



**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

UGANDA

**INVESTING IN FORESTS AND PROTECTED AREAS FOR CLIMATE SMART
DEVELOPMENT (IFPA-CD) PROJECT**

PROJECT ID NO: 170466

CREDIT NO:6592-UG

**ASSIGNMENT TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR STAFF TRAINING IN
TOURISM ACTIVITIES.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER: NFA-IFPA-CD/CONS/24-25/00002
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1. The Government of Uganda (GOU) represented by National Forestry Authority has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Investing in Forests and Protected Areas for Climate Smart Development (IFPA-CD) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The project is being implemented by the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE, Lead Agency), the Uganda Wildlife Authority and the National Forest Authority with the involvement of the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities in tourism-related activities.
2. The consulting services (“the Services”) include Staff training in tourism activities for the duration of two (02) months. The main objective of the assignment is to prepare the training, deliver the training to build capacity of the identified NFA staff at the headquarters in ecotourism activities and in tour guiding skills in order to enhance the guests’ tourist expectations and to improve the livelihoods of the forest adjacent communities.
3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.nfa.go.ug.
4. The National Forestry Authority now invites eligible Consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - 1) Sound Knowledge of ecotourism and nature-based tourism in East African landscape.
 - 2) Ability to field a team of experts skilled in the field of Ecotourism Marketing, Product development, Nature interpretation, Customer care and handling and Human-wildlife interaction plus a sufficient organisational, managerial and staffing capacity to operate across multiple forestry ecosystems with a programme of consistent quality.
 - 3) Demonstrated ability to design and deliver tourism related trainings globally.
 - 4) Experience in managing contracts of a comparable and scope.
 - 5) Demonstrated ability to outline the link of ecotourism with other relevant private and government sectors for integrated business development.
 - 6) Demonstrated capacity to deliver well written and well-designed English reports and visual materials that will require no further editorial work once completed.

The Qualification and experience of Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

5. 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” dated November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.
6. 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.

7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Consultant's Qualifications based Selection (CQS) Method** set out in the Procurement Regulations available at www.worldbank.org/procurement.
8. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from **9:00 AM – 5:00 PM** (local time) **on Mondays to Fridays**.
9. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by e-mail) by **22nd November, 2024 at 11:00am (Ugandan Time)**;

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