

Call for an Expression of Interest

A service provider to support the re-design, implementation and roll-out of a revision to the South African Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting System (SAGERS)

Background

The SABTR programme (the Programme) aims to support the Republic of South Africa, through the **Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)**, to prepare and submit the country's 1st Biennial Transparency Report ("SABTR1") which complies with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement reporting requirements, while responding to its national development goals. The primary output of this Programme is the development of SABTR1 in accordance with the Modalities, Procedures, and Guidelines (MPGs) for the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) for action and support as outlined in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement (FCCC/PA/CMA/2018/3/Add.2), with specific attention to the perspectives and priorities of South Africa.

The SABTR1 will be completed by November 2024 and submitted to the UNFCCC no later than December 2024. Service providers must be procured to support the DFFE teams in completing the various sections to achieve these timelines. The programme's delivery will be undertaken from January 2024 until April 2025.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has provided funds for these service providers through a **Global Environment Fund (GEF)** Trust Fund aimed at capacity-building support for these reporting processes. SSN acts as the executing entity for the procurement activities to source, contract, manage and pay these service providers.

This call for an expression of interest (EoI) is a non-binding indication of intention to engage in the market for possible suppliers who could assist in delivering the programme of work. It is a preliminary step to gauge interest and gather information, allowing the SSN to assess potential suppliers or partners.

Context

This EoI is an early market engagement for prospective suppliers that identify as being able to serve the programme. Interested organisations are invited to submit expressions of interest to be considered for appointment as a **service provider to support the re-design, implementation and roll-out of a revision to the South African Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting System (SAGERS)**.

It is expected that this engagement will run the full length of the 2024 calendar year. This EoI looks for a prospective supplier to deliver the following draft tasks for the re-design, implementation and roll-out of the revised SAGERS system:

1. Develop a new online system for the management and administration of GHG emissions and improve DFFE's overall processing, reviewing, and management of GHG emissions through an automated system. This new system aims to improve efficiency for companies to submit GHG reports, maintain mitigation plans and carbon budgets and generate automated references as well as streamline communications between companies and the DFFE to ensure regulatory compliance to relevant regulations. Concurrently, the system will enable the DFFE authorities to improve processing as well as conducting technical reviews and analysis for GHG reports to reduce turnaround times.
2. To review existing systems in to order to develop an upgraded and integrated system aligned to international and domestic reporting requirements and that will also support the implementation of the Climate Change Bill, covering three aspects: reporting and validation of GHG reports, submitting of mitigation plans and annual progress reports as well as carbon budgets ensuring an alignment with the relevant guidelines and legislation:
3. Ensure that the system is designed considering domestic and international reporting requirements.
4. To ensure that the system has the functionality to enable analyses of emissions trends, including detailed reporting on changes in emissions intensity in the economy and a comparison of actual GHG emissions against the benchmark national GHG emission trajectory range as described in Section 6.4 of the White Paper.
5. The envisaged system will assist in fulfilling strategic imperatives in tracking the implementation of South Africa's revised National Determined Contributions, inform future NDC updates, support domestic policy and decision-making process to enhance climate action ambition. The system is envisaged to support policy and decision-making processes, including implementing the associated tools defined in the Climate Change Bill, which are the Carbon Budget and Mitigation Plans and scalable to incorporate other tools like the Sectoral Emission Targets

EoI submission

Respondents are asked to ensure familiarity with the above context and submit via this online form: <https://forms.gle/HH1bd9EZSNxviKQR6>. **Forms must be submitted by 30 January 2024 23h59 SAST.**

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Any questions are to be directed to: Any questions are to be directed to: Phatsimo Rahman <phatsimo@southsouthnorth.org>; kindly noting that SSN's offices are closed until the 3rd of January 2024.