ANNOUNCEMENT

Short-term Consultant (Wetlands Expert)

1. Introduction

The Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) is an inter-governmental organization initiated and led by the Nile riparian countries to promote joint development, protection and management of the common Nile Basin water resources. NBI has a Shared Vision, namely: ‘to promote sustainable socioeconomic development through the equitable utilization of, and benefit from, the common Nile Basin water resources’. The NBI provides a unique forum for the countries of the Nile Basin to move toward a cooperative process to realize tangible benefits in the basin and build a solid foundation of trust and confidence.

The NBI Secretariat seeks to procure a short-term consultant (Wetlands Expert) to support the start-up phase of the project on Biodiversity and Sustainable Use of Wetlands (in short, the Wetlands Project).

i) Scope of Work

a) Prepare detailed work plans, budgets and oversee implementation of activities of the startup phase of the Wetlands Project;

b) Develop concept notes on major studies of the project, in particular on the Transboundary Wetlands Diagnostic Analysis, the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) Study and the Nile Basin Wetlands as Green Infrastructure Study. The concept notes are intended to raise awareness of stakeholders, support preparations for carrying out the studies and enhance the benefits of these studies on creating better understanding of values of Nile Basin wetlands.

c) Provide substantive (subject-matter) inputs and technical oversight to the transboundary wetlands Diagnostic Study

d) Coordinate required stakeholder processes for the basin-wide project activities

e) Organize team meetings and stakeholder forums

f) Plan for, organize and implement knowledge transfer from the project to other relevant NBI river basin management and development projects

g) Prepare regular progress and substantive reports to support monitoring of implementation of the Wetlands project

h) Work closely with Nile-SEC communication and knowledge management team to disseminate knowledge products from project implementation activities

i) Provide technical oversight in the preparation of Nile Basin wetlands knowledgebase, wetlands atlas and their maintenance and dissemination;

j) Organize project related workshops, roundtables and discussion groups to support the implementation of the project and dissemination of results

k) Design, organize and implement training and awareness raising activities to support project implementation and maximize impacts of project outputs for sustainable management of Nile Basin wetlands
ii) Qualifications and experience

Education:
• Minimum MSc in Environmental management, bio-diversity protection of freshwater aquatic ecosystems, freshwater ecology, or closely related fields

Experiences:
• Minimum of 10 years of practical (hands-on) experience after MSc degree in wetlands conservation, formulations of wetland policies and strategies and planning for wetlands protection and sustainable use;
• Experience in valuation of ecosystem services is an added advantage
• Working knowledge of GIS is an added advantage
• Experience in working in multi-cultural environment, preferably experience in a river basin management Context.
• Excellent communication (training, presentation) and writing skills are required
• Good understanding of environmental and social management frameworks
• Experience and very good skills in stakeholder facilitation and in leading groups of professionals in project implementation process

Period of Service
The consultancy contract shall be for a period of approximately 4 months. The consultant is required to be stations in Entebbe full time and travel in the Nile Basin region as required.

How to apply:
Interested and qualified individuals are advised to submit their applications addressed to the Executive Director through embonye@nilebasin.org. Application/cover letters clearly indicating the title of the assignment and accompanied by detailed curriculum vitae should reach the Executive Director not later than 5 pm on 25th January 2016.