



# MINISTRY OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTANT SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS)

### IRRIGATION SCHEMES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN UNYAMA, NAMALU AND SIPI REGIONS, UGANDA

WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SECTOR

**Consultancy Services to Undertake the Forestry Resources Inventory and Assessment as well as preparation of Forest Management Plans for Selected Local Forest Reserves and Private Forests (Planted, Natural and Community Forests) in the 3 Catchment Areas of Unyama, Namalu and Sipi Irrigation Schemes. Ref No. MWE/CONS/24-25/00016**

Mode of Financing: *Instalment Sale and ISFD Loan*

Financing No. *UGA -1038*

The Republic of Uganda has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Irrigation Schemes Development Project in Unyama, Namalu and Sipi Regions, Uganda and intends to apply part of the proceeds for these consultant services.

The services include:

- 1) Undertaking the Forestry Resources Inventory and assessment for the three catchments for Unyama, Sipi and Namalu Irrigation Schemes;
- 2) Providing information about forests and trees, including species distribution, stand composition, and tree age in the 3 catchment areas to support resource management and land use decisions.
- 3) Preparation of 15 Forest Management Plans for selected Local Forest Reserves and Private forests selected in the 3 catchment areas of Unyama, Namalu and Sipi Regions.

The Duration of the Consultancy Services shall be Eight (8) months spread over a period of 12 months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TORs) for the assignment shall be obtained from the address indicated below or the Ministry of Water and Environment website ([www.mwe.go.ug](http://www.mwe.go.ug))

The Ministry of Water and Environment now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). The shortlisting criteria is:

1. Be a recognized as consultant firm or in a consortium legally registered/ recognized to conduct consultancy activities in Uganda;
2. Experience of at least two (2) similar assignments of similar scope, nature and value by Government or other reputable clients done and substantially completed in the last 10 years.
3. Demonstrate experience in conducting Forestry (or other related Natural Resources) Inventory and assessment and preparing Forest Management Plans or related studies with a minimum of 5 years' experience.

4. 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. **Note: Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage**

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the "Procurement Guidelines"), setting forth IsDB'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 – National firms) method set out in the Procurement Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultant Services under IsDB Project Financing (April 2019, revised in February 2023) and is open to all eligible bidders.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours **09:00 to 17:00 hours** (local time) Monday to Friday.

Expressions of interest must be physically delivered in a written form (1 original and 2 copies) to the address given below in person or Courier, **by 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 11:30am.**

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