



Mano River Union Ecosystem Conservation and International Water Resources Management” Project

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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TITLE: SELECTION OF A TEAM OF CONSULTANTS COMPRISING INTERNATIONAL/REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EXPERTS TO DEVELOP A TRANSBOUNDARY DIAGNOSTIC ANALYSIS ACCOMPANIED BY A DATABASE TO CAPITALIZE ON AND SHARE DATA AND INFORMATION

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The Member States of the River Union (Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire) have received funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the implementation of the “**Mano River Union Ecosystem Conservation and International Water Resources Management Project**”. The MRU Secretariat, the Regional Project Management Agency and the four national executing agencies intend to use part of the funding to carry out the following project activities:

Activity 2.13: *Conduct of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis for the Mano River Union region*

Activity 2.9: *Set-up a simple regional database storing data and information compiled about international waters and biodiversity, during TDA surveys (activity 2.12), to enable sustainable capitalization on the databases and informed decision making at transboundary level.*

The purpose of this consultation is to:

- Develop the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis in three transboundary basins which include the Cavally, Moa/Makona and Little&great Scarcies/Kolente rivers; this will involve identifying, quantifying and defining priorities for water-related problems that are of a transboundary nature, in order to provide a factual basis for the development of the Strategic Action Plan;
- Set up a regional database, which will serve as a tool to process collected data as well as share information and data between countries.

The specific objectives are as follows:

- Analyze the current situation of the 3 basins from a hydro-environmental, institutional and socio-economic point of view in order to identify national and transboundary environmental concerns and the actions needed to solve priority environmental issues;
- Identify and prioritize water uses in the basin;
- Identify and prioritize cross-border problems;
- Determine environmental and socio-economic impacts;
- Analyze the immediate, underlying and root causes;
- Work out the selected themes in a consensual manner;
- Identify leverage points and make recommendations
- Prepare the TDA document;
- Participate in the TDA validation process;
- Develop a regional database for storing data and information collected and analyzed at regional, national and local levels in the three basins during the TDA process.

The consultants shall be expected to use technical tools based on the GEF methodology (GEF, IW: LEARN, 2013) to guide the TDA development process on a basin-wide basis.

For illustrative purposes, the Regional International Consultant head of TDA shall:

- Take into account the GEF policies on delivering multiple environmental benefits for sustainable development at the global level and integrated land and water resources management in the Mano River Union;
- Take into account ongoing studies in particular, the intermediate, provisional or final findings of similar studies in the basins under consideration. In the event that these studies are being conducted as the consultant begins his mission, he/she shall be expected to contact the consultant in charge of those studies, in order to seek the necessary synergies and complementarities on the contents of the two programs;
- Take into account the studies conducted as part of the BRIDGE project's shared vision process.

1. Qualification of the Consultant

a. Team of Regional/International Experts

The assignment shall be carried out by a consulting firm or group of consultants with more than fifteen (15) years' experience in the fields of expertise required by the study, and have carried out assignments of a similar nature and complexity (three (03) similar references), in particular within the context of other projects financed by the GEF. The consultancy team shall comprise the following key experts:

- A Senior Officer having at least Engineer or Master Degree in water resources and/or environment, specialized in natural resource management, with at least 15 years of professional experience and familiarity with GEF-funded projects.
- A Senior Officer having Master Degree in socio-economics, specialized in environmental economics and having at least 10 years' professional experience in rural development;
- A governance Expert having Master Degree with at least 10 years' experience in the institutional and legal field of environmental or natural resources management

- A GIS Expert having Master Degree with 10 years' professional experience, with expertise in website data and information management and dissemination.

In addition, the following qualifications will be an added value:

- Knowledge of GEF practices and procedures, in particular the TDA/PAS process;
- Previous experience in diagnostic studies of the state of natural and socio-economic resources;
- Work experience and document production in French and English;
- Experience in the implementation of natural resource management projects at the national or regional level.

b. Team of national Experts

A team of national Experts from the basin States, providing data and conducting studies on a national basis, shall support the regional or international team, with more than 15 years' experience and at least one (01) similar reference. The team shall comprise the following key personnel:

- One (01) Expert having at least Bachelor Degree in integrated water resources or environmental management, National TDA Coordinator (Team Leader) with 15 years of experience;
- One (01) Expert having at least Bachelor Degree, specialist in rural development with 15 years of experience.
- A Governance Expert, having at least Bachelor Degree, with 15 years proven experience in the institutional and legal field of environmental or natural resources management.

2. Submission of applications

The consultants may partner with other firms to strengthen their respective skills in the form of a joint venture or subcontractor agreement.

Details of the terms of reference for the requested services are available from the Executing Agencies and on the IUCN-PACO website: www.iucn.org/fr/regions/afrique-centrale-et-occidentale:

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- **Team of national experts**

Qualified consultants or candidates who fulfill the criteria for the position of national expert must submit their applications in electronic or physical form to the National Executing Agency. Applications must be received no later than May 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Contacts for submission of applications for national consultants by country see table above:

- **Team of regional or international experts**

Qualified consultants or candidates who fulfill the criteria for the position of regional or international expert must submit their applications in electronic or physical form to the General Secretariat of the Mano River Union (Regional Project Executing Agency). Applications must be received no later than May 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Contacts for submission of applications for regional or international consultants:

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