GWP Southern Africa and Africa Coordination Unit

Terms of Reference for a Consultancy Service to develop a Roadmap for the Nationally Designated Authority (NDA) to catalyze implementation of the Eswatini Private Sector Engagement Strategy in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Action

REPORTS TO: Eswatini’s National Project Manager
Duration: 30 working days (spread over 4.5 months)
Contract Type: GWPSA Consultancy Agreement
Language Required: English

1. Background

1.1 About Global Water Partnership (GWP)
The Global Water Partnership (GWP) is an intergovernmental organisation established in 1996 to support countries in their efforts to implement a more equitable and sustainable management of their water resources. The network spans 13 regions with over 3000 Partner organizations in 179 countries. The network has 68 accredited Country Water Partnerships and 13 Regional Water Partnerships. The global secretariat is in Stockholm, Sweden. More information: http://www.gwp.org.

GWPSA, based in Pretoria, South Africa, is the regional arm of GWP and was launched in June 2000. Over the years, GWPSA has grown rapidly into a regional network of over 350 Partner organizations concerned with water resources management. GWPSA Partners have formed a number of Country Water Partnerships (CWP) – 13 out of the 16 SADC countries, including Eswatini Water Partnership (GWP-E).

In addition, GWPSA hosts the GWP global theme on Climate resilience and is charged with providing global strategic leadership and coordination of implementation of the GWP strategy on climate resilience. GWPSA hosts also the GWP Africa Coordination Unit and coordinates GWP Africa programmes across Africa.

1.2 About the project
As in many developing economies, climate change is one major challenge facing the Kingdom of Eswatini as it is particularly vulnerable to the increasing frequency and severity of droughts, floods and severe storms, and their impacts on key sectors such as agriculture, food, energy,
health, as well as infrastructure. Such climate-related hazards are having increasingly adverse effects on the country and worsening climate change is likely to further exacerbate the situation. A large proportion of the Eswatini population has a low capacity to adapt to climate change and the predicted impacts are likely to be particularly negative on the rural population because of their high dependence on rain-fed agriculture and natural resource-based livelihoods. This therefore requires collaborative thinking and response to the challenges from a variety of sectors and actors.

Eswatini submitted her NDC in October 2021. In November 2021, the Green Climate Fund (GCF) approved a proposal for the Kingdom of Eswatini submitted under the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme. The Global Water Partnership Organisation (GWPO) is supporting the Kingdom of Eswatini as a Delivery Partner for this Readiness project and is responsible for overall supervision of implementation of this grant in Eswatini. The execution of the Readiness project activities is undertaken under the strategic and implementation guidance of the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs (MTEA), i.e. the GCF National Designated Authority (NDA) and the technical and financial management of the GWP Southern Africa (GWPSA) in Pretoria, South Africa, by a dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU) hosted at the Joint River Basin Authority Board (JRBA) acting as the host institution of the Eswatini Water Partnership. The readiness project will support the Government of Eswatini to advance climate action processes by building on existing capacities and enhancing institutions already in place through the following outcomes:

- Capacities of the Climate Change Focal Point and NDA (the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs), sectoral ministries and other partners to engage with the private sector strengthened.
- A gender action framework developed to guide gender considerations in project preparation.
- Areas for water-related climate investment prioritized.
- Technologies for improving water use efficiency and building adaptive capacity identified and evaluated, and financing options identified, including private sector investment.
- Pipeline of water-related projects (project ideas) developed, and concept notes prepared.
- Mechanisms for knowledge management and sharing experience in preparing projects for climate financing strengthened.

Strengthening the capacity of the Eswatini NDA in mobilizing and coordinating various stakeholders in preparing and implementing GCF projects is key. Specifically, the NDA’s capacity in engaging with the private sector is very limited. Eswatini, during the NDC revision process held, three Business Roundtables to engage private sector in climate action. The country has recently developed a Strategy to Enhance Private Sector Engagement in Eswatini NDC Actions, with support from Commonwealth Secretariat and through funding from NDC Partnership1. This strategy recommended amongst other things an appropriate policy framework and an enabling environment, sector-specific private sector strategies and investment plans and the identification

of potential Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) including the initiation of public-private dialogues to identify areas for collaboration. The strategy further recommended a review of the regulatory and policy frameworks relevant to bankable PPPs to understand any legal or contractual constraints to their implementation.

**It is against this background that GWPSA now calls for interested and qualified national consultant(s) to apply for an assignment to develop a private sector engagement roadmap for the NDA.**

2. **Objective of the assignment**

The primary objective of this consultancy is to develop roadmap for the NDA to catalyze and contribute to the implementation of the Private Sector Engagement Strategy in NDC Action and to develop policy recommendations to enhance the enabling environment for private sector engagement through an inclusive and participatory process.

The NDA’s roadmap is expected to clearly outline a sustainable mechanism for continued engagement with private sector to enhance the role of the private sector in climate action in eSwatini. The roadmap will cover the following areas: access to climate data, enabling environment for private sector engagement, capacity enhancement and access to climate finance.

3. **Scope of Work**

The consultant will build on the Private Sector Engagement Strategy for NDC Action in Eswatini and establish a sustainable mechanism for continued engagement. The consultancy will be responsible for the following tasks;

**3.1 Develop a roadmap for the NDA to catalyze and promote private sector engagement towards investment in climate action in the country, including through strengthening the capacity (institutional, staff, systems) of the NDA.**

3.1.1 Examine the existing Private Sector Engagement Strategy in NDC Action and identify priority roles and responsibilities that NDA should have towards the implementation of the strategy and promoting private sector engagement in climate action in Eswatini, covering, among others,

a) facilitating private sector investment in and access to climate data

b) establishing enabling environment for private sector participation

c) develop incentives and support options to strengthen private sector capacity; and

d) defining financing mechanisms for the private sector

3.1.2 Analyze the capacity of the NDA for engaging the private sector:

- Conduct an assessment including interviews with key staff and personnel to identify key challenges and capacity needs faced by NDA in relation to supporting private sector stakeholder engagement,
• Conduct SWOT analysis of strengths and weakness for the NDA in engaging private stakeholders,
• Recommend best practices and potential operational procedures or technical capacity to enhance the NDA to effectively fulfill its role,

3.1.3 Develop a Roadmap for NDA to catalyze and support action towards private sector engagement building on and in alignment with the existing strategy:
• Prepare a roadmap for the NDA on private sector engagement based on the above analyses described under 3.1.1 and 3.1.2. The roadmap will have to be detailed enough covering the different groups of private sector actors such as financing institutions, implementing/executing institutions, research and academic institutions, as well as the different categories of private investors (multinational / medium and small companies, start-ups, technology & innovation-oriented companies, etc.). The roadmap should give special consideration to women and youth led enterprises.

3.1.4 Conduct and facilitate an inclusive and participatory consultation process throughout the execution of the assignment:
• Engage the NDA and receive feedback on the Draft roadmap,
• Organize two stakeholder workshops respectively on the assessment report and the draft roadmap.
• The consultation process should be inclusive and a gender and youth mainstreaming approach
• Finalize and submit the assessment report and the roadmap.

3.2 Identify gaps for existing instruments (policies, strategies or mechanisms) and develop recommendations to enhance private sector role in Eswatini’s climate action.
• Analyse the legal and policy context governing private sector engagement in climate action,
• Identify any legal or institutional constraints impeding private sector participation including potential PPP investments for climate action in Eswatini,
• Engage various actors to explore and suggest solutions promoting private sector including policy options and other innovative approaches to create an appropriate policy framework and enabling environment to support private sector involvement to climate related activities and accessing climate finance,
• Identify and recommend on legal and policy instruments that are deemed potential to attract private sector engagement in climate action, supports private sector investments and promotes access to climate funds, such as an appropriate subsidy system to leverage private interest, setting-up national accredited agencies, etc.
• Identify key issues for public-private dialogues in stimulating involvement of the private sector in climate action including identification of opportunities for the private sector involvement, and identification of areas for improving enabling environment.
3.3 Support the development and sharing of guidance briefs for lessons learnt and best practices for private sector engagement:

- Contribute to the development of guidance briefs capturing best practices and lessons learnt being supported by the project’s knowledge management assistant.
- Support the dissemination of lessons learnt and best practices captured during the process with the assistance of the knowledge management assistant to various stakeholders.

4. Deliverables and timeline

The consultant is expected to meet the following deliverables according to the below timeline.

1. Inception Report with clear methodology and work plan,
2. Assessment report on the priority roles/responsibilities for the NDA regarding private sector engagement; and on proposed actions to enhance the capacity of the NDA to effectively fulfill its role,
3. Roadmap for NDA on catalyzing and supporting the engagement with private sector,
4. Report on the review of existing policies, strategies, mechanisms and recommended legal and policy instruments,
5. Consultation Workshops reports,
6. Guidance brief on lessons learnt and best practices (this deliverable will be prepared in collaboration with the Knowledge management assistant).

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6. Qualifications and Experience

**Academic Qualifications**
Master’s degree or higher qualification in Business Leadership or Administration, Environmental or Development Economics, Private Sector Engagement, Public-Private Partnerships development, Climate Change, Environmental Sciences, Sustainable Development or related field.

**Professional Experience**
- At least 7-years of professional experience in climate change and private sector engagement.
- Solid experience in developing strategic documents and frameworks with at least leading the preparation of one national strategy.
- Experience working with government and regional and international development agencies.
- In-depth understanding of climate change issues, at the international and regional scales, with experience of the current climate change landscape in Eswatini.
- Excellent understanding of sectoral and national development plan and their links to the climate change and the sustainable development goals (SDG).
- Knowledge of key stakeholders/actors engaged in climate change in Eswatini.
- Extended network with private stakeholders will be an asset.
- Fluency in English (speaking, writing and reading).

6. Reporting
The consultant will report to the Country Manager for the Eswatini GCF readiness Project. He/She will work closely with the NDA and the GWP SA Technical Advisor and lead stakeholder consultation process.

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Application Deadline: 15 September 2022 midnight SAST