Terms of Reference for the establishment of the Roster of Experts to provide Call-Down Technical Assistance for the Southern Africa Climate Finance Partnership (SACFP): Focussing on climate finance access and implementation in Southern Africa.

Prospective partners are hereby invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to be shortlisted on the Roster of Experts to provide technical assistance for SACFP Phase 3 (SACFP III) which is supported by the International Development Research Centre.

Objectives of the Roster of Experts

The SACFP focuses on supporting a niche group of regional Accredited Entities, Nominated Entities and key government ministries who are playing a role in the access and delivery of finance from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) within their respective countries. The purpose of this roster is to establish a pool of experts who can be called upon to support capacity building and knowledge exchange processes between now and the end of February 2023. The following are the qualities/characteristics we are looking for from a partner organisation or individual(s) that can assist capacity building and knowledge exchange within SACFP III:

Essential requirements:
- Detailed knowledge and understanding of the GCF, its policies, procedures and requirements (for accreditation) as well as operational experience of GCF results areas.
- Operational experience of:
  - Developing institutional frameworks in support of GCF accreditation;
  - Proposing or programming GCF resource allocation; and/or
  - Developing, monitoring, implementing and/or evaluating GCF funded projects.

Beneficial requirements:
- Working and current knowledge of GCF board meeting outcomes and decisions.
- Experience in the financial structuring, development and implementation of projects (public, private sector, and public-private partnerships) in developing countries.
Prior experience developing concept notes and project proposals specifically for the GCF, including technical knowledge related to articulating climate rationale, and mainstreaming climate change and gender aspects in project development.

Experience in oversight and implementation of Gender and Environmental and Social Safeguards (GESS).

Southern-based Experts, with a verifiable network in the climate change/climate finance space.

Prior experience with training and capacity building in relation to climate finance and in particular the GCF.

Types of service areas where Expert(s) will be required to provide assistance:

- Guidance on developing institutional policies and processes in support of GCF accreditation (responding to the GCF requirements), including the need for mainstreaming requirements across institutional policy frameworks.
- Approaches to identifying GCF projects addressing national climate change priorities.
- Guidance on establishing relevant partnerships with and working alongside government focal points and key ministries.
- Approaches to identifying/selecting Accredited Entities (national/international) to work for any one particular project.
- Guidance on how to prepare GCF project concept notes, proposals, and implementation plans.

What kind of support will the Expert provide?

- Institutional analysis, as well as strategic and technical advisory on the development of internal policy and process frameworks in support of GCF accreditation.
- Capacity building on the development of Theories of Change and logframes.
- Capacity building on undertaking project feasibility and risk assessments.
- Technical training and capacity building on the financial structuring of projects (budgeting).
- Technical training on GCF requirements pertaining to project procurement and implementation in line with the GCF requirements.
- Processes/approaches to identify/prioritise national projects that address core mitigation and adaptation challenges (considering the nature of convening in a post-COVID world).
- Approaches for attracting and on-boarding private sector investments; potential for public-private partnerships.

Key links to download the Terms of Reference of the Roster and to upload information related to the EOI:

Additional documents requested from applicants:

- List of Relevant Experience: engagement/previous work references (where possible including contactable references)
Curriculum Vitae [if the Expert is submitting as part of an organisation, a short (less than one page) organisational biography is requested in addition to the Expert’s CV]

Successful applicants will be notified of their place on the Roster by 31 March 2021. Appointments for specific bodies of work will be made on an ad hoc basis. The deadline for this call is **Monday, 1 March 2021, 23h59 SAST**.