



## AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

#### Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Department (PERN2)

#### Recruitment of a Consulting Firm

#### Development of Uganda National Clean Cooking Strategy (UNCCS)

1. The African Development Bank (the Bank) invites eligible Consulting Firms to indicate their Interest in providing services under the Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA) to support the Bank and its clients as consultants for the **Development of Uganda's National Clean Cooking Strategy (UNCCS)**.
2. SEFA is a multi-donor Special Fund managed by the Bank, with the mandate of unlocking private sector investments through technical assistance and concessional investments along three themes, namely Green Baseload (GBL), Green Mini-grids (GMG) and Energy Efficiency (EE). The Fund's overarching goal is to contribute to universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy services for all in Africa, in line with the New Deal on Energy for Africa and Sustainable Development Goal 7. SEFA was established in 2011 in partnership with the government of Denmark and has since received contributions from the governments of the United States, United Kingdom, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Germany, the Nordic Development Fund, and GEAPP. SEFA is housed in the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Department (PERN) under the Power, Energy, Climate, and Green Growth (PEVP) complex.
3. The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Department (PERN2) is currently implementing the Energy Efficiency Market Development Programme (EE MDP II), a Technical Assistance (TA) initiative with the overarching objective of increasing investments in energy efficiency (EE) and clean cooking (CC) projects across both public and private sectors. The program focuses on improving the enabling environment for sustainable markets and supporting the development and implementation of bankable EE and CC projects. The program will accompany Regional Member Countries (RMCs) to develop an appropriate enabling environment for energy efficiency and clean cooking development and will focus efforts on the design, development, and implementation of investment opportunities across energy-consuming sectors.
4. Over 85% of Uganda's domestic energy needs are met through biomass, primarily wood and charcoal used for cooking. Much of this biomass is sourced unsustainably, contributing significantly to deforestation, environmental degradation, and greenhouse gas emissions. This dependency exacerbates climate-related challenges such as droughts, floods, and soil erosion, which in turn threaten livelihoods and food security. Despite ongoing clean cooking interventions and pilot programs, Uganda currently lacks a comprehensive National Clean Cooking Strategy to guide and coordinate efforts across sectors. The absence of such a strategy hampers the country's ability to attract large-scale investment, align programs with national development and climate goals, and deliver clean cooking solutions in a systematic and sustainable way. It also results in fragmented initiatives, weak institutional coordination, and limited accountability in tracking progress toward universal access to clean cooking.



5. Recognizing the urgent need for a coordinated national framework, the African Development Bank (AfDB) is supporting the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development of Uganda (MEMD) to develop the Uganda's National Clean Cooking Strategy (UNCCS). This strategy will serve as a roadmap to promote modern and efficient cooking solutions, and unlock financing for scaling clean cooking technologies across the country.
6. The services to be provided under the assignment include:
  - (a) Conducting a Clean Cooking Market Study**
    - Establish the Baseline Scenario: Assess the status of Uganda's cooking sector, including the cooking energy mix, technologies, and fuels in use. Identify key barriers and drivers influencing the adoption of clean cooking solutions. Map key stakeholders along the clean cooking value chain, including government agencies, private sector actors, NGOs, and communities. Identify market opportunities for scaling clean cooking solutions.
    - Assess Gender Dimensions in the Clean Cooking Sub-Sector: Evaluate gender roles in both the demand and supply sides of the clean cooking sector. Identify challenges and opportunities for gender-inclusive solutions. Provide recommendations for gender mainstreaming in the clean cooking strategy, including implementation and evaluation processes.
  - (b) Develop the Uganda National Clean Cooking Strategy**
    - *Formulate Strategic Goals and Objectives:* Define the vision and mission for Uganda's clean cooking transformation. Set strategic objectives aligned with national and international targets, including SDG 7, Mission 300 and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to mention a few.
    - *Develop Key Policy and Programmatic Interventions:* Propose policy and regulatory measures to support clean cooking adoption. Recommend incentives and support mechanisms for businesses and households. Integrate gender-responsive and inclusive approaches into policy interventions.
    - *Develop a Roadmap for Universal Access to Clean Cooking in Uganda:* Outline strategic interventions needed to achieve universal access to clean cooking solutions. Define clear timelines, milestones, and cost estimates for implementation. Establish indicators for monitoring and evaluating progress.
    - *Identify Investment Opportunities in the clean cooking sub-sector:* Highlight potential business models and financial mechanisms for clean cooking solutions. Assess funding requirements and potential sources of investment (public, private, donor). Propose risk mitigation strategies to attract investors.
    - *Engage Stakeholders and Facilitate Partnerships:* Identify potential investors, development partners, and private sector actors. Develop collaboration frameworks between stakeholders to scale clean cooking initiatives. Provide recommendations for public-private partnerships (PPPs) and innovative financing models.



7. The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Department (PERN2) invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. Interested eligible Consulting Firms or associations of Consulting Firms shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to provide the services (documentation, references for similar services, experience in comparable assignments, availability of qualified staff, etc.).

The Expressions of Interest (EOI) document should follow the following format.

- a. Details of the firm or consortium (including nationality of the firms and contact person) and including DACON registration number<sup>1</sup> (1 page);
- b. Expression of Interest detailing the firm's strengths, expertise, approach and any relevant information (approx. 5 pages).
- c. Experience in similar Assignments (approx. 5 pages).
- d. CV of Key Staff members (approx. 5 pages).
- e. Any additional documents of information the firm believes are relevant.

The submission should be in one document, below 25 pages excluding annexes.

8. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank's Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants available on the Bank website <http://www.afdb.org>. Please, note that interest expressed by a Consulting Firm does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include it in the shortlist.
9. The estimated duration of services is **eight (8) months**, and the estimated starting time is **October 2025**.
10. The selection method to be adopted during RFP stage is **Quality and Cost Based Selection Method (QCBS)**.
11. Interested Consulting Firms can obtain more information at the address below during the Bank's working hours.
12. Expressions of interest (EOI) must be received at the address below no later than **15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 17:00 hours GMT** and should specifically mention **Development of Uganda's National Clean Cooking Strategy – Consulting Firm – Firm Name**.

EOIs must be sent to:

**Adele BOADZO**, Senior Energy Specialist, PERN2

e-mail: [a.boadzo@afdb.org](mailto:a.boadzo@afdb.org) with copy to **Thabit KITAMU** email: [t.kitamu@afdb.org](mailto:t.kitamu@afdb.org)

13. **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHORT LIST**

A shortlist of six consulting firms will be established at the end of the request for expression of interest. The consulting firms on the shortlist will be judged on the following criteria and the minimum qualifying mark shall be 70 points.

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<sup>1</sup> Firms should be registered in the AfDB DACON Consultant Database. New registration can be obtained at [https://econsultant.afdb.org/sap/bc/webdynpro/sap/zdac\\_wd\\_login\\_page/#](https://econsultant.afdb.org/sap/bc/webdynpro/sap/zdac_wd_login_page/#)



<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score</b>
General qualification and experience in the area of expertise	40
Similar experience	30
Availability of skills within the personnel of the consulting firm during the period planned for the execution of the contract.	20
Experience with MDBs and DFIs in the Clean Cooking Sector	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>