



ADAPTATION FUND

Project: "Integration of flood and drought management and early warning for adaptation to climate change in the Volta basin"

(VFDM project)

Terms of Reference (ToR) for the recruitment of national consultants for the evaluation of plans, policies and guidelines related to the long-term management of floods and drought in the Volta Basin available at the level of the six (6) country

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1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The Consortium comprising the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), a specialized United Nations agency, the Volta Basin Authority (ABV) and the Global Water Partnership in West Africa (GWP-WA) are implementing the project entitled "Integration of flood and drought management and early warning for adaptation to climate change in the Volta Basin (VFDM)". The activities of the VFDM project, started in June 2019, are continuing and will end at the end of June 2023. The VFDM project is financed by the Adaptation Fund.

The implementation of the VFDM project involves, in addition, the National Agencies in charge of meteorology, hydrology, water resources management, civil protection, etc.), regional institutions and partners of the WMO, such as the CIMA Research Foundation, the Italian Directorate of Civil Protection, UNITAR / UNOSAT, IUCN and CERFE etc.

One of the activities of the VFDM Project involves carrying out desk studies and consultations (virtually of face-to-face due to the Covid-19 pandemic) on the identification of policies, guidelines, regional, national and premises for the management of climatic extremes (floods and drought) available from regional and national actors in the countries of the Volta basin.

In the project document, the following activities are associated with the assessment of existing policies and guidelines and the development of a cross-border action plan:

- conduct a desk review and organize meetings with National Agencies/partners to identify the status of climate and socio-economic change in national and transboundary governance plans, policies and guidelines for flood and drought management, including the Strategic Action Program of the Volta basin, the Master Plan for Sustainable Development and Water Management (MPSDWM), etc.
- prepare a brief report highlighting strengths as well as identified gaps and additional needs related to climate and socio-economic development impacts;
- propose long-term actions for the strengthening of resilience and capacities at national and cross-border level to be implemented by the VBA and other regional agencies.

2. GOALS

The overall objectives of the study will be, with the support of stakeholders in each country, to identify, review and assess existing national and transboundary plans, policies and guidelines for flood and drought management.

Based on the findings, provide a status report and action plan for building resilience and capacity at national and cross-border level to be implemented by the VBA and other regional agencies.

3. Specific objectives

3.1. For national consultants from Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali and Togo :

- 1) - conduct a desk review and organize meetings with stakeholders, to identify the status of climate and socio-economic changes in national governance plans, policies and guidelines for flood and drought management, including the Volta Basin Strategic Action Program (SAP), the Master Plan for Sustainable Water Development and Management (MPSDWM), etc.
- 2) - prepare a brief report highlighting the strengths, gaps and additional needs related to the management of impacts on climate and development;
- 3) - propose a long-term national action plan for building resilience capacities at the national level to be implemented by the VBA and National agencies.

3.2. For the national consultant of Burkina Faso:

- 1) - conduct a desk review and organize meetings with stakeholders, to identify the status of climate and socio-economic changes in national governance plans, policies and guidelines for flood and drought management, including the Volta Basin Strategic Action Program, the Master Plan for Sustainable Water Development and Management (SDAGDE), etc. ;
- 2) - prepare a brief national and cross-border report (based on the 6 national reports) highlighting the strengths, the gaps as well as the additional needs linked to the management of impacts on the climate and development;
- 3) - propose long-term actions for building resilience capacities at national and cross-border level (from the 6 national action plans) to be implemented by the VBA and other Regional Agencies.

4. EXPECTED RESULTS

4.1. For national consultants from Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali and Togo :

- 1) - a desk review and meetings with stakeholders are conducted, to identify the status of climate and socio-economic changes in national governance plans, policies and guidelines for flood and drought management, including the Volta Basin Strategic Action Program, the Master Plan for Sustainable Water Development and Management (MPSDWM), etc.
- 2) - a brief report highlighting the strengths, the gaps as well as the additional needs linked to the management of the impacts on the climate and development is drawn up;
- 3) - a long-term national action plan for building resilience capacities at the national level to be implemented by the VBA and the National agencies are proposed.

4.2. For the national consultant of Burkina Faso:

1) - a desk review and meetings with stakeholders are conducted, to identify the status of climate and socio-economic changes in national governance plans, policies and guidelines for flood and drought management, including the Program d strategic action of the Volta basin, the Master Plan for Development and Sustainable Water Management (SDAGDE), etc.

2) - a concise national and cross-border report (based on the 6 national reports) highlighting the strengths, the gaps as well as the additional needs linked to the management of impacts on the climate and development is drawn up;

3) - a long-term national and cross-border action plan for building resilience capacities at national and cross-border level (from the 6 national action plans) to be implemented by the VBA and other regional agencies are proposed.

5. EXPECTED PRODUCTS AND RESULTS

The main products and expected results of the study are as follows:

Existence of: six (6) national reports; six (6) national action plans; one (1) regional report and one (1) cross-border plan.

6. STUDY METHODOLOGY

The consultants will conduct desk studies and organize virtual and face-to-face consultation meetings with regional and national stakeholders from the six countries.

7. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF THE CONSULTANT

- Diplomas, skills and competences

A master's degree in social science, political science, development studies or a related field from an accredited university.

A potential consultant should have strong qualitative research skills, written and spoken fluency in English and French, intercommunication.

- Experience

At least five years of national and international experience combined with progressively higher levels of responsibility in research studies in a relevant area related to climate, water and disaster risk reduction. The candidate must have previous work experience in the countries of the Volta Basin.

Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply.

8. ELIGIBILITY CRITERION

The selection of a single consultant will be made. Interested candidates having the above qualifications and having the required professional experience and skills, are invited to submit their application file no later than **September 10, 2021**, which will include, among others, the following:

- a dated and signed letter of submission;
- a detailed CV;
- understanding and observations on the terms of reference of the assignment;
- a technical offer including the methodology for carrying out the proposed activities, the work schedule;
- a financial offer in accordance with the proposed methodology and indicating the detailed costs of the activities;
- Proof of experience in the above-mentioned field (Certificate of good execution, letter of recommendation).

9. DURATION OF THE MISSION

The work is expected to last fifty (50) working days, including desk studies and holding of remote consultation meetings for the five (5) countries, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali and Togo and sixty (60) working days for Burkina Faso.

10. FILING OF FILES

Applications, written in French and English, should be sent by **September 10, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. local time in Burkina Faso to the e-mail addresses: support@vfdm.info ; secretariat@abv.int ; secretariat.abv@gmail.com ; gwp.westafrica@gwpao.org

Interested applicants can obtain additional information on the Reference Materials by writing to the above email addresses.