

Terms of References

Climate Finance and adaptation Specialist (Individual Long-term Consultant)

I. Background:

The year 2024 is a crucial year for the implementation of the Paris Agreement provisions. It is marked by many important milestones that will shape climate future such as the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), the Global Stocktake (GST), the New Collective Quantified Finance Goal (NCQG), with an expected ambitious outcomes for the Twenty-Nine Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change (COP29) and its implementing instruments (Kyoto Protocol & Paris Agreement), in particular for Africa.

Several bodies and forums will deal formally and informally with these important topics and AAI needs to get fully involved and impactful in order to ensure appropriate conduct and implementation of its Work Plan for the benefits of all its African members. Among these bodies, AAI have to secure adequate participation for COP29, GCF board meetings and workshops, SCF and Adaptation Fund meetings and activities.

As a leading regional initiative aimed at strengthening the resilience of African countries to climate change, the Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI) is seeking to recruit a Climate Finance and Adaptation Specialist to support the achievement of our objectives by providing expert guidance on financial structuring, accessing climate finance, and building the capacity of stakeholders to develop robust climate adaptation proposals.

AAI's mission is to accelerate and scale up adaptation efforts across the continent, enhancing the capacity of nations to respond to the impacts of climate change through strategic planning, financing, and implementation of adaptation projects. It envisions to create a climate-resilient Africa where communities, ecosystems, and economies are safeguarded against the adverse impacts of climate change. The Climate Finance and adaptation Specialist will work closely with AAI's Technical Support Unit to enhance the human capacity of African countries how to plan and implement effective adaptation measures, and how to understand and use existing financial operating entities of the UNFCCC financial mechanism to mobilize and leverage financial resources for climate adaptation projects. Foster partnerships and collaboration to drive large-scale adaptation initiatives.

I. Objective:

COP29 and COP30 preparation and work will need continuous experts and advisory supports for the year 2024 and 2025. This will concern strategic, organizational and technical advices by a consultant.

From strategic perspective, the selected expert needs to continuously provide advice and make proposals on the wished African COP29 and COP30 outcomes on adaptation and climate finance, the GGA, NCQG, Doubling adaptation finance, GCF, AF, SCF, FLD, GEF... from capacity building, guidance and advisory perspectives for african delegates, in particular juniors and women, with the appropriate climate political perspectives of the UNFCCC Convention process and its instruments.

From leadership need, the experts must have chaired, co-chaired and facilitated at least one UN regional group such as the African Group of Negotiators (AGN), contact groups and informal consultations, in particular on finance under the UNFCCC process, to be able to share experience and best practices.

From scientific expertise, the selected candidate must have appropriate climate scientific knowledge and have been involved in IPCC AR cycle (example: AR5 or AR6), as author.

From organizational side, and building on at least fifteen years of experience, the expert must provide guidance and make suggestions on the most appropriate way Africa, AGN and COP processes need to be organized and be as successful as COP29 and COP30 must be, as well as GCF and FLD boards (Fund for responding to Loss and Damage) participation and outcomes, from advisory advisory perspectives to AGN GCF and FLD board members/alternates.

On climate technical and substantial negotiations, the consultant provides support and advise for GCF, SCF, AF, SBs, COP, AC, FLD and preparatory meetings, including on Pre-COP if any, preparation and work, to AGN Chair, lead coordinators, african members and alternates of constituted bodies and opperrating entitie of the Financial Mechanism, as appropriate and feasible, on:

- Act as GCF and FLD Primary Adviser for AGN Board members
- follow AC and SCF meetings and activities
- Adviser on Adaptation, Climate Finance and Strategic related matters
- Support knowledge Climate finance and Adaptation
- Capacity building activities related to UNFCCC negotiations, Adaptation and Climate Finance
- any other activities deemed necessary by the AAI TSU Coordinator

II. Activities to be undertaken include:

The Climate Finance and adaptation Specialist is expected to play a crucial role in advancing AAI's mission to strengthen the resilience of African countries to climate change and enhance their capacity to secure and effectively utilize climate finance. Thus, the selected candidate will be in charge of the following activities:

1. Reporting and documentation:

- Develop summary progress reports of meetings and sessions, including outcomes, recommendations, briefing documents, and articles under the UNFCCC process and GCF as needed and requested;
- Prepare technical reports and briefing notes on key aspects of ongoing GCF activities and UNFCCC negotiations; and
- Provide analysis and updates on key international developments impacting climate negotiations, GCF, FLD, and climate finance issues.

2. Advisory role:

- Advise on strategies for engagement in various elements of negotiations on adaptation and climate finance, as well as for different bodies such as FLD, AC, SCF, GCF, etc.;
- Assess linkages between different elements of the processes;
- Recognized as UNFCCC reviewer or lead reviewer, having participated to developing and developed countries climate reporting reviews, with the needed knowledge on the enhanced transparency framework (ETF).
- Provide inputs related to policy and strategic approaches to negotiations on adaptation and climate finance within the UNFCCC process for the AGN Chair and Lead Coordinators as appropriate;
- Advise on the updated African Common positions on Adaptation and Climate Finance; and
- Serve as an advisor to African board members/alternates on the Green Climate Fund (GCF), Fund for responding to Loss and Damage (FLD), Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), pending availability of support for in-person participation, and at least remotely available.

3. Proposal development and financial structuring:

- Provide support to the coordination team and collaborate with the technical team in developing proposals to be submitted to the GCF, FLD or Adaptation Committee (AC); and
- Assist GCF, FLD and AC as appropriate.

4. Capacity building:

- Support capacity-building activities for GCF, FLD and AF accredited entities, particularly in areas that fall within his/her expertise.

5. Stakeholder engagement and participation:

- Participate in different forums such as CCXG (OECD), UNECA, AMCEN, etc., to represent AAI and contribute to discussions on climate finance and adaptation as a resource person; and
- Engage with key stakeholders to facilitate access to climate finance and foster partnerships to enhance the impact of AAI's adaptation initiatives.

Outputs & Deliverables:

- Progress reports on the key outcomes of areas of work and support provided to the AAI Coordinator;
- Technical reports and briefing notes for the AAI Coordinator on the key aspects of finance and adaptation UNFCCC/PA negotiations, GCF, SCF, FLD and AC as requested and appropriate;
- Capacity-building materials on climate finance topics;
- Inputs in project/programme proposals as appropriate.

IV. Outcomes

Contributing to an ambitious outcomes and adequate results for Africa by supporting the AAI, AGN, FLD and GCF work plan (implementation) as well as towards COP29 and COP30.

V. Qualifications and Experience:

- ✓ Advanced University degree in the fields of environment, nature protection, sustainable development, water, agriculture, climate change, finance or development economics;
- ✓ Minimum fifteen (15) years of experience related to environment protection , sustainable development, and climate change, in particular on climatefinance, adaptation, loss and damage and climate transparency ;
- ✓ Must have supported and engaged directly with the African Board members of GCF and L&D Fund Boards in advisory capacity
- ✓ Must have supported the former AGN Chairs, the AGN Lead Coordinators and African Board Member in capacity relating to finance, adaptation, loss & damage and climate transparency
- ✓ Strong and demonstrated track record of policy analysis;
- ✓ Language requirement: Proficient in both written and oral for English, French; and Arabic

- ✓ Computer skills: Demonstrable skills in office computer use - word processing, spread sheets, etc...

VI. Payment schedule

Payments will be made according to the payment schedule set out below:

- ✓ Monthly invoice payment. The stated budget is for monthly professional fees and does not include travel expenses and expenses related to participation to COP, meetings

VII. Location and duration of the assignment

The consultant will be based at home office and the initial duration of the assignment is twelve (12) months.

VIII. How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit their CV, a cover letter and financial proposal, by **Sunday, 25th of August 2024** to the email address: AAIRecrutement@uclga.org and mention « **AGN Climate Finance and Adaptation Specialist**» in the e-mail subject line.

IX. Selection Process

The selection will be made after evaluation of the candidates' qualifications and experience.