



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICE TO UNDERTAKE AN EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF SWEDEN'S SUPPORT TO BIO-SCIENCES RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN EASTERN AFRICA THROUGH BIO-EARN AND BIO-INNOVATE AFRICA REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

1. The Bioresources Innovations Network for Eastern Africa Development (BioInnovate Africa) is a regional biosciences research and innovation initiative established in 2010 with support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). It is a regional Programme based at the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (*icipe*), and operates in Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda, and collaborates with partners in South Sudan. The Programme assists these countries to benefit from the revolutionary advances in biosciences, contributing to economic growth and sustainable development.
2. BioInnovate Africa, through *icipe*, seeks to engage two (2) individual Consultants to undertake an external evaluation of Sweden's support to bio-sciences research and innovation in eastern Africa through bio-earn and bio-innovate Africa regional programmes. The assignment shall be carried out as a combination of desk reviews, interviews and field visits to the BIO-INNOVATE Program Management Office (PMO) in Nairobi as well as to selected sub-projects at universities and research institutes in partner countries in Eastern Africa (i.e. Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda). The team would also visit or make contacts with relevant institutions in Sweden that participated in either BIO-EARN or BIO-INNOVATE programs. Please find more details in the attached Terms of Reference (TOR) here: <http://www.icipe.org/sites/default/files/ToR-External-Evaluation-of-BIO-INNOVATE-Programme-11092020.pdf>
3. BioInnovate Africa now invites interested persons who are able to demonstrate technical capability to successfully deliver the above-mentioned assignment.
4. **Interested parties should have:**
 - a. PhD in social science, chemical and engineering sciences, agriculture, environment and natural resources, business management, monitoring and evaluation or other relevant disciplines, with at least 5 years' proven experience in program evaluation in Sub Sahara Africa (SSA); or Masters degree with at least 10 years' proven experience in program evaluation in SSA. Attach detailed CV.
 - b. Strong knowledge of the development issues in SSA, national and regional science, technology and innovation policies as well as the African Union Agenda 2063 and United National Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030. Please provide evidence.
 - c. Strong logical sense of political, economic, social and environmental situation in Sub-Sahara Africa. Please provide evidence.
 - d. Experience in dealing with international research or development institutions. Provide evidence.
 - e. Practical experience in commercializing technology, business incubation and technology start up is an added advantage. Please provide evidence.
 - f. Previous experience with evaluation of large and similar regional science and innovation Programs or projects. Please provide evidence.
 - g. Demonstrated skills in collecting, analyzing and processing data. Please provide evidence.
 - h. Excellent writing and communication skills.

- i. Provide a competitive fee quote in US dollars (US\$) to perform the assignment.
5. The Request for Quotations must be submitted electronically through e-mail at icipetenders@icipe.org on or before **11:00 hours East Africa Time on 24th September 2020**. The submissions should be clearly marked: **‘Invitation for Bids – Provision of consultancy to undertake an external evaluation of Sweden’s support to bio-sciences research and innovation in eastern Africa through bio-earn and bio-innovate Africa regional programmes**. Late submissions will be rejected.

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