



**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**



**AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK**

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**

**REQUEST FOR PROCUREMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT  
THE ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE CHIANSI  
SMALLHOLDER OUTGROWER SUPPORT PROJECT (COSP).**

**(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)**

**Project Name:** Chiansi Smallholder Outgrower Support Project (COSP)  
**Project ID No:** P-ZM-AA0-039  
**Assignment Title:** Request for Procurement of a Consultant to conduct the Annual Environmental and Social Performance Audit of the Chiansi Smallholder Outgrower Support Project (COSP).  
**Reference No.:** MOA/COSP/BMP/024

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This Request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in UN Development Business (UNDB online) on 1 June 2022 in the local media and on the African Development Bank's Internet Website ([www.afdb.org](http://www.afdb.org)).

The Government of the Republic of Zambia through the Ministry of Agriculture has received financing from the African Development Bank towards the cost for implementation of the Chiansi Smallholder Outgrower Support Project (COSP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the Loan for eligible payments towards Procurement of a Consultant to conduct to conduct the Annual Environmental and Social Performance Audit of the Chiansi Smallholder Outgrower Support Project (COSP).

The objective of the Environmental and Social Compliance Audit is to assess the level of compliance of the Project (COSP) with the applicable environmental and social requirements as per the financing agreements, AfDB's requirements of the Integrated Safeguards Systems (ISS) and national laws and policies. The audit will also identify non-compliance and shortcomings, and the direct and root-causes of such non-performance, and then recommend corrective actions. It shall be an independent evaluation of both the Borrower/Client and the Bank performances through the overall project E&S performance, and good International Industry Practice (GIIP) for the agricultural sector.

The main deliverable from this assignment will be annual environmental & social Performance Audit Report, including a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The audit report should provide information that will enable the Borrower (Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Agriculture), the Bank and clients to identify and prevent environmental and social risks that are not sufficiently considered, with a view to their correction and the prevention of reputational risk. Clear recommendations (executable, measurable, cost, timelines, responsibilities) should be formulated to prioritize and develop the corrective action plan (CAP) for its efficient implementation.

The duration of the assignment is five (05) weeks.

**The Ministry of Agriculture now invites eligible Individual ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing these Services. Interested Consultants must submit their application letter and detailed CV with copies of academic and professional qualifications demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. (Curriculum Vitae (CVs), description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, etc.).**

Eligibility criteria, the establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the ***African Development Bank's Procurement Framework, dated 2015***, which is available on the Bank's website at <https://www.afdb.org/en/projects-and-operations/procurement/new-procurement-policy>.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Individual Consultancy Selection Method** set out in the Procurement Framework.

Interested consultants may obtain further information, including the Terms of Reference, at the address below during office hours (08:30 hours to 16:30 hours).

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2026 at 17:00 local time** and mention "Consultancy Services to conduct the Annual Environmental and Social Performance Audit of the Chiansi Smallholder Outgrower Support Project (COSP)".

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