

CONSULTANT VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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ORGANIZATIONAL LOCATION:	UN-HABITAT
DUTY STATION:	Nairobi
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:	Consultant - Promoting Sustainable Transport Solutions for East African Cities
DURATION:	11 months
CLOSING DATE:	21 May, 2014

Background

African cities are currently the fastest urbanizing in the world. In East Africa as in the rest of the continent, cities are expanding at unprecedented rates and are facing sustained population growth, rapid motorization rates, rapidly worsening traffic congestion, and thus decreasing mobility and increasing health problems. By 2030, the population share of urban areas in East Africa will increase markedly, changing their share from 7.5% of the average annual population increase experienced between 1950-2000 to 22.6% of that expected during 2000-2030. While these trends entail significant challenges, preparing for this continued urban growth now may provide the opportunity to avoid many of the mistakes made by other cities already further along in their development paths.

In terms of urban transport, this trend, coupled with rising incomes and motorization levels could lead to severe urban and environmental problems unless affordable and quality alternatives are established that represent attractive substitute to the private car. In the absence of quality public transport systems, people will switch to the private automobile as soon they can afford it.

Against this backdrop, supported by the Global Environmental Facility, UN-HABITAT is executing the “Promoting Sustainable Transport Solutions for East African Cities” (GEF SUSTRAN) project.

The overall goal of the GEF SUSTRAN Project is to create the technical and institutional basis for implementing metropolitan sustainable transport networks and systems and establish a demonstration corridor for sustainable urban mobility. Technical assistance and institutional support will be provided for the design and implementation of inter-related sustainable transport interventions in Addis Ababa, Kampala and Nairobi.

This goal will be accomplished by facilitating the development and execution of four inter-related components in each of the three cities, as follows:

1. Technical assistance and institutional support for the development of a comprehensive sustainable metropolitan transport system in Addis Ababa, Kampala and Nairobi
2. Planning and detailed design for implementation of a demonstration sustainable transport corridor in Addis Ababa, Kampala and Nairobi, featuring BRT, NMT and TDM measures
3. Feasibility of application of clean vehicles and fuel technology initiatives in Addis Ababa, Kampala and Nairobi
4. Regional capacity building, awareness raising and networking.

The implementation of the Project in the three cities commenced in April 2011 and there is now need to manage various implementation activities in the three cities of Nairobi, Addis Ababa and Kampala

Responsibilities

The primary objective of the consultancy is to provide project co-ordination and technical support for the “Promoting Sustainable Transport Solutions for East African Cities” Project (SUSTRAN). The consultant will support implementation of the project in the three cities namely Nairobi, Addis Ababa and Kampala.

In addition, the consultant will also support implementation of a DFID supported collaboration project “Catalyzing Low Carbon Transport in Kenya” and contribute to other operational and normative work of the urban mobility unit.

Duration of assignment:

The Consultant will be contracted for a period of 11 (eleven) months spread over 12 months starting on the 16 of May, 2014.

Competencies

Professionalism: Training and experience of working in human settlements issues with good research and analytical skills. Knowledge and experience of carrying out baseline and similar studies is essential. A good understanding of results-based management or logic models is required.

Communication: Ability to articulate ideas in an effective, clear and concise style both orally and in written to staff at all levels in the organization is required; and a proven ability to prepare comprehensive, well written and accurate documents and reports is important;

Planning and organizing: Ability to plan, coordinate and monitor own work in an efficient and timely manner. Identify priority activities and assignments and adjusts work accordingly. Has respect for and commitment to agreed timelines.

Teamwork: Proven ability to work collaboratively across the organization with staff at different levels in a flexible manner; Working with all branches, offices and units, establish an effective working relationship that facilitates cooperation and provision of inputs. Ability to work in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity is essential.

Education:

Advanced university degree (Master’s degree or equivalent) in Geography, Urban Planning, Project Management or Public/Business Administration, a first-level university degree in combination with qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced degree or related field.

Work Experience:

At least 5 years of progressively responsible and work experience in the transport policy sector or in comparable sectors. Experience in project management, especially in relation to urban transport. Experience in working with and supporting national Government institutions. Capacity

to understand policy approaches and strategic plans related to the project subject, and flexibility in their implementation under changing circumstances. Ability to work independently with a high degree of responsibility, in a flexible manner and under pressure. Experience of working in international organization, preferably the UN and or comparable organization an advantage.

Language:

For this position, strong communication skills both oral and written, inter-personal and networking skills. A strong command of the English language is required.

Other Desirable Skills:

Computer literate in work processing software and electronic communications. Proven ability to work with multi-disciplinary and multi-national teams comprised of staff at medium and senior levels.

REMUNERATION

Payments will be based on deliverables over the consultancy period. There are set remuneration rates for consultancies. The rate is determined by functions performed and experience of the consultant. The fees will be paid as per agreement.

Applications should include:

- Cover memo (maximum 1 page)
- Summary CV (maximum 2 pages), indicating the following information:
 1. Educational Background (incl. dates)
 2. Professional Experience (assignments, tasks, achievements, duration by years/ months)
 3. Other Experience and Expertise (e.g. Internships/ voluntary work, etc.)
 4. Expertise and preferences regarding location of potential assignments
 5. Expectations regarding remuneration

Please be advised that applicants for consultancies must be part of the Inspira e-Roster in order for their application to be considered. You can reach the e-Roster through the following address: inspira.un.org

All applications should be submitted to:

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Deadline for applications: 21 May, 2014

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