CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

« International coalition of stakeholders committed to support African cities and territories to access climate finance and in particular access to the Green Climate Fund »

1 The context: the challenges of climate finance

Contemporary societies face a major challenge, the increasing urbanization of territories. Today, half of the world’s population is urban, a proportion expected to reach 70% by 2050 (U.N. estimates). This pace is particularly strong in Africa, with the same estimate that by 2025 half the African population will live in urban areas, representing 1.2 billion people, that is to say one quarter of the world’s urban population.

The urban challenge in Africa is therefore twofold: to cope with the current difficulties of urban growth, but also and above all to prepare a sustainable urban future in the new cities and metropolises to come. This sustainable future depends on access to finance, in a double context of scarcity of financial resources, technicality and increased expertise in their mobilization.

The context of scarcity of finance and the increasing demands on the quality of the projects presented takes on an additional dimension in the context of financing for the environment and sustainable development.

- The challenges are known: to reduce the importance of future climate changes.
- Investment needs in terms of greenhouse gas reduction are estimated at about 1 500 billion per year, and about 500 billion for adaptation.
- There is a general awareness of the situation. However, the difficulty remains. As a reminder, and in order to help developing countries fight climate change, developed countries pledged to mobilize private and public funding for an amount of 100 billion dollars per annum by 2020.

However, these funds are not very much utilized due to a lack of applications meeting increasingly demanding selection criteria.

It is therefore essential to control the workings and techniques for the submission of applications that are compatible with the climate fund requirements, including by strengthening skills in the field, which is the goal of this call for the expression of interest.
2 Objectives of the call for expression of interest

The main objective of this call is to identify and mobilize the players among local and regional authorities in Africa (local governments, national governments, associations, NGOs, etc.) with a view to forming a large international coalition of stakeholders committed to supporting the African cities and territories in accessing Climate Finance, and in particular to the Green Climate Fund.

This ecosystem wishes to be a space for the exchange of ideas, for training and lobbying, and for a real change of approach and scale for the successful mobilization of the Climate Funds.

The challenge is to facilitate access to funding by local stakeholders who are faced with the dual problem of lack of information and the complexity of the applications to be prepared as a corollary to the necessary skills in the matter.

This ecosystem will develop a genuine capacity building program making it possible:

- to organize and structure the sharing of information and to create synergy between initiatives,
- to strengthen technical capacities for the preparation, management, and formulation of climate projects,
- to establish solvent projects and applications meeting the standards,
- to control the contours of climate finance engineering,
- to promote networking and capitalization on skills.

There are therefore plans for a declaration of intent to be made indicating the interest in this project and the expectations, in particular, in terms of support for the development of the announced capacity-building program.

Expected Format of the Declaration of Intent

The authority interested in this call for expressions of interest must send a declaration of intent:

- detailing the political will to start such an initiative,
- indicating its level of knowledge and skills in the field,
- developing expectations for resource mobilization and capacity building or other subject,
- presenting the desired organization (seminars, informal exchanges, others ...), and the resource persons identified,
- requesting support.

3 Calendar

- Filing of declarations of intent from: 05 May 2017
- Closing Date: 31 August 2017

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