



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(Selection of individual consultants)

Selection of an Individual Consultant, Expert in charge of the Regional Observatory of Natural Resources of the Regional Programme of Integrated Management of the Fouta Djallon Massif

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1. Within the framework of the Regional Programme for the Integrated Management of the Fouta Djallon Massif, the ECOWAS Department of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources is considering the **selection of an Individual Consultant, expert in charge of the Regional Observatory of Natural Resources (rivers, forests, soils, river basins, wetlands and mangroves) who will be based in Conakry, Republic of Guinea.**
2. The general objective of the expert's mission is to be the guarantor of the achievement of the contractual objectives set by ECOWAS. He/she will have to carry out, under the supervision of the programme coordinator, all monitoring and evaluation activities of the programme in particular and the implementation of the monitoring and evaluation plan for the implementation of the Environmental Action Plan of the ECOWAS Environmental Policy (ECOWEP).
3. The consultancy services ("the services") comprise the following elements, as indicated below, and the duration of the contract is one (1) year, it begins from the starting date of the contract. It is renewable in case of success and availability of funds.

The consultant will undertake the following tasks:

- Collect field data and carry out their mapping their lands/landscape with a view to monitoring their evolution dynamics in terms of degradation and/or enrichment trends;
- Ensure the processing and dissemination of relevant information/data on the state of the natural resources of the Fouta Djallon Massif with a view to strengthening the decision-making process for sustainable and efficient resource management in the Fouta Djallon Massif's areas and transboundary water basins;
- Promote knowledge of natural resource potential (water, forests, biodiversity, land, etc.) and monitoring of the impact of global change on the evolution and availability of natural resources in the Fouta Djallon Massif;

- Support the development and implementation of regional or sub regional initiatives or projects in the field of sustainable natural ecosystems management and restoration of degraded lands in order to strengthen the resilience of local dependent communities for their adaptation and mitigate their vulnerabilities to climate change ;
- To ensure the effective functioning of the Observatory network and relationships necessary for sound management, good governance, planning and efficient programme delivery through the establishment of operational, institutional, knowledge management and communications programmes;
- Establish a network of exchange and sharing with member countries and basin organizations for feeding the system with data on natural resources tributary to the Fouta Djallon Massif;
- Manage and monitor the data collection process;
- Update the Observatory's data;
- Contribute to the preparation and execution of the programme budgets.

The ECOWAS Commission now invites eligible individual consultants ("Consultants") to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. *The pre-selection criteria are as follows:*

Diploma of study

The candidate must have a Master's degree (Bac+5) in a field of water resources or natural resources management with a specialization in GIS (Geographic Information System) and be from an ECOWAS member country. Mastery of results-based management tools is required

Experience

- A minimum of 10 years of professional experience in geographic information systems and 3 years in the management of observatories;
- A minimum of 5 years' experience in integrated natural resources planning and management;
- A good knowledge of natural resources and environment sectors in West Africa.

Language

- Proficiency in one of the 3 working languages of ECOWAS (French, English, Portuguese) is expected, proficiency in two languages (English and French) is an asset.

NB: The attention of interested individual consultants is particularly drawn to **Article 118 of the revised ECOWAS Public Procurement Code ("Offences committed by candidates, bidders and successful bidders")**, which provides information on corrupt or fraudulent practices in the competition or execution of a contract. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflicts of interest related to this assignment, in accordance with **"Article 119 of the revised ECOWAS Public Procurement Code"**.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedure for the *selection of individual consultants* set out in the Consultant Guidelines. Short-listed candidates will be interviewed for the position.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the email addresses below during office hours: **Monday to Friday from 9:00 GMT+1 to 17:00 GMT+1.**

E-mail: sbangoura@ecowas.int with a copy to: procurement@ecowas.int ; mleko@ecowas.int;

Expressions of interest (**1 original and 3 copies**) must now be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked "**Selection of an Individual Consultant, Expert in charge of the Regional Observatory of Natural Resources of the Regional Programme of Integrated Management of the Fouta Djallon Massif**", not to be opened except in the presence of the Evaluation Committee" to the address below no later than **10 December 2021 at 11:00 am (GMT+1), Nigeria time.**

The ECOWAS Tender Box is located at the **General Administration Directorate, Public Procurement Division, 1stFloor ECOWAS Commission, 101 Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District, P. M. B. 401 Abuja Nigeria.**

Please note that electronic submissions are also accepted and should be addressed to
to: sbangoura@ecowas.int with a copy to: procurement@ecowas.int ; mleko@ecowas.int;

This call for applications is also published on the ECOWAS website <http://www.ecowas.int/doing-business-in-ecowas/ecowas-procurement>.

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