the following assignment: Africa – Consultancy on City Scoping and Rapid Climate Risk Assessment (RCRA) for Urban Adaptation and Resilience.

EOI Technical Submission Requirements

The firm is expected to demonstrate the following:

1. That the firm is a registered legal entity with a project-based operational track record of at least five years in Africa. The firm should have demonstrable experience in the areas of urban development and climate risk assessment. Please provide an overview of relevant assignments and projects. (Maximum 30 points out of 100).
2. That the firm has a track record of at least 10 assignments or projects during the past five years that involved providing technical assistance to or collaboration with a multilateral development bank in the urban development sector in Africa. Please provide an overview of relevant assignments and projects. (Maximum 30 points out of 100).
3. That the firm has a strong local presence, including a network of local partners (e.g. organizations, consultants), in Africa. (Maximum 20 points out of 100).

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4. That the firm has at least 5 full-time staff on the payroll with a proven ability to mobilize a team of highly qualified, international and national, experts in fields such as risk assessment and hydrological modelling, climate change adaptation, urban development, and so on. Please provide your description of related experience and expert CVs. (Maximum 20 points out of 100).

Upon evaluation of the received expression of interest, the top six firms or consortia will be invited to develop a full technical and financial proposal.

How to Express Interest

If you wish to qualify to submit a proposal to provide the above services, please send a cover letter along with full resumes, with evidence of technical experience in the topics listed in the “Technical Submission Requirements” sections above. Items for submission must be in English.

GCA looks forward to EOI submissions with the subject line “EOI No. GCA-PR-22-178 – “Consultancy firm to conduct a City Scoping and Rapid Climate Risk Assessment (RCRA) for Urban Adaptation and Resilience (Batch II) in Francophone Africa” to the following email address only: procurement@gca.org

The closing date for submissions is **Monday, 11th July 2022, 18.00HRS CEST**. Only those who have provided the required information in their EOI will be invited to submit proposals.