

**MINISTRY OF WATER & ENVIRONMENT**  
**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
**(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

**UGANDA**

**IRRIGATION FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROJECT (ICRP)**

**LOAN NUMBER: P163836**

**ASSIGNMENT: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMMODITY VALUE CHAIN, PLATFORMS AND MARKET LINKAGES FOR:**

**LOT 1: KABUYANDA IRRIGATION SCHEME IN ISINGIRO DISTRICT & MATANDA IRRIGATION SCHEME IN KANUNGU DISTRICT**

**REFERENCE NO: MWE/CONS/21-22/00024/1)**

The Government of Uganda (GoU) has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Irrigation for Climate Resilience Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for **Consultancy Services for Development of Commodity Value Chain, Platforms and Market Linkages for: Lot 1: Kabuyanda Irrigation Scheme in Isingiro District and Matanda Irrigation Scheme in Kanungu District.**

The consulting services (“the Services”) include: (i) Carry out capacity development of farmer organizations for organizational management, improved value addition and market access, (ii) Carry out Value Chain Analysis for identified agricultural commodities in the selected Irrigation schemes, (iii) Identify agro-processing (post-harvest handling and value addition) requirements for the identified commodities, (iv) Support the formation and/or development of agricultural commodity marketing platforms for improved market access and (v) Preparation and production of materials for training, information and education during provision of extension services.

The implementation period of the assignment is 24 months from the date of contract effectiveness and is expected to commence in November 2022.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be accessed at <https://www.mwe.go.ug/library/tendersprocurement>.

The Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide sufficient information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The shortlisting criteria for the firm’s capability and experience are:

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(i) A Minimum of ten (10) years of core business as a consultant in undertaking contracts of a similar nature in Agriculture, Agro-Economy, Rural Development; agribusiness, agricultural value chain programming; institutional development and market linkages.

(ii) Submit the firm’s organogram to demonstrate the firm’s technical and managerial capability.

(iii) Experience of at least three (3) similar assignments of similar scope and nature in the following areas: Agriculture, Agro-Economy, Rural Development; agribusiness, agricultural value chain programming; institutional development and market linkages. The experience in these different areas could have been obtained from the one assignment or from different assignments provided the Consultant can demonstrate three similar assignments in each of them.

(iv) Experience in similar conditions with at least one (1) project in Sub-Saharan Africa or other countries in the world at similar level of development as Sub-Saharan Africa

(v) Presence of appropriate skills among staff in the areas Rural Development, Agribusiness, Institutional capacity development and financial management. (Please do not submit CVs and bio data of experts)

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers' July 2016 revised November 2020 [Procurement in investment Project Financing; Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services], setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the World Bank procurement regulation.

Expressions of interest (**One original plus two copies**) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person) by **4<sup>th</sup> February 2022**.

The packages must be clearly marked "**Expression of interest for provision of Consultancy Services for Development of Commodity Value Chain, Platforms and Market Linkages for Lot 1: Kabuyanda Irrigation Scheme in Isingiro District and Matanda Irrigation Scheme in Kanungu District**"

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