



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTRY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OF CONSULTANTS TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR ARTISANAL GOLD MINING UNDER THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

Kenya is signatory to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (MCM) whose objective is to protect human health and the environment from mercury use and its emissions. From the support of the **Global Environment Facility (GEF)**, the Ministry of Environment and Forestry received financing towards the cost of undertaking the Kenya national action plan for artisanal gold mining under the Minamata Convention on Mercury. The issue of mercury emissions is articulated well in the conventions website [www. Mercuryconvention.org](http://www.Mercuryconvention.org) and web.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/

The consultancy will involve

- a) Legal and regulatory status of ASGM;
- b) Baseline estimates of mercury emissions and releases from the ASGM sector; Using the Minamata Convention guidelines and policies surrounding ASGM;
- c) Economics, such as earnings per capita, mercury supply, use and demand, information on gold trade and export, cost of living, and access to finance for miners.
- d) Information on mining practices, including information on ore bodies exploited, processes used, the amount of mercury used, the number of people directly involved in ASGM and indirectly exposed to mercury (disaggregated by gender and age);
- e) Information on gold processing practices/burn off of mercury in gold processing shops or community retorts;
- f) Information gaps at the local and national scale that can be addressed;
- g) Known information about the influence of ASGM practices and policies in neighbouring countries.

The following consultants are required

1. Expert in ASGM who will also be the lead consultant
2. Expert on social economic issues of ASGM
3. Expert on information and education
4. Expert on Legal and policy issues

The detailed Terms of Reference are available on the Ministry's website www.environment.go.ke

SELECTION CRITERIA

Consultant(s) will be selected in accordance with the procedures for selection and employment of Individual Consultants as in expression of interest document requirements.

- a) Each Application should indicate the consultancy one is interested in;
- b) The successful consultants will negotiate and enter into a formal contract with the Ministry

A set of the complete tender documents (**1 original and 1 copy**) in a plain sealed envelope clearly indicating **“Tender No..... Expression of Interest for-----** to be deposited in the tender box located at Ministry of Environment and

Forestry , Ragati Road ,NHIF Building ,11th floor and for large documents that cannot fit in the Tender Box shall be registered at the supply chain department NHIF building, 11th floor room number 1105, stamped and deposited at the head of Supply Chain management office. The tender documents should be addressed to:

**Principal Secretary
Ministry of Environment and Forestry
P O BOX 30126 – 00100
NAIROBI.**

So as to reach on or before **26th March 2018 at 11.00 am East African time**. The opening of the bids will take place thereafter at the 12th Floor Boardroom, Ragati Road, NHIF Building on the same day in the presence of the bidders who will be interested to attend.

Further information and inquiries can be obtained from the **UPOP Project Manager** during official working office hours

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