



Ministry of Finance and Planning

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PLANNING

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) (CONSULTING SERVICES-FIRMS)

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT PROJECT FOR STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE (ISP-SEG) IN SOUTH SUDAN

Sector: Multisector

Financing Agreement Reference: 5900155017651

Project ID No.: P-SS-KF0-007

1. The government of the Republic of South Sudan has received a financing from the African Development Bank towards the cost of Institutional Support Project for Strengthening Economic Governance (ISP-SEG) in South Sudan, and intends to apply part of the agreed amount of this grant to payments under the contract for hiring a consulting firm to conduct gap analysis of the South Sudan's Mining Sector Landscape to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. This will include policy, legal, regulatory frameworks and their implementation as well as sector performance as a whole.

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3. **The services under this consultancy include but not limited to:**

- (i) Review the current Regulatory Framework. This includes existing legal and regulatory framework governing the mining sector and identify key regulatory bodies and their roles and responsibilities
- (ii) Institutional Capacity Assessment: Evaluate the capacity and effectiveness of regulatory bodies in implementing and enforcing mining regulations. Also, assess the coordination and cooperation among government agencies involved in the mining sector
- (iii) Licensing and Permitting Process: a. Analyze the efficiency and transparency of the licensing and permitting process for mining activities b. Identify bottlenecks, delays, and areas for improvement
- (iv) Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) a. Assess the adequacy and effectiveness of ESIA processes in the mining sector b. Evaluate the integration of environmental and social considerations into mining operations.
- (v) Mining Sector Contribution to Government Revenues: a. Evaluate the management of revenues generated from mining activities b. Assess financial transparency mechanisms, including reporting and auditing practices.
- (vi) Local Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing: a. Analyze the level of engagement and participation of local communities in mining decision-making processes b. Assess the effectiveness of benefit-sharing mechanisms and the socio-economic impact on local communities.
- (vii) Occupational Health and Safety: a. Assess the implementation and enforcement of occupational health and safety standards in the mining sector b. Identify areas of improvement to enhance worker safety and reduce accidents
- (viii) Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM): a. Evaluate the regulatory framework and support mechanisms for ASM

activities b. Identify challenges and opportunities for formalizing and improving the sustainability of ASM operations.

- (ix) Gender and Social Inclusion: a. Assess the extent to which gender and social inclusion considerations are integrated into mining policies and practices b. Identify gaps and recommend measures to promote gender equality and social inclusion in the sector
 - (x) Local Content in the mining initiatives in the mining sector: Identify local content capacities, capabilities and challenges in the sector. B. Propose ways to address the challenges.
 - (xi) Stakeholder Engagement: Engage a wide range of stakeholders and use their inputs in the analysis.
 - (xii) Gap Analysis and Recommendations: a. Analyze the identified gaps, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in the mining sector b. Develop recommendations and strategies to address the identified gaps and challenges to improve the sector's performance
4. The Ministry of Finance and Planning now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.
5. The duration of this assignment is six(6) months and is expected to start in **September 2023**.
6. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations, October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.
7. Interested consultancy firms may obtain further information and detailed Terms of Reference at the address below during office hours between **08:30 A.M. and 05:00 P.M.** Central African Time on working days.
8. Expressions of interest must be delivered or e-mailed to the address below by **26th August 2023, 4:00 PM Central African Time**.

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