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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

**BURUNDI**

RUVYIRONZA MULTI-PURPOSES WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (PRODERER)

Sector: Water and Sanitation; Energy; Agriculture and Forestry.

Financing Agreement Reference: 5600155005702

Project ID No.: P-BI-E00-003

The Government of the Republic of Burundi has received a grant from the African Development Bank (AfDB) through the Special Funds of the African Water Facility (AWF) toward the cost of the **Ruvyironza Water Resources Development and Multi-Use Dam Project (PRODERER).** The Nile Basin Initiative/Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program – Coordination Unit (NELSAP-CU), acting as the Executing Agency, intends to apply part of the grant proceeds to payments under the contract for the Feasibility Study, Detailed Designs, and Preparation of Tender Documents for the Ruvyironza Water Resources Development and Multi-Use Dam Project (PRODERER)."

The consultancy services include undertaking **Feasibility Study, Detailed Designs and Preparation of Tender Documents for the Ruvyironza Water Resources Development and Multi-Use Dam Project (PRODERER)** located in Burundi, within the Kagera Sub-basin. The proposed project aims at developing irrigated agriculture estimated at 14,674ha. They will also explore the potential to promote other uses such as water supply, small hydropower generation, flood control, and watershed management of critically degraded contributing catchments.

The studies envisage assessment of the likely feasibility and benefits from technical, economic, financial, environment, social, and institutional perspectives, as well as consideration of possible financing options. In addition, the Consultant shall carry out the detailed designs for the best options. The study will establish a basis for viable multipurpose uses and natural resources management for the project and is expected to take **18 months effective September 2025.** The studies will run concurrently with Independent Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) studies at the same location, which will aim to independently evaluate the environmental and social aspects of the project, although it is strongly advised that the two processes inform each other in an appropriate way.

The NELSAP now invites eligible consulting Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the 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.

The detailed Terms of Reference can be found on the following [www.nilebasin.org](http://www.nilebasin.org).

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank’s ***“Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations”*** dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank’s website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from **Monday** to **Friday** except on public holidays, between **09:00** to **17:00 hours**.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by email) by **24th July 2025 at 11:00 hours**, and shall clearly indicate: “**EoI for the Feasibility Study, Detailed Designs and Preparation of Tender Documents for the Ruvyironza Water Resources Development and Multi-Use Dam Project (PRODERER).”**

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