

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES)**

KENYA

**Agroforestry Technical Assistance Facility
Kwale Agroforestry Systems Development (KAFS)**

Agroforestry and skills development

Financing Agreement reference: Grant No. 5700155002602

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This Request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) that was published in the African Development Bank Group's Internet website on 30 November 2016.

Moringa Partnership S.A.S. has received a grant from the African Development Bank's Fund for African Private Sector Assistance to finance the support of micro and small businesses, small-scale farmers, small producers, associations, cooperatives and other support groups that are part of a value chain of large-scale agro-forestry companies that will benefit from investments to be made by Moringa Mauritius Fund. The support includes promoting and introducing new agro-forestry techniques, development of new value chains, strengthening capabilities of producer organizations and enhancing market access.

The Agroforestry Technical Assistance Facility (ATAF) of the Moringa Partnership S.A.S intends to apply part of the grant amount for a Technical Assistance with the Moringa investee Asante Capital EPZ. The goal of this Technical Assistance project **Kwale Agroforestry Systems Development** is to create additional and diversified income opportunities to outgrowers of the Kenyan based agroforestry company Asante. The specific objectives are:

1. to improve and establish a sustainable and profitable agroforestry system that is suitable for the adoption of vulnerable smallholders and Asante nucleus farms;
2. to improve the capacity of smallholder farmers to successfully manage the improved agroforestry system and to produce quality wood suitable for veneer production and to efficiently produce ginger and other high value crops;
3. to increase the professionalization level of farmer cooperatives associated with the Asante outgrower scheme;

ATAF hereby invites firms to express their interest in undertaking the implementation of component 1 and 2 of the project with the following activities:

- i. Optimization and adaptation of a high value agroforestry system for the company and its outgrower scheme for intercropping silver oak/moringa with a high value ginger based crop rotation;
- ii. Assessment of technical and socio-economic viability of the agroforestry system and identification of key aspects for dissemination, adaptation and management by outgrower farmers;
- iii. Documentation and development of training material and a dissemination strategy for outgrowers.
- iv. Design and assist the company to establish agroforestry demonstration plots in a nucleus farm;

- v. Training measures for smallholders and the company staff on forestry management practices, including health & safety measures;

The services requested will entail the consultant(s) to travel to Kenya as required. The implementation period is 9 months, starting from September/October 2017. The exact project schedule will be defined together with all stakeholder of the project. The firm will be responsible for implementing the activities as listed above meeting the targets outlined in the project in close coordination with the management team of Asante and Moringa.

The Agroforestry Technical Assistance Facility (ATAF) now invites eligible consultants 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.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "***Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants***" dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information via email to:

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Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by 05 August 2017 at 17:00 and mention "ATAF - Kwale Agroforestry Systems Development – Component 1".

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