

# Terms of Reference for an Individual Consultant

## AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

### CLIMATE CHANGE & GREEN GROWTH DEPARTMENT (PECG)

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#### **1. Introduction**

Africa is considered the next frontier for global production given its abundant unexploited natural resources especially in energy and agriculture. Consumer spending is expected to reach \$1.4 trillion by 2020 and treble to \$2.1 trillion by 2025. By 2030, demand for food in urban areas will treble to \$1 trillion. In addition, 2 billion people will need food and clothing by 2030, not counting the other goods that we should by then be making, processing, and exporting. All this calls for a shift in the production model from, “extract-use-dispose (linear) to a circular one, “use-reuse-repurpose” to minimize resource waste.

Fostering the circular economy (CE) as a development strategy enables African countries to grow their economies without exceeding their planetary boundaries. In African countries, natural capital accounts for between 30% and 50% of total wealth, with over 70% of people living in sub-Saharan Africa depending on forests and woodlands for their livelihoods.

Natural resource management is directly tied to at least 12 of the 17 SDGs. Practices that are more efficient could cut greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by 2050. In Africa, the circular economy represents a market opportunity of about US\$ 8 billion annually. However, due a wide range of challenges (including lack of effective legislation, limited awareness, inadequate waste management systems, low priority accorded to circular economy), only 10% of waste generated in Africa are recycled, with significant volumes of waste dumped at dumpsites and informal landfills.

The African Development Bank will collaborate with the Government of Finland (MFA) and the Nordic Development Fund to promote a circular economy in Africa and drive inclusive green growth to meet the goals of Paris Agreement, SDGs and Africa’s Agenda 2063. The Africa Circular Economy Facility (ACEF) secretariat will be implemented in the Department of Climate Change and Green Growth (PECG). A EURO 4 million multi-donor trust fund will be operationalized at the Bank to support the implementation of the ACEF activities.

Finland has long-standing cooperation with the Bank aimed at strengthening inclusive growth and has been a member of the African Development Fund since 1973 and of the African Development Bank since 1982. The country is also a global leader in the circular economy, which is an important priority for the Finnish Government.

The Bank also put in place strategies in line with the circular economy through its Ten-Year Strategy (2013-2022), which is founded on two agendas: transitioning to green growth and inclusive growth, both which are rooted in the principles of circular economy. The Bank’s priority areas, the *High Fives* (Light up and Power Africa, Feed Africa, Industrialize Africa, Integrate Africa, and Improve the lives of the people of Africa) emphasize efficiency across the value chain.

The Embassies of Finland and the AfDB country offices will cooperate and work closely with national authorities to promote circular economy at country level.

Finland and the African Development Bank will also support the African Circular Economy Alliance (ACEA), which was established during the 23rd United Nations Conference of Parties (COP23) by the Governments of South Africa, Nigeria and Rwanda. The Alliance will serve as the main advocacy platform

for CE in the Bank's regional member countries in order to support the transition to the circular economy at the national, regional and continental levels. Its secretariat is hosted in the Department of Climate Change and Green Growth (PECG).

## **2. Objective**

The ACEF goal is to mainstream the circular economy as an inclusive green growth development model, for enhanced climate resilience and livelihood opportunities in Africa. The programme interventions are two-folded, at both the continental and national levels. The resources of the ACEF multi-donor trust fund shall be used for financing capacity-building activities in the Bank's regional member countries, conducting field studies on the African CE ecosystem to build national inventories, providing technical assistance to the secretariat of the African Circular Economy Alliance, and implementing a business development programme for startups and SMEs in the circular economy.

## **3. Scope, General Approach and Specific Tasks**

The consultant will be equipped with technical expertise to guide RMCs who have expressed interest in pursuing CE as part of their development and climate action strategy. Sitra will provide knowledge on National level Circular Economy roadmap process facilitation and concept.

In particular, the consultant will be expected to perform the following tasks:

- Together with the technical staff within PECG, the consultant will contribute to the efficient running and client responsiveness of the ACEF Secretariat;
- Provide advisory services to RMCs on capacity-building programmes to create enabling environments for circular economy strategies at continental and national levels, particularly through the establishment of policy and regulatory frameworks.
- Support RMCs to promote circularity in value chains as a means to achieve transformational sectoral impact, including developing country CE roadmaps.
- Support at the country level the NDCs and low-carbon development strategies to increase the level of CE mainstreaming in national development strategies and programs.
- Support the design and implementation of the business development programme.
- Coordinate communication and awareness raising strategy for mainstreaming CE with the African Circular Economy Alliance (ACEA) secretariat.

## **4. Qualifications and Experience required**

- At least 7 years of relevant working experience on climate change related issues and public policy;
- Knowledge of the key CE sectors in particular waste sector and material efficiency, CE business models;
- Knowledge of circular economy concepts and innovative business models for developing economies;
- Experience working with a variety of stakeholders in developing countries including government agencies, NGOs, Civil Society, communities, preferably in Africa.

## **Technical**

- Excellent oral and written communication skills, with analytic capacity and demonstrated ability to synthesize complex information and effective presentations to diverse audiences;
- Skills in facilitating meetings effectively and efficiently;
- Ability to develop and maintain partnerships/relationships, including with clients, focusing on results for the client/partner and responding positively to feedback.

## **Professionalism**

- Excellent analytical and organizational skills;
- Exercise the highest level of responsibility and professionalism in stakeholder engagement.

## **Communication**

- Excellent writing and verbal communication skills;
- Communicate effectively in writing and verbally to a varied and broad audience in a simple and concise manner.

## **5. Contract Duration and Location of Assignment**

The Consultant tenure of service is one year (renewable). The duty station for the assignment is at Bank Headquarters in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire and may require missions outside Côte d'Ivoire. A detailed work program will be agreed on with the Manager, PECG.0 on commencement of the assignment.

## **6. Administration/ reporting relationships**

The Consultant will be under the overall responsibility of the Director of the Climate Change and Green Growth Department. He/she will closely work with the PECG Division Managers and staff from the two Divisions.