

**Request for Expressions of Interest
Consulting Services - CQS**

Countries:	Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda (the Albertine Rift and Eastern Arc Mountains)
Project:	Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)
World Bank Grant No.:	TF-015491
Assignment Title:	Update and Finalize the Long-Term Strategic Vision for Graduating Civil Society from CEPF Support in the Albertine Rift and Eastern Arc Mountains
Reference No.:	FY 17 Sec 3
Opening Date:	27 February 2017
Closing Date:	27 March 2017
Expected Value:	\$50,000

Conservation International (CI) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services to prepare a long-term strategic vision for graduating civil society from CEPF support in the Albertine Rift and Eastern Arc Mountains sub-region of the Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot.

CEPF began this process in early 2015, culminating with a *Technical Framework for Graduating Civil Society from CEPF Support in the Albertine Rift and Eastern Arc Mountains*, presented to the CEPF Donor Council on 24 June 2015. The successful consultant will be required to lead the process to update and finalize a long-term strategic vision for CEPF investment in the sub-region.

The focus of the work will be ensuring the validity of targets – in the current draft – for Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda, followed by the development of resource mobilization strategies, and refinement of policy targets addressing key drivers of biodiversity loss, and guiding the development of new policy demonstration models. Work will be completed via direct and indirect consultations with appropriate stakeholders from the government, non-government, private sector, and donor communities and will include a defined number of formal endorsements of the Long-Term Vision by leading actors in the conservation space.

The assignment is expected to begin in April 2017 and should be largely complete by the end of July 2017, with final approval by September 2017. The final work schedule and timing will be agreed jointly between CEPF and the successful applicant.

Conservation International now invites eligible consulting firms and non-government entities (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. Criteria for short-listing are as follows:

1. Years of relevant expertise of the named individual or team members	25 points
2. Demonstrated experience writing strategy documents in English	25 points
3. Understanding of the region	25 points
4. <u>Demonstrated experience facilitating expert and stakeholder groups</u>	<u>25 points</u>
Total	100 points

Note that CEPF will not consider offers from any Consultants that present candidates as “to be determined.” Offers must provide the name and summary biodata of the individuals that are proposed to perform the work.

Interested potential Consultants should direct their attention to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 (“Consultant Guidelines”), which sets forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. The Consultant Guidelines are available at http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTPROCUREMENT/Resources/278019-1308067833011/Consultant_GLs_English_Final_Jan2011.pdf

Procurement will be completed following the Selection Based on Consultants’ Qualification (CQS) method in accordance with paragraph 3.7 of the Consultant Guidelines. Under this method, only the best qualified and experienced firm shall be invited to submit a combined technical and financial proposal.

The terms of reference for these Services can be obtained by emailing cepfgrants@conservation.org with the subject line – “Eastern Afromontane Long Term Vision Lead Consultant: Terms of Reference”.

Expressions of interest must be delivered electronically by **Monday, 27 March 2017** to the e-mail address: cepfgrants@conservation.org. Please make the Subject line of your e-mail, “EOI: EAM Long Term Vision, Lead Consultant.”

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