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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ENGAGEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS IN LAKE REGION ECONOMIC BLOC ON THE NATIONAL AGROFORESTRY STRATEGY FOR KENYA

1. BACKGROUND

1.1. ABOUT VI AGROFORESTRY

Vi Agroforestry is a Swedish NGO, improving livelihoods of small-holder farmer families through agroforestry and sustainable agriculture land management. The organization has been working in the East Africa region for over 30 years, primarily around the Lake Victoria Basin in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda. Its head office is in Stockholm, Sweden. Since its inception, Vi Agroforestry has reached 1, 8 million people and helped planting over 100 million trees. The foundation of Vi Agroforestry's work is sustainable agriculture and agroforestry – growing trees alongside crops and livestock. It provides increased access to food, access to sustainable energy sources, more income. Sustainable agriculture contributes to the mitigation of climate change and protects against the negative effects of climate change

Vi Agroforestry's firm belief that functioning ecosystems are a precondition for secure food supply, economic development and democratic systems. People living in poverty and without enough resources cannot be expected to protect or improve their environment. Therefore, the protection of the environment and a sustainable use of land resources, must go hand in hand with an improved agricultural production leading to increased food and income security.

1.2. ABOUT WILDLIFE CLUBS OF KENYA

Wildlife Clubs of Kenya (WCK) is a national non-profit making conservation education organisation established in 1968 and supports wildlife clubs in schools throughout the country. WCK also works with community groups to create eco-friendly environment and raise awareness in conservation of wildlife and the environment in general. The organisation has its headquarters in Nairobi and regional offices in Kisumu, Nakuru, Mombasa, Meru and Kitui.

2. CONTEXT

Vi Agroforestry's current strategy 2017-2021 aims at improving the livelihoods of smallholder farmer families in Sub-Saharan Africa through increased climate change resilience, food security, higher incomes, and greater equality between women and men by 2021. The strategy is implemented through a regional programme, ALIVE (2018-2022), which has several working areas as clusters. Advocacy is one of the clusters in the ALIVE programme and a thematic area in Vi Agroforestry's strategy. The strategy recognizes that sustainable development for the environment and for farmer families' livelihoods requires a conducive policy environment. The strategy



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further underscores that Vi Agroforestry and its partners must actively be involved in policy dialogues and advocate for change locally, nationally, regionally and internationally.

3. APPROACH

In view of this, Vi Agroforestry commissioned a policy analysis study on agroforestry, which highlighted gaps and justified the need for a national agroforestry policy for Kenya. While this was going on, the Ministry of Agriculture, together with ICRAF, were also discussing a similar process, which concluded that a National Agroforestry Strategy was the best for Kenya. A core committee was then set up, bringing together stakeholders from public and private sectors, and the civil society to craft the Strategy. One of the steps that was to aid the process of developing this Strategy was to engage stakeholders at the level of Regional Economic Blocs of Kenya. This, however, has coincided with the ongoing corona virus pandemic.

Vi Agroforestry, as part of this process through Wildlife Clubs of Kenya, seeks to engage a consultant to generate inputs to the Strategy from the stakeholders within the Lake Region Economic Bloc of Kenya. The consultant is expected to engage relevant stakeholders from the county governments, parastatals, civil society organisations, research institutions, institutions of higher learning, farmer organisations, and farmer representatives operating within the Lake Region Economic Bloc. The engagement will be done using techniques that will not predispose people to the risks posed by the ongoing corona virus pandemic.

3.1. SCOPE

The consultant will be expected to develop approaches of generating feedback from stakeholders in the Lake Region Economic Bloc, obtain feedback for the Strategy development, document the inputs, facilitate a virtual workshop and submit a final report to Wildlife Clubs of Kenya and Vi Agroforestry.

3.2. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

These Terms of Reference provide a framework for engagement between Wildlife Clubs of Kenya and the consultant. The purpose of this work is to generate inputs to the Strategy from stakeholders in the Lake Region Economic Bloc of Kenya.

The specific objectives for the exercise include:

- i. To develop methodologies of engaging stakeholders in the Lake Region Economic Bloc on the Strategy
- ii. To secure inputs from stakeholders in the Lake Region Economic Bloc
- iii. To share virtually the findings with Wildlife Clubs of Kenya, Vi Agroforestry and the core committee
- iv. To document a final report with inputs for National Agroforestry Strategy



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4. CONSULTANT REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATION

This task requires a consultant, either individual or a firm of consultants who must have a postgraduate qualification in a relevant field, be a well-grounded social scientist/ environmental specialist or any other related field with excellent skills and experience in policy processes and advocacy.

The consultant should:

- i. Demonstrate previous experience in conducting similar assignments.
- ii. Demonstrate working experience of at least 6 years in stakeholders' engagement, public participation, policy research and advocacy
- iii. Have the capacity to work both independently and as a team
- iv. Be willing to undertake the assignment within stipulated time.
- v. Have experience with public policy processes in Kenya.

5. DELIVERABLES

The consultant will deliver three key tasks, as outlined below:

- i. An inception report detailing delivery methodology, work plan/schedule and program
- ii. Facilitate 2.5 hours virtual session with Wildlife Clubs of Kenya, Vi Agroforestry and the core committee on preliminary findings
- iii. Submission of a final report detailing stakeholders' inputs in a softcopy (word and pdf format), including pictorials, videos, as may be relevant.

6. ROLE OF VI AGROFORESTRY

- Has the overall responsibility for the assignment
- Offer technical support to Wildlife Clubs of Kenya while working with the consultant

7. ROLE OF WILDLIFE CLUBS OF KENYA

- Provide logistical arrangement
- Link the consultant with relevant actors, as may be necessary.

8. ROLE OF THE CONSULTANT

- The critical role is to get inputs from different stakeholders at the bloc
- Prepare and submit an inception report
- Facilitate 2.5 hours virtual workshop for sharing findings
- Undertake and finalize the assignment within 12 working days
- Share the final report with relevant supporting documentation



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9. TIMEFRAME

The assignment will be conducted in 12 days, between 3rd and 16th December 2020.

10. HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants to submit their technical and financial proposal, separately comprising the following components:

- A cover letter explaining their suitability for the assignment and their understanding of the task at hand.
- An expression of interest detailing the reasons for applying and the applicant's understanding of the subject matter.
- A schedule of how the tasks will be done within the proposed time frame (12 days), the methodology and a detailed plan
- Proposed budget for the task including the schedule of payments.
- Organizational capacity statement, experience and activities related to the task (for those applying as a firm)
- Curriculum vitae for all the consultants that will be engaged on this assignment.
- Relevant work undertaken in the last 5 years.
- Full names, post office box, telephone numbers, e-mail address, physical address and contact person of the consultancy.

Technical and financial proposals to be sent to esituma2012@gmail.com/applicationsKE@viagroforestry.org and to be received not later than 30th November 2020 by 12.00 pm.