REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES

BANK-EXECUTED OPERATIONS

FULL COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS

PROJECT NAME: Consultancy to Develop Climate Resilient Strategies and Action Plan for the Forest Sector under the National Forest Management & Conservation Plan (NFMCP) in Jamaica
SELECTION PROCESS #: B260374
SELECTION METHOD: Full Competitive
COUNTRY: Jamaica
SECTOR OR DEPARTMENT: Private Firms and SME Development
TC NAME: Development of Climate Resilient Strategies and Action Plan for the Forest Sector under the National Forest Management & Conservation Plan (NFMCP)
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Attention Consulting Firms: Important Update Regarding BEO Bidder Portal Registration

All consulting firms, both new and previously registered in the BEO Portal, **must add their Business Partner Number (BP Number)** to their organization's profiles to participate or continue participating in a BEO procurement process.

Please refer to the FAQs in the Portal for more details on **"How to Find or Obtain Your BP Number"**.

Avoid delays by not waiting until the last moment to complete this update. This process may take up to **48 hours** to complete and could prevent your organization from participating in a BEO Process.

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Section 1. Purpose of this Request for Expression of Interest

1.1 The Bank is executing the above-mentioned project. The Bank intends to contract consulting services described in this Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI). The purpose of this REOI is to obtain sufficient information to enable the Bank to evaluate if the eligible consulting firms (CF) have the experience and qualifications relevant to provide the consulting services requested by the Bank.

1.2 As defined in the Corporate *Procurement Policy* (GN-2303-33), participating CF must be from a Bank's Member Country[1] or Territory[2] to be eligible to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI). *[For this procurement process, as stated in the Proposal to Amend the Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility, CF from the Commonwealth Countries, are eligible to submit an EOI.* The Bank will conduct the shortlisting process of the CF that expressed interest. The shortlisted CF will then be invited to continue further in the procurement process.

1.3 This REOI is not to be construed as either an RFP or an offer to contract and in no way obligates the Bank to contract anyone. The Bank reserves the right to reject any and all participating CF for any or no reason without having to provide an explanation. The Bank does not bind itself in any way to select any participating consulting firm. No debrief will be provided as to why CF have or have not been shortlisted.

Section 2. Instructions to the eligible consulting firms

2.1 Expressions of interest must be delivered using the *Bidder Portal for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting Firms for Bank-Executed Operations* (the Portal) (http://beo-procurement.iadb.org) by: *14 December 2026*, 5:00 P.M. (**Washington, D.C., Time**) in PDF format only (Max. 45MB).

2.2 To access the Portal, the CF must generate a registration account, including ***all*** the data requested by the Portal. In the event that any of the information requested is not included, the consulting firm will not be able to participate in this or any other Bank-executed selection process for operational work. If the consulting firm has been previously registered, please validate that you have ***all*** the consulting firm's information updated and complete before submitting an EOI.

2.3 Eligible CF may partner in the form of a Consortium/joint venture (JV) to enhance their qualifications. *The Consortium/JV must appoint one CF as the lead representative. Only the appointed representative may register in the Portal, submit the Expression of Interest, and shall also be responsible for all communications with the Bank and the submission of any required documentation on behalf of the Consortium/JV.*

[1] **Member Countries:** Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, People's Republic of China, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad & Tobago, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

[2] **Eligible Territories:** a) Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Reunion – as Departments of France; b) U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam – as Territories of the USA; c) Aruba – as a constituent country of the Netherlands; and Bonaire, Curacao, Sint Maarten, Saba, St Eustatius – as Departments of the Netherlands; d) Hong Kong – as a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

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2.4 Interested CF may obtain further information during office hours, 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM (**Washington, D.C. Time**), by sending an email to: *Nayaatha Taitt at NAYAATHAT@IADB.ORG, ccing Miguel Guirao at miguelgui@iadb.org.*

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2.5 The Bank hereby invites eligible CF to indicate their interest in providing the services described below in the draft Terms of Reference for the consulting services. Interested CF must provide information establishing that they have the necessary experience and are qualified to perform the services. So that all responses may be properly evaluated, eligible CF must include in their submissions the information requested in the following section, with full and clear explanations.

Section 3. Consulting Services

3.1 The consulting services include ***strengthening Jamaica's forest governance and climate resilience by supporting the revision, validation, and dissemination of the National Forest Management and Conservation Plan (NFMCP) 2027–2037, ensuring it is climate-smart, inclusive, and aligned with national development priorities and international climate commitments.***

3.2 Although there is no standard format for presenting an Expression of Interest, eligible CF must submit an EOI containing the following information:

1) Basic Information—Provide the official name of CF, the contact's name, email address, phone numbers, and office address (es) of the key contact (s) responsible for the EOI.
2) Background—Provide a description of the CF. The CF may include brochures or documents that provide information about its organization, history, mission, structure, and number of staff.
3) Experience related to the requested consulting services—Provide all kinds of evidence the CF considers appropriate to show its experience and expertise in

delivering services similar to those described in Annex A, Terms of Reference (e.g., brochures, reports, studies, description of similar assignments, references to cases in which it has provided similar services, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.)

3.3 Estimated budget: ***USD 200,000.00***

Annex A. Draft Terms of Reference

Please note that the attached Terms of Reference may be subject to changes by the Bank. The CF that have been shortlisted will be notified of these changes.

ANNEX A – Terms of reference

JA-T1266 - B260374

Compete Caribbean+ (CC+) - Consultancy to Develop Climate Resilient Strategies and Action Plan for the Forest Sector under the National Forest Management & Conservation Plan (NFMCP) in Jamaica

Jamaica
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Development of Climate Resilient Strategies and Action Plan for the Forest Sector under the National Forest Management & Conservation Plan (NFMCP)

1. Compete Caribbean Plus (CC+)

1.1. CC+ is a multi-donor trust fund focused on contributing to a more dynamic, inclusive, sustainable and resilient private sector in the Caribbean. The program is jointly funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the United Kingdom's Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO), the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), and the Government of Canada (GAC). There are 13 Caribbean countries that are eligible to participate in Compete Caribbean's programming: The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent & the Grenadines.

1.2. This consultancy falls under Pillar 2 of CC+: Enhancing Government and Regulatory Capabilities to Support Climate-Smart and Gender-Responsive Businesses. Through this pillar, Compete Caribbean is strengthening public governance and institutional capacity to foster climate-smart, gender-responsive business practices. Support will be provided to develop legal and policy frameworks that promote competitiveness, enhance climate resilience, and facilitate Caribbean businesses' participation in carbon markets, public procurement for green innovation, and more inclusive food systems and biodiversity-driven economic sectors.

2. Background and Justification

2.1. Jamaica's forests play a critical role in supporting national climate resilience, safeguarding watersheds, and sustaining rural livelihoods. However, these vital ecosystems face increasing

threats from climate change, invasive species, land-use change, and unsustainable exploitation. With over 70% of Jamaica's forests privately owned, private-sector incentives and partnerships are essential to advancing effective climate action and sustainable forest management. Institutional capacity gaps remain at the sectoral level, limiting the ability to mainstream climate considerations into forest management. This is of significant importance given the catastrophic impacts on forest assets, as was most recently seen with Hurricane Melissa in 2025.

2.2. In response, the Forestry Department from the Ministry of Water, Environment and Climate Change, formally requested the Bank's support following a call for proposals by Compete Caribbean+ under Pillar 2, "Enhancing government capabilities to support climate-smart and gender-responsive businesses", seeking to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Forestry Department and the wider forest sector in Jamaica to develop and implement climate-resilient strategies that safeguard forest resources and related ecosystem services. The support will allow for the revision of the national plan for the forest sector for the period 2027–2037 to promote gender equity and social inclusion (GESI) and full alignment with national priorities and relevant international commitments. The GoJ, through the Forestry Department under the Ministry of Water, Environment and Climate Change, is aiming at the development of a results-based climate resilient action plan with detailed strategies designed to address major gaps and challenges faced by the forest sector. The project is of strategic importance to the Forestry Department as the statutory agency responsible for managing Jamaica's forest resources under the Forest Act (1996). The Agency is mandated under the Forest Act to prepare and periodically revise the NFMCP, making this initiative central to fulfilling its legal obligations and advancing climate resilience goals.

2.3. This consultancy seeks to develop comprehensive Climate Resilient Strategies and Action Plan for the Forest Sector under the National Forest Management & Conservation Plan (NFMCP) in Jamaica.

3. Objectives

3.1. **General Objective**. To strengthen Jamaica's forest governance and climate resilience by supporting the revision, validation, and dissemination of the National Forest Management and Conservation Plan (NFMCP) 2027–2037, ensuring it is climate-smart, inclusive, and aligned with national development priorities and international climate commitments.

3.2. **Specific Objectives**

3.2.1. Specific objective 1: To revise and validate the NFMCP 2027–2037 to integrate climate resilience, sustainable financing, and evidence-based decision-making into forest sector planning.

3.2.2. Specific objective 2: To enhance the capacity of the Forestry Department and key stakeholders to implement and monitor climate-smart forest sector strategies and actions.

3.2.3. Specific objective 3: To foster an enabling environment for gender-responsive, socially inclusive, and private-sector-led investment in sustainable forest management and climate action.

4. Scope of Services

This consultancy will comprise three main components: (i) Preparatory & Diagnostic Phases; (ii) Identification of Climate-Resilient Options & Drafting of NFMCP 2027–2037; and (iii) Stakeholder Consultations, Finalization, Endorsement & Dissemination.

4.1. **Preparatory & Diagnostic Phases**. The Preparatory and Diagnostic Phases will establish the technical and analytical foundation for the revised NFMCP 2027–2037 through stakeholder sensitization and engagement, data collection and review, spatial and temporal scoping, climate risk and vulnerability assessments, and analysis of sectoral trends, policies, programmes, and climate impacts. Phased activities will incorporate climate-proofing methodologies to identify key

vulnerabilities and resilience needs.

4.2. **Identification of Climate-Resilient Options & Drafting of NFMCP 2027–2037.** Building on the findings from the preparatory & diagnostic phases, a range of adaptation and mitigation options will be developed, assessed for technical feasibility and costs and benefits, and prioritized to inform climate-smart / climate resilient strategies and actions for the forest sector under this component.

4.3. **Stakeholder Consultations, Finalization, Endorsement & Dissemination.** This component aims to engage key stakeholders to review and refine the draft plan, ensuring it reflects diverse perspectives and sector priorities. It seeks to incorporate feedback, finalize a robust and consensus-driven document, secure formal approval from relevant authorities, and effectively communicate the finalized plan to stakeholders to support awareness, ownership, and implementation.

5. Key Activities

The consulting firm will carry out the following key activities that will facilitate the achievement of the objective of the project:

5.1. **Preparatory Phase**

- Key activity 1: Mobilization and Inception
  - Onboarding of the consulting team.
  - Inception meetings with the Forestry Department and key partners.
  - Preparation of work plan, methodology, and stakeholder engagement plan.

- Key activity 2: Stakeholder Mapping and Engagement Planning
  - Identification and mapping of key stakeholders.
  - Development of stakeholder engagement and communication strategy.
  - Document stakeholder expectations, concerns, and information needs.
  - Scheduling and coordination of consultation activities.
  - Undertake broad-based sector awareness sessions on climate change impacts, climate resilience, and the NFMCP revision process.

- Key activity 3: Assess the role of private-sector actors, including private landowners, financial institutions, investors, forest-based enterprises, and value-chain participants, in supporting climate-resilient forest management. The assessment will identify institutional, legal, regulatory, market, data, and capacity barriers; incentives for participation; and opportunities for public-private collaboration. It will examine sustainable forest management, restoration and conservation on privately owned lands; nature-based and biodiversity-positive enterprises; sustainable forestry value chains; corporate and financial-sector demand for credible nature and climate outcomes; and suitable public-private, blended-finance, insurance, or other risk-sharing mechanisms. Recommendations/ findings from these assessments are for consideration only and do not in any way commit or compel the Government of Jamaica to specific actions or decisions.

5.2. **Diagnostic Phase**

- Key activity 1: Scoping and Baseline Assessment
  - Define the spatial and temporal scope of the assessment.
  - Identify information requirements and data sources.
  - Compile and review baseline data and sector information.

- Key activity 2: Policy, Institutional and Programme Literature Review
    - Review existing policies, legislation, plans, programmes, projects, and strategies (inclusive of existing reports on the current NFMCP 2016-2026).
    - Assess alignment with Vision 2030, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Climate Change Policy Framework, REDD+, and other relevant frameworks.
    - Examine linkages with related sectors and institutions.

- Key activity 3: Climate and Vulnerability Assessments
    - Conduct climate modelling and analysis of historical and projected climate trends.
    - Assess climate risks, vulnerabilities, and exposure of forest ecosystems and forest-dependent communities.
    - Identify key stressors including deforestation, land-use change, invasive species, fires, pests, and extreme weather events.

- Key activity 4: Sector Diagnostics and Climate-Proofing Analysis
    - Assess environmental, social, economic, and institutional trends affecting the forest sector.
    - Evaluate effectiveness and gaps in current strategies and interventions.
    - Apply climate-proofing methodologies to identify vulnerabilities and resilience requirements.

- Key activity 5: Institutional Capacity Development
    - Deliver targeted training/ knowledge transfer to Forestry Department staff and key sector stakeholders in climate risk assessment, climate-proofing methodologies, vulnerability analysis, adaptation planning, sustainable-finance options and results-based monitoring to strengthen long-term institutional capacity.

5.3. **Identification of Climate-Resilient Options**

- Key activity 1: Identification and Assessment of Adaptation and Mitigation Option
    - Identify, assess, and prioritize adaptation and mitigation measures through technical analyses, expert and stakeholder consultations, and cost-benefit assessments to inform development of the revised NFMCP. Options should include enabling measures for private investment and partnerships, ecosystem-services stewardship, sustainable value chains and nature-based enterprises, and feasible financing mechanisms identified through the diagnostic, while clearly stating dependencies, safeguards, and further due-diligence requirements.

- Key activity 2: Evaluation and Prioritization of Strategic Options
    - Undertake technical, economic, social, and environmental assessments, including cost-benefit analyses, to prioritize feasible and high-impact adaptation and mitigation measures.

- Key activity 3: Stakeholder Validation of Proposed Strategies and Actions
    - Facilitate consultations and validation workshops to refine and build consensus on proposed interventions, priorities, and implementation approaches.

5.4. **Drafting of NFMCP 2027–2037**

- Key activity 1: Preparation of the Draft NFMCP 2027–2037
    - Develop the draft NFMCP, including strategic priorities, sector-specific action

plans, implementation and institutional arrangements, a costed and sequenced implementation framework, financing plan/mechanisms, and a results-based monitoring, evaluation and learning framework with indicators, baselines, responsibilities and data requirements.

5.5. **Stakeholder Consultations**

- Key activity 1: National Stakeholder Consultations
    - Conduct island-wide consultations (in accordance with GOJ Public Consultation code) with government ministries, departments and agencies, private sector entities, academia, NGOs, CBOs, private landowners, and forest-dependent communities to review and provide input on the draft NFMCP. Specific consultations should be conducted with the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MoFPS) in regards to Key activity 3 under Section 5 above.

5.6. **Finalization, Endorsement & Dissemination**

- Key activity 1: Integration of Feedback and Plan Finalization
    - Analyze consultation outcomes, incorporate stakeholder recommendations, and prepare the final NFMCP and supporting technical documentation.

- Key activity 2: Approval and Endorsement Support
    - Facilitate the review and approval process, including preparation of briefing materials, presentations, and supporting documentation required for policy and legislative endorsement.

- Key activity 3: Communication, Dissemination and Awareness
    - Develop and implement dissemination and communication strategies to promote stakeholder ownership and readiness for implementation of the NFMCP.

6. Expected Outcome and Deliverables

6.1. **Deliverable 1:** Workplan and Stakeholder Engagement Plan

6.2. **Deliverable 2:** Integrated Diagnostic, Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Report, including sector baseline, policy and institutional review, private-sector enabling-environment assessment; sustainable-financing landscape; and climate-risk and vulnerability findings and gap analysis.

6.3. **Deliverable 3:** Climate-Resilient Options Assessment and Prioritization Report, including cost-benefit or cost-effectiveness analysis as appropriate; a private-sector engagement and investment framework; a sequenced sustainable-financing roadmap; and capacity-building and knowledge-transfer products.

6.4. **Deliverable 4:** Draft National Forest Management and Conservation Plan (NFMCP) 2027–2037, with a costed implementation plan, financing and investment framework, private-sector engagement pathways, institutional responsibilities, risk considerations, prioritized actions and a results-based monitoring, evaluation and learning framework.

6.5. **Deliverable 5:** Final Stakeholder Consultation Report; final NFMCP 2027–2037 and supporting technical annexes; implementation, financing, private-sector engagement and MEL frameworks; dissemination and capacity-building package; and Final Project Report documenting key outcomes and recommended next steps.



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