

**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE (IITA)
TECHNOLOGIES FOR AFRICAN AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION (TAAT)
PHASE II**

TAAT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT UNIT

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SERVICES**

SECTOR: Agriculture

CONSULTANCY SERVICES: Environmental & Social Safeguards

Financing Agreement reference: 2100155041681

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This request for expression of interest (REOI) follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared on the African Development Bank Group's Internet Website (www.afdb.org) 12th August, 2022.

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) has received grant financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) Phase II and intends to apply part of the agreed amount of this grant to payments under the contract for TAAT Environmental & Social Safeguards Consultant who will be based in Benin Republic.

The services included under this project are to ensure that the project is implemented in line with AfDB's ISS and National regulations of host countries.

Specifically, the consultant shall provide overall technical environmental and social safeguards oversight for project implementation under the general management of the TAAT Program Coordinator; coordinate closely with the project team, including the PMU, Compact leaders, consultants, contractors, and implementing partners in planning, managing, monitoring and reporting environmental and social risks and performance in the program; undertake regular field visits to monitor the progress of environmental activities and compliance with host countries

regulations and AfDB's ISS; coordinate recruitment of safeguards regional and country specific E&S consultants, including drafting TORs, estimating budgets, aiding in shortlisting and evaluation firms/individuals consultants proposals; recommend hiring of subject matters specialists when significantly complex issues are identified in projects; provide guidance to Compacts on management of complex E&S risks; ensure that bidding documents and contracts include necessary safeguards provisions; develop environmental indicators for Project evaluation and monitoring; review adequacy of proposed project budgets to cover for the management of the environmental and social risks and impacts during implementation.

i) The selected consultant will also prepare and submit timely regular safeguards monitoring reports for the PMU and quarterly monitoring reports for AfDB; where required, prepare TORs for additional E&S Instruments and coordinate the preparation of the E&S Instruments; coordinate the preparation of third party Environment and Social Compliance Audits to be submitted to AfDB annually; keep accurate records of safeguards supervision of project activities in a systemic manner that allows easy search-and-find of all documents upon request of the PMU, the AfDB, and national authorities; prepare training materials, and facilitate technical training workshops to the PIU staff and implementation agencies on environmental safeguards requirements; provide technical and problem solving support and selective training to stakeholders responsible for implementation of safeguard processes and measures; continuous provision of Capacity building for all TAAT implementation stakeholders where required, perform any other duty assigned by the Project Coordinator.

The selected Consultant will be a member of TAAT PMU to be based in Ibadan, Nigeria and the assignment shall be for an initial period of One (1) year and subject to annual renewal based on satisfactory performance

IITA now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (including their detailed CV and letter of motivation detailing related experience similar to this assignment.). Any interested consultant should possess at least Master's degree or equivalent in the field of Environment or Social Sciences related fields. A PhD in a relevant field is of added advantage; at least 10 years of relevant experience, working with multilateral/ bilateral international financial institutions and/or working on projects financed by multilateral/ bilateral international financial institutions in Africa. Experience in the Agricultural Sector will be a plus. The relevant experience should be in the application of Environmental & Social safeguards standards of multilateral/ bilateral international financial institutions in conducting environmental due diligence assessments, monitoring, and evaluations for private sector projects and/or public-private partnerships (PPPs). These multilateral/ bilateral international financial institutions include but not limited to the African Development Bank, the World Bank Group (the International Finance Corporation, MIGA), the Asian Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, FMO, Proparco, DEG, and KfW, among others; Excellent understanding of agriculture sector governance and management issues and demonstrated E&S management experience of complex scope such as TAAT is desirable; Extensive knowledge of

E&S risks across sectors, commodities, and geographies and experience assessing and mitigating risks on complex commodities supply chains is required; Regional experience and flexibility to travel to several countries in Africa; Experience in development and delivery of training to commodities compacts related to E&S safeguards is required. Proficiency in English and French is a requirement for the position

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement policy framework, October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <https://www.afdb.org/en/projects-and-operations/procurement/new-procurement-policy>

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (0800-1630hrs).

Expressions of interest should be delivered to the address below on or before 24th February 2023

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