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## **Call for Proposals for consultancy to conduct a Mid-Term Review for Renewable Energy Projects under the Energy, Climate and Extractives Programme**

### **Background**

World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the global conservation organization, has a mission to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by: a) conserving the world's biological diversity, b) ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable and c) reducing pollution and wasteful consumption. To achieve its global mission, WWF-Uganda Country Office (WWF-UCO) works with central and local government agencies, the private sector, civil society organizations (CSOs) and local communities to implement its various conservation programmes on Energy, Climate and Extractives, Forest and Biodiversity and Freshwater in Uganda. The Energy, Climate and Extractives Programme (ECEP) is implementing a number of projects to develop and promote access to cost effective and environmentally friendly energy solutions for domestic, institutional and productive energy in Uganda. Two of these projects (EU-Solar Project and Clean Energy Project) are aimed at increasing access to sustainable and renewable energy in Uganda. According to the World Bank Global Tracking Energy Progress Report (2018), 27% and 1% of the Ugandan population have access to electricity and clean cooking respectively. This limited access to modern energy has resulted in over reliance on unsustainably produced biomass and use of rudimentary lighting and cooking technologies. This situation is not only a barrier to economic development and poverty eradication, but has serious negative implications to both nature and people in Uganda, especially those living in rural areas.

Both the EU-Solar and Clean Energy Projects are contributing to addressing the energy challenge in the country. Specifically, the Clean Energy Project has a goal of "Communities living in the Albertine Graben have adopted sustainable and renewable energy alternatives to reduce dependency on biomass for their energy needs". The overall objective of the EU-Solar Energy Project is to ensure that by 2025, rural livelihoods are improved and greenhouse gas emissions are reduced through widespread access to clean and renewable sources of energy in Uganda. Specifically by the end of the project, rural communities in Kasese and beyond will adopt solar PV energy for use domestically, in social institutions and other productive uses and they will be empowered to operate and maintain solar PV technology, leading to improved local economic development and reducing both health problems and greenhouse gas emissions.

### **The Assignment**

WWF-UCO is seeking the services of an **international consultant** in undertaking a mid-term review for Renewable Energy Projects under the Energy, Climate and Extractives Programme.

### **Objectives of the Assignment**

As a requirement by WWF network standards and Donors (European Union and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation), a review should be undertaken at the mid-term stage of both projects to ensure that they remain focussed towards achieving their objectives. The objective of the mid-term review is to provide WWF and stakeholders with an assessment of the progress of both projects towards achieving the targets set in their respective results framework, and to provide recommendations on how to improve performance and strengthen results especially outcomes and impact. Specifically, the review will:

- assess the effectiveness, timeliness and efficiency of the use of project funds, human resources, and organizational set-up in carrying out project activities and achieving project results.
- draw key lessons learned and recommend strategies to improve performance;
- assess and recommend ways to promote stakeholder ownership, participation and engagement;
- assess the level of awareness about the value of solar PV systems in the districts of Kasese, Arua and Masindi
- assess and recommend ways to promote continuous learning and quality control and;
- assess and recommend ways of mobilising co-financing resources in the remaining period.

### **Desired skills and competence:**

- MSC. Degree in renewable energy, natural resources management or related fields.
- At least 10 years of professional experience in renewable energy, natural resources management or related fields. Provide a list of projects/assignments that you have been involved in.
- At least 5 years of experience in evaluation of donor funded projects (especially those funded by EU and Norad) and policy interventions on renewable energy, natural resources management or related fields. Provide a list of projects evaluated.
- Excellent analytical skills and ability to collect and process a lot of information in a short period of time
- Ability to review relevant documentation, engage stakeholders efficiently and effectively and to produce excellent written reports
- Excellent oral and writing skills in English as well as computer literacy (Microsoft: Word, Excel, and Power Point)

### **Duration of the assignment**

The mid-term review shall be carried out over a period of August to October 2018. The final deliverables shall be submitted to WWF-UCO by 10th October 2018.

### **How to apply:**

Interested persons/firms can download detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) from [www.panda.org/uganda](http://www.panda.org/uganda)

### **Deadline:**

All bids are expected to be submitted by **14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 by 14.00Hrs.**

### **Conditions:**

1. WWF reserves the right to accept any proposal or reject all proposals;
2. Technical evaluation will precede financial considerations;
3. Any forms of canvassing will lead to automatic cancellation of the bid in question;
4. Only shortlisted consultants will be contacted for further consideration.