TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Coordinator, Eastern Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance

Background

The Paris Agreement presents an opportunity for countries to meet their climate goals and keep the world’s global temperature below 1.5°C. Many African countries, including those in the Eastern Africa region, are currently seeking measures to implement their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in a bid to meet their climate goals.

Several countries in the Eastern Africa refer to the use of market mechanisms under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement to contribute toward implementation of their new/updated NDCs. This includes taking part in cooperative approaches involving the international transfer of mitigation outcomes. Further to that, Eastern Africa registered a number of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects under the Kyoto Protocol and countries are keen to not only ensure a smooth transition of viable projects but also build a new pipeline of projects through the mechanism under Article 6.4.

Eastern Africa countries have viewed sub-regional cooperation as a potential way of leveraging each other’s strengths to foster the use of carbon market approaches and increase the flow of climate finance for NDC implementation in the region. This led to the formation of the Alliance on carbon markets and climate finance which was officially launched in June 2019 during the 50th UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies sessions in Bonn.

The Eastern Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance

The Alliance was officially launched in June 2019 with member countries consisting of Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. It is hosted by the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Center Kampala and supported by the GIZ Global Carbon Market Project Uganda on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK).
The Alliance aims to enhance the long-term participation of Eastern Africa countries in international carbon markets and increase the region’s capacities to access climate finance for NDC implementation. Specific objectives of the Alliance include
  i. Supporting readiness and implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement;
  ii. Active and better coordinated participation of delegates from the region in the UNFCCC negotiations on market mechanisms and climate finance as well as other international fora;
  iii. Promote regional coordination and exchange on experiences and lessons learned related to carbon pricing

Functions and responsibilities of the coordinator

- Coordinate and manage the affiliation of Members (liaising with country Alliance National Focal Points and their alternates)
- Undertake a capacity needs assessment for Alliance countries to identify priority activities for support
- Manage, monitor and report on the implementation of the Alliance workplan
- Develop technical concept notes, presentation documents and high-quality communication documents.
- Ensure cooperation, regular contact and dialogue with partners at national, regional and international levels.
- Stakeholder mapping and engagement in Alliance activities
- Pro-actively keep abreast of related existing climate change frameworks at international, regional and national levels
- Represent the Alliance at regional and international climate events
- Research and review latest developments and best practices in international climate policy to update members and inform content documents.
- Knowledge management and updating filing systems
- Management of Alliance website and digital platforms.
- Identify, plan and create a variety of content for communication platforms including updating LinkedIn, Twitter handles to increase the Alliance’s visibility.
- Review news, media releases and relevant websites to source content and identify upcoming events and opportunities and communicate to member countries.
- Operating the technical platforms (zoom/ MS Teams/ Mural) during EAA events and meetings
- This position may involve travel within and outside the region
Required qualifications, competences

• At least five (5) years’ experience in carbon markets, climate finance and/or climate change mitigation.
• Master’s degree preferably in environmental science, engineering, natural resource management or related fields with focus on climate change.
• Excellent English language skills in public speaking, moderating, and writing.
• Experience in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) processes such as the participation of Conference of the Parties (COP)
• Good understanding of international bilateral and multilateral climate frameworks such as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), carbon pricing and carbon market-based mechanisms.
• Good understanding of the institutional framework in Uganda and Eastern Africa on climate change topics and carbon markets.
• Strong teamwork skills and ability to operate in a diverse and multicultural work environment.
• Confidence in liaising with internal and external colleagues, including stakeholders from diverse backgrounds
• Good project management and organizational skills.
• Good working knowledge of ICT computer applications (e.g. MS Office) and operating platforms (zoom/ MS Teams/ Mural).
• Good understanding of social media and content creation
• Be pro-active and able to work both independently and collaboratively

How to Apply

Candidates, whose qualifications and experience match what we are looking for, please send your resume and cover letter to RCC Kampala (rcckampala@unfccc.int) by 18 October 2022.

Please indicate “Coordinator, Eastern African Alliance” in your email subject.

Remote working available for applications outside Uganda (Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania)

Only successful candidates will be contacted.