



Request for Expressions of Interest: Consultancy Services to Develop a Green Taxonomy for FIRIP

Financial Inclusion for Resilience and Innovation Project (FIRIP), Ministry of Finance and National Planning | Ref. ZMB-2000004924-0063-CS-ICS | Lusaka, Zambia

Background

The Ministry of Finance and National Planning has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of the Financial Inclusion for Resilience and Innovation Project (FIRIP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consulting services provided by an individual consultant to develop a green taxonomy for FIRIP.

The consulting services include developing a Green Taxonomy Framework for FIRIP that establishes a standardized classification system for identifying, screening, financing, monitoring and reporting environmentally sustainable and climate-resilient investments supported under the project. The assignment will support implementation of FIRIP's green finance agenda by providing practical guidance to Participating Financial Service Providers (PFSPs), Community-Based Financial Institutions (CBFIs), implementing partners and project stakeholders on eligible green investments and climate finance tracking. The duration is 40 working days.

Shortlisting Criteria

- Master's degree in Environmental Economics, Environmental Science, Climate Change, Sustainable Finance, or related qualifications.
- Demonstrated experience developing green taxonomies, sustainable finance frameworks, ESG systems, climate finance mechanisms, or environmental safeguard frameworks.
- At least ten (10) years of relevant professional experience.
- Strong knowledge of climate finance, sustainable finance, agricultural finance, environmental safeguards, and rural development.
- Experience working with financial institutions, regulators, development partners, and government institutions.
- Familiarity with IFAD SECAP, climate funds, ESG systems, and sustainable investment frameworks.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) method set out in IFAD's Project Procurement Handbook. Interviews will not be conducted

as part of the selection process.

Eligibility

Interested consultants shall not have any actual, potential, or reasonably perceived conflict of interest. Consultants are considered to have a conflict of interest if they have a relationship providing undue or undisclosed influence over the selection process, or a business or family relationship with a member of the client's board of directors or personnel.

Submission

Interested consultants are encouraged to obtain more information on Terms of Reference from the FIRIP website, www.firip.org.zm. Any request for clarification on this REOI should be sent via email to contact1@firip.org.zm no later than 10:00 hours local time, 28 September 2026. The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by 2 October 2026.

Expressions of interest in the form of a curriculum vitae (CV) must be delivered in written form to the address below by email by Friday, 9 October 2026.

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