Call for Expressions of Interest

Research Analyst:

Climate finance mainstreaming - institutional strategy analysis

For the Southern Africa Climate Finance Partnership

The procurement of research and analysis support to the Southern Africa Climate Finance Partnership (SACFP) is proposed to provide additional technical capacity to the team on the basis of a short-term consultancy.

Context

The SACFP provides knowledge and innovation brokering support to a group of core stakeholder institutions seeking to access and implement catalytic climate finance from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for projects that address sectoral climate change priorities in several southern African countries. The SACFP is a programme managed by SouthSouthNorth through funding support provided by the International Development Research Centre.

The experiences of entities in southern Africa who have begun to access and implement climate finance demonstrates that this is best achieved through the mainstreaming of climate finance into institutional strategy. To this end, it makes sense to establish goals, targets and metrics for accessing and utilising climate finance in the heart of new institutional strategy; especially where this aligns with other strategic objects concerning low-carbon, climate-resilient, just and equitable development and related matters of sustainability.

SSN is seeking to appoint a mid-level researcher in a short-term consultancy role to provide additional support to the SACFP team to undertake a gap analysis of the strategies of several public and private sector entities against the best practices established by institutions in the region who are successfully accessing and implementing GCF finance. Entities include those seeking GCF accreditation, as well as sectoral agencies seeking to address climate change priorities through the identification and development of investable project concepts.

Roles and responsibilities

The Research Analyst will be tasked with:

- Contributing to the development of an analytical framework against which to undertake the gap analysis.
- In collaboration with the SACFP team, assess a suite of institutional strategies against the analytical framework for several institutions.
• Contributing to the development of a gap analysis report for each institution, including a suite of recommendations for climate finance mainstreaming.

The Research Analyst will be required to attend weekly team meetings (virtually).

The Research Analyst will report to the SACFP Project Manager, under supervision from the Programme Manager and the Programme Director.

Core Competencies

The Research Analyst should have experience undertaking institutional policy analysis, and preferably be familiar with the requirements of the GCF or other climate finance institutions, and/or have undertaken strategy development processes for financial intermediaries - preferably relating to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) matters.

The Research Analyst should be familiar with current and evolving global developments pertaining to ESG, climate change, and sustainable development matters as relating to financial intermediaries.

Extent and duration of service

The estimated extent of service is for two days a week, for the period of March 2021 - April 2021.

Additional services to be rendered on an ad hoc basis by agreement.

Payment

The awarded contractor will be paid on invoice. Rates (in USD) are to be provided in the response to this call. Rates are to be inclusive of all taxes levied. Respondents are to note that a value for money criteria will be applied in assessing the responses to this call.

Submission Requirements

• List of Relevant Experience: engagement / previous work references (where possible including contactable references)
• Curriculum Vitae [if the applicant is submitting as part of an organisation, a short (less than one page) organisational biography is requested in addition to the applicant’s CV]
• Letter of Motivation; outlining suitability for the role and approach to delivering the aspects considered most critical (no more than one page)

To apply please complete this Google form. The deadline for submitting responses to this call is Monday, 1 March 2021, 23h59 SAST.