



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE STATE OF CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION IN KISUMU COUNTY

REF: (SUSWATCH/AVCCA 2-10/2023)

1. Brief About Suswatch Kenya

Sustainable Environmental Development Watch (Suswatch Kenya) is a registered Non-Governmental Organization in Kenya since March 2011. It is a network composed of Civil Society Organizations engaged in varied thematic issues contributing towards sustainable development. Prior to its official registration Suswatch has been operating since 2002 as a loose network of civil society organizations. It draws its membership from various institutions spread across the country. It is a member of the East Africa Sustainability Watch (EA Suswatch) which was formed in 2005 and comprises of networks of NGOs from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. It is also a member of the East Africa Chapter of the International Network for Sustainable Energy (INFORSE) which is headquartered in Aarhus, Denmark. More: www.suswatchkenya.org

2. Background of Alternative Voices for Climate Change Advocacy (AVCCA) Project

The Alternative Voices for Climate Change Advocacy (AVCCA) project is being implemented by Suswatch Kenya and supported by HIVOs through the Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) program. The project aims to amplify the results of the first phase by further contributing to the promotion of Citizens voices and Climate Change governance in Kisumu County, with a long-term goal of registering 100% realization of the execution of 2% of the county's Development budget allocated to Climate Change initiatives in the county as stipulated in the Kisumu County Climate change act, this will be achieved through the sustaining the youth platform, Capacity building of the youths and Women, Video Documentaries on best practices, Lobbying and Advocacy actions, engaging in local and social media campaigns, Development of policy briefs, engagement the CSOs convenings, holding strategic dialogues with relevant government institutions etc.

With the National Treasury being in the process of establishing County Climate Change Finance Units (CCCFU) through the FLLoCA funds, there needs to be an "Alternative Platform for the civil societies" that offers an opportunity for the Youths and the Women to Participate, Lobby and monitor the implementation of the 2nd Expenditure Area for the fund "Locally-led Climate action grants" which will support local actions and adaptation activities in the county as prioritized by communities especially the Youths and Women. This will be taken a notch higher since from the initial engagements, Suswatch Kenya has been able to participate in meetings

Project goal: To provide an alternative advocacy platform for youths and women in Kisumu County for promoting citizens voices on climate change governance

Project specific objectives

1. To strengthen Youth and Women advocacy platform for scaling up networking, dialogue, knowledge, information and experience sharing on policy and practice in the context of the County Climate Change Fund (CCCF) mechanism/devolved climate finance.

2. To enhance the momentum on implementation of Kisumu County Climate Change Policy and the Kisumu County Integrated Climate Change Action Plan (2022-2027) and participate in discussions prior and post COP 28
3. To engage local media practitioners in documenting and sharing youth and Women climate resilience activities from Kisumu County.
4. To Upscale environmentally sustainable youth and women driven climate change initiatives for livelihoods interventions

3. Background and purpose of the consultancy

Counties in Kenya have been experiencing climate change hazards which impacts on their economic and social development. Flooding has become more frequent resulting in the displacement of thousands of people, destroying investments and affecting fishing activities. Episodes of drought and high temperatures resulting in high crop losses and food insecurity are also being experienced. Climate Change therefore threatens to reverse the economic gains the country has made over the years. In response, counties have been formulating County Climate Change Fund Mechanism which is establishing Climate Change Policies and Laws at the county levels. Some of the policies provide for a percentage mostly 2% of the total County annual development budgets to be allocated to climate change. This commitment should allow domestic resources to be availed for climate-related efforts and establish the necessary mechanisms that enable the counties to tap into and effectively use such climate finance.

With the FLLoCA funds coming in through the National Treasury to support strengthening and operationalization of County Climate Change Finance (CCCF) mechanism, there needs to build a national dialogue platform on devolved climate finance that discusses the implementation of the 2nd Expenditure Area for the fund “Locally-led Climate action grants” which will support local actions and adaptation activities in the counties as prioritized by communities and counties.

Thus, the purpose of this consultancy is to determine the state of climate change implementation in Kisumu County reviewing different policies and strategies at the county, identifying bottle necks to successful implementation of the policies and identify the opportunities that exist. Besides, the study will also seek to document youths and women participation in the formulation, implementation and monitoring the implementation of the climate change policies/strategies in the county.

4. Objectives of the Assignment:

The Specific Objectives will be:

- Determine the level of implementation of climate change law in Kisumu County esp. on the 2% annual budgetary allocation
- Assess the functionality of the established Climate Change committees in the County and propose best approach to enhance their effectiveness
- Analyze the existing policies, plans and programmes and identify gaps and opportunities on their implementation.
- Propose a holistic approach that integrates the gaps in political economy and the identified opportunities of climate change for the County
- Develop a discussion paper that should be shared with different stakeholders including the county government on the findings and recommendations.

5. Duties and responsibilities

- i. Participate in an inception meeting with Suswatch Kenya for a discussion on the scope of the study
- ii. Develop and submit an inception report to inform the approach and methodology of the assignment
- iii. Submit a draft report and participate in a validation meeting with stakeholders to be organized by Suswatch Kenya to disseminate the findings
- iv. Submit a final report and a brief discussion paper to be shared with different stakeholders including the county government on the findings and recommendations.

6. Expected Deliverables

The following are the main deliverables/outputs of the Consultancy:

a) Pre-Research deliverables

Within 3 days of contract signing, the selected consultant is expected to provide an **Inception report** detailing the methodology and approach the study will be conducted based on the objectives, sampling design and field visit schedules and report structure for consideration by Suswatch Kenya AVCCA project staff.

b) Mid-Research Deliverables

- Submission of **draft report** covering desk review for consideration and incorporation of feedback and comments by Suswatch Kenya Staff.
- Participate in a validation meeting

c) Post-Research Deliverables

Submit a **final report** and a **brief discussion paper** to be shared with different stakeholders including the county government on the findings and recommendations.

7. Management

The consultant will be directly supervised by the AVCCA project officer.

8. Consultancy timeline

The consultancy will run for a period of 14 working days, starting from 9th to 28th November 2023.

9. Qualifications and attributes required

Individuals interested in this assignment must meet the following minimum requirements:

- An advanced degree in climate change studies, environmental studies, development studies, public policy and analysis, statistics or any relevant social-political science field related to climate change and research.
- Evidence of having experience with quantitative and qualitative data analysis.
- Demonstrated experience and familiarity with issues related to safeguarding and ethics.
- Experience in conducting similar research/study
- Excellent report writing skills and ability to present data and graphics in a user-friendly manner.
- Ability to synthesize technical information into simple, understandable manner.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective partnerships and working relationships.

10. Expression of Interest

The consultant meeting the above requirements should submit an Expression of Interest-EOI (7 pages maximum) which should include the following:

- i. A **capability statement or cover letter**, including commitment on availability for the entire assignment.
- ii. An updated Curriculum Vitae of the consultant(s) who will undertake the work
- iii. A **financial proposal** inclusive of 5% withholding tax, indicating the consultant's fees in consideration of a modest budget available.
- iv. A Gantt chart of the assignment indicating the timelines
- v. Sample of previous similar assignments.

11. Submission of Expression of Interest- EOI

The expression of interest should be submitted via email to suswatchkenya@gmail.com and copied to nobnyandire05@yahoo.com by close of business **8th November 2023**. The subject line should read:

EOI: CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE STATE OF CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION IN KISUMU COUNTY

For any clarifications, please contact the aforementioned, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.