

Terms of Reference: Consultant to support WWF in Phase 1 of the development of an *Africa Ecological Futures* Report

WWF in partnership with the Africa Development Bank (AfDB) seeks to develop an ***Africa Ecological Futures*** Report – a 50 year scenario-based futuristic view describing Africa's potential development paths and the implications for Africa's Ecological Future; and identifying potential points of intervention and influence.

As a first phase WWF seeks to engage the services of a lead consultant to help prepare 6 desktop research papers on key systems and sectors that are likely to have a significant impact on Africa's development trajectory. These systems/sectors are likely to include (but not limited to): 1) Energy, 2) Food/agriculture, 3) Water, 4) Infrastructure, 5) Mining and extractives, 6) Trade & Investment.

These research papers will draw on existing publications and expert knowledge, and seek to synthesize a 40-50 year future view of each system/sector, emphasising:

- 1) Major current and projected trends within the sector/system
- 2) The major drivers of these current and projected future trends, with clear analysis of the major actors
- 3) Potential 40-50 year future scenario's that could play out
- 4) The ecological implications of different scenarios
- 5) The key factors that are likely determine which scenario plays out
- 6) A preferred ecological scenario and potential pathways of change towards this scenario

It is expected that the lead consultant will engage leading experts and institutions in the relevant fields in sub-consultancy arrangements. The lead consultant will manage a process that will deliver the following outputs:

- 1) A final edited ca. 40-50 page research report for each sector, fulfilling the above requirements
- 2) A 5 page executive summary for each sector report
- 3) A bibliography of all relevant literature and sources of information pertinent to each sector report (not included in the 40-50 pages)
- 4) A 10 slide powerpoint presentation for each sector report
- 5) A ca 20 page synthesis report that integrates the main elements of the sector reports, especially emphasising common scenarios, trends and drivers
- 6) Final delivery of these products is expected by 1 October 2014

The outputs from this phase will be utilised as inputs to a high profile scenario building workshop held in partnership with the AfDB and other influential African institutions, near the end of 2014. Successful delivery of Phase 1 of the project could lead to an extended relationship into further phases of the project.

Interested parties should forward Expressions of Interest to Dr Deon Nel, Director of Conservation, WWF Africa Regional Office - dnel@wwf.org.za - by 15 May 2014. Please clearly mark your email with the heading: "Expression of Interest: Africa Ecological Futures project"

Expressions of Interest (no longer than 4 pages) should contain:

1. An indication of the overall approach and potential partners
2. An indicative budget (to be agreed in subsequent discussions)
3. The organisation's experience in similar work
4. Abridged biographies of the overall project leads
5. A commitment to being able to meet the timelines mentioned