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Dear Sir/Madam,

The German International Cooperation (GIZ) supports the SADC FANR Directorate through the SADC Programme . *Transboundary Use and Protection of Natural Resources (TUPNR)* to improve the implementation of SADC protocols and strategies for sustainable natural resource management by regional and national actors. Among other things, the programme supports the coordination of Regional Common Positions for Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).

The SADC Member States mandated the SADC Secretariat to, amongst others, advise and guide them on the management of environment, natural resources and wildlife. The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is the MEA that is appointed to govern the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources. Furthermore the Convention adopted two supplementary agreements, namely the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, also known as the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS). The 14th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP14) is taking place from 10. 22 November 2018 at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

In order to further guide SADC Member States through the preparatory process leading to CBD COP14 and facilitate the development of common positions for (1) the Main CBD COP14, (2) Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and (3) Nagoya Protocol on ABS, **individual consultants** are invited to bid for the assignment on SADC Common Position Development for CBD COP14. The selected consultant will enter into a contract with GIZ.

For more detailed information please refer to the attached Terms of Reference should you be interested in participating in the tender.

Submission deadline

Should you be interested in implementing the tasks according to the Terms of Reference (Annex 1), please submit your bid in the English Language consisting of 1 original and 2 copies at GIZ office by **25th May 2018, 10:00 hrs.** Please note that tender bids submitted by **email will not** be accepted. Please send your tender bids by **courier** or **Post office** or **hand deliver** to:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
GIZ Office Gaborone
1st Floor, South Wing, Morula House
Plot 54358, New CBD or
P.O. Box 202 Village
Gaborone, Botswana

Technical offer

The technical offer should not exceed four pages, including interpretation of the assignment, work plan and proposed methodology/strategy. The technical offer will be assessed based on the criteria of the assessment grid (Annex 2) and their latest CV.

Price offer

The price offer must be submitted in accordance with the attached format for the price offer (Annex 3) and General Terms and Conditions of contract (Annex 4). Personnel costs should be shown per expert assigned for the measure. Travel costs and all other costs have to be shown separately. All communication related costs, stationary and printing costs for reports have to be included in the calculation. Please submit your offer in the currency of your country; during the financial evaluation the amounts will be converted using the exchange rate of the day from the converter Infor Euro:

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro_en.cfm

Alternative offers

No alternative offers are permitted.

Labelling of offer

Your bid, comprising the technical offer and the price offer, must be clearly marked as such and submitted in a package containing two envelopes. The price offer must always be separate from the technical offer and placed in a separate envelope. Kindly send original and 3 copies of technical and financial proposals.

The envelope containing the price offer with the bidder's name on the right corner must be sealed and be labelled as follows:

Price offer for:
SADC Common Position Development for CBD COP14
Reference number 83287930
– to be opened by GIZ procurement unit only –

The envelope containing the technical offer with the bidder's name on the right corner must be sealed and be labelled as follows:

Technical offer for:
SADC Common Position Development for CBD COP14
Reference number 83287930
– to be opened by GIZ evaluation team only –

The outer package with the bidder's company name on the right corner must be labelled as:

Bidding documents for:
SADC Common Position Development for CBD COP14
Reference number 83287930
– to be opened by GIZ procurement officer only –

and be addressed to:

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Procedural questions

Please address any commercial, technical and procedural questions at an early stage. Questions will be answered if they are received 5 days before the closing date. Questions have to be raised *in writing, by fax or email only* to:

Ms Dimpho Keitseng
GIZ Botswana, Procurement Office
fax +267-3959750 or
email: Dimpho.keitseng@giz.de

Non-compliance may result in your bid not being considered.

Evaluation of Offer

After the final technical evaluation, only the price offers of bids with 500 points and above will be opened and evaluated. Technical offers below 500 points will be considered as technically not acceptable. The weightings are as below for Technical (T) and Financial (F);

T: 70%, and F: 30%. The following formula will be used:

$$\frac{\text{technical evaluation of bid} \times 70}{\text{technical evaluation of best bid}} + \frac{\text{most economical bid} \times 30}{\text{price of bid}}$$

The contract will be awarded to the bidder with the highest score (Technical plus Financial weighing), and in case of achieving the same score, a priority is given to the bidder who submitted the bid earlier. Contractual negotiations are generally commenced with the bidder achieving the highest score. Should these negotiations not be successful, the second highest scorer on the list shall be invited to commence negotiations.

Date of decision to award contract

For procedural reasons, no information on the status of the evaluation will be given pending the decision on contract award. We would therefore ask you to refrain from making enquiries about this. Only the winning bidder will be informed.

Acceptance period and Commencement of work

Please note that you are bound by your bid for 90 days.

GIZ reserves the right to accept, reject and/or cancel any or part of the bid.

GIZ also reserves the right to cancel the bid entirely.

Yours truly,

Annexes

1. Terms of Reference
2. Technical Assessment Grid
3. Budget allocation form (for price officer)
4. GIZ General Terms and Conditions of contract