

## 530183-2026 - Competition

### Germany – Business and management consultancy services – 10004007\_1-Provision of Technical Expert Support on Climate Change Adaptation and Climate Finance in Central and West Africa

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime - Change notice  
Services

## 1. Buyer

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### 1.1. Buyer

Official name: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Email: [zuhal.uysal@giz.de](mailto:zuhal.uysal@giz.de)

Legal type of the buyer: Public undertaking, controlled by a central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

## 2. Procedure

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### 2.1. Procedure

Title: 10004007\_1-Provision of Technical Expert Support on Climate Change Adaptation and Climate Finance in Central and West Africa

Description: The regional project "Implementing Regional and National Adaptation Priorities in Central and West Africa (PACO)" is financed by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) through the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN) and implemented by GIZ in Benin, Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, and Senegal. The project is carried out by a consortium comprising the African Development Bank (AfDB), Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), the Climate Commission of the Sahel Region (CCRS), and GIZ, in close collaboration with national ministries of environment, public and private actors, and civil society. PACO aims to strengthen climate resilience and adaptive capacities of governments, civil society, municipalities, and small and medium enterprises in the target countries. By supporting the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and governance frameworks, the project seeks to protect livelihoods and enhance climate-resilient development in regions heavily dependent on the primary sector and therefore highly exposed to climate change impacts. To achieve this, PACO operates through four interlinked outputs: Regional Support and coordination: The Climate Commissions for the Sahel Region (CCRS) and the Congo Basin (CCBC) support and upscale climate resilience of their member states in line with international agendas. Climate Governance: The four target countries strengthen their national climate governance frameworks and adaptive capacities of key stakeholders. Sectoral approaches: Public and private investors implement transformative actions in priority sectors of the target countries' NAPs/NDCs to improve climate-resilient sectoral productivity. South-South collaboration: Key stakeholders engage in South-South collaboration and exchange experiences relevant to technology transfer. The present commission concentrates on activities under Outputs 3 and 4, with emphasis on the collaboration between GIZ and the two multilateral development banks-AfDB and IsDB. Under Output 3, the AfDB, through its Climate and Environment Finance Division, will select from five small-scale adaptation projects (20 in total), one per country (four in total) for demonstrating their Adaptation Benefits Mechanism (ABM). The ABM

is a results-based financing approach developed by the AfDB to enhance the resilience of vulnerable communities and ecosystems. Officially recognized under the UNFCCC as the first non-market cooperative approach pursuant to Article 6.8 of the Paris Agreement, it provides a tool for mobilizing new adaptation finance and scaling successful measures across Africa. In parallel, the IsDB will update their pipeline of bankable climate adaptation projects in its member countries - Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, and Senegal - helping leverage public and private finance. Through cooperation with GIZ and other partners, the project targets mobilizing up to EUR 60 million in additional funds (including EUR 50 million from IsDB) for climate-resilient investments. Under Output 4, the IsDB, supported by GIZ, will implement a regional Reverse Linkage initiative to facilitate knowledge and technology transfer between countries. This includes establishing a Regional Centre of Excellence in West Africa to host reverse linkages, enabling member states to exchange expertise and best practices in adaptation and resilience. The Reverse Linkage mechanism, pioneered by IsDB, fosters technical cooperation among member countries to develop endogenous solutions. Through these coordinated efforts, the PACO project will contribute to scaling up climate adaptation action, improving institutional capacity, mobilizing finance, and fostering regional and international cooperation to enhance resilience in West and Central Africa.

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Internal identifier: 10004007\_1

Type of procedure: Restricted

The procedure is accelerated: no

#### **2.1.1. Purpose**

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79410000 Business and management consultancy services

Additional classification (cpv): 66171000 Financial consultancy services, 79412000 Financial management consultancy services

#### **2.1.2. Place of performance**

Postal address: Rue 12.164 et 12.257, Quartier Djomèhountin (Haie-vive), 08 BP 1132 Tri Postal Cotonou, Bénin

Town: Benin

Country: Benin

#### **2.1.4. General information**

Additional information: #Bekanntmachungs-ID: CXTRY6YTP16CFH9# All communication takes place in English via communication tool in the project area of the procurement portal.

##### **Legal basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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#### **2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion**

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Notice

Breaching of obligations set under purely national exclusion grounds:

Participation in a criminal organisation:

Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities:

Money laundering or terrorist financing:

Fraud:

Corruption:

Child labour and including other forms of trafficking in human beings:

Breaching obligation relating to payment of taxes:

Breaching obligation relating to payment of social security contributions:  
Breaching of obligations in the fields of environmental law:  
Breaching of obligations in the fields of social law:  
Breaching of obligations in the fields of labour law:  
Insolvency:  
Assets being administered by liquidator:  
Business activities are suspended:  
Analogous situation like bankruptcy, insolvency or arrangement with creditors under national law:  
Grave professional misconduct:  
Agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition:  
Conflict of interest due to its participation in the procurement procedure:  
Direct or indirect involvement in the preparation of this procurement procedure:  
Early termination, damages, or other comparable sanctions:  
Misrepresentation, withheld information, unable to provide required documents or obtained confidential information of this procedure:

## 5. Lot

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### 5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: 10004007\_1-Provision of Technical Expert Support on Climate Change Adaptation and Climate Finance in Central and West Africa

Description: In this work package, the contractor in collaboration with the African Development Bank will identify and work with project applicants from the pool of projects generated by the national climate funds, financed by GIZ. The contractor and AfDB will identify small-scale high-impact highly replicable climate change adaptation demonstration projects, that are suitable for AfDB's Adaptation Benefits Mechanism (ABM), seeking to mobilize higher amounts of funding than available through the PACO small grants from Output 3. The specific objective is to establish and implement four new and fully validated ABM-Projects, developed according to the ABM Activity Cycle, that will catalyse up to four million Euro of public or private money via the issuance of Certified Adaptation Benefits (CAB). The basis for the four ABM Projects to develop are the identified projects from Output 3 suitable for an ABM Activity. To obtain the CABs, issued by the AfDB and the goal of the activity, the contractor must in collaboration with AfDB, guide the ABM Activity Participants during the ABM Activity Cycle. Both the small-scale adaptation project, implemented by the project developer under Output 3 and financed by GIZ (responsibility of GIZ), and the demonstration of the ABM must be fully implemented within the project duration (responsibility of the contractor). The contractor will be responsible for undertaking all activities necessary to establish and demonstrate four ABM Activities, in Benin, Ivory Coast, Senegal and Republic of Congo, which will lead to the issuance of Certified Adaptation Benefits by the African Development Bank. The contractor accordingly will deliver advisory services, technical and process-related assistance, deliver basic studies, and develop ABM Methodologies during the ABM Activity Cycle to the four identified ABM Participants. The African Development Bank will provide guidance and advise on the ABM components. Promote and catalyse adaptation financing in Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, and Senegal This work package outlines the activities required to develop a pipeline of climate change adaptation projects using the IsDB's financial instruments in Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal in cooperation with relevant national stakeholders to leverage through catalysation additional adaptation finance (up to 50 Mio. EUR from public and private investors). The objective is (1) to build a strong pipeline of IsDB projects in the three countries that are adapted and/or with a main objective of addressing adaptation challenges in relevant sectors, building from PACO

small grant projects (Output 3), and NAP/NDC investment plans developed or revised under Output 1, and (2) to facilitate capacity building to strengthen the institutional capacity of financial institutions. The contractor will be responsible, in coordination with IsDB and GIZ, for deploying a series of country-level consultation workshops to firm up and engage with relevant public and private actors for the strengthening of IsDB project pipelines in Benin, Ivory Coast and Senegal with high adaptation finance potential. In addition, the contractor will prepare and implement relevant studies, including gender, socio-economic and environmental analyses supporting the economic case for IsDB intervention in sectors relevant to the countries' NAPs and adaptation-related NDCs or based on existing NAP/NDC investment plans. Establishment of four Reverse Linkages and one centre of excellence in collaboration with IsDB This work package focuses on the establishment of four Reverse Linkages in the PACO program with four different host-institutions. Reverse linkages are a mechanism developed by the Islamic Development Bank to establish partnerships between institutions in countries in the global South. In each partnership an institution with proven knowledge, expertise, technology, and resources is the provider of knowledge; the recipient of knowledge can be a public, private, or third-sector organization. The institutions involved must be IsDB members; this limits PACO participation to Benin, Ivory Coast and Senegal, and to the CCRS, since the Republic of Congo is not a member of the IsDB. The contractor will support IsDB to conduct a stakeholder assessment in each of the three member countries to identify interest and needs among institutions in the three target countries in being the recipient organization in a reverse linkage relationship. Where this offers a good opportunity, the contractor will, with help and consent of the IsDB, identify knowledge-providing institutions (the "Resources-Centre") to work with the concerned institutions and will facilitate planning and establishing the partnerships. The resulting partnerships may offer a range of services to recipient countries, including training, coaching, advisory services, technology transfer, demo sites, and others. Once set up, the partnerships usually last for a period of three years, so the process will be carried out during the life of the PACO project. Furthermore, the contractor will help IsDB to identify and set up regional or national Centres of Excellence (institutions highly specialized and leading in technology, finance, etc.) to potentially host more Reverse Linkages and to facilitate the flow of information. The contractor will accordingly assess the capacity needs of the target countries, identify the centres of excellence, accomplish the installation of four Reverse Linkages and implement capacity development plans with the support of IsDB. If appropriate, the IsDB will establish a reverse linkage between CCRS and a centre of excellence in another IsDB member country, to help build Commission capacity. This possibility will be considered by the Commission and the Bank during the inception phase of the PACO project.

Internal identifier: 10004007\_1

#### **5.1.1. Purpose**

Main nature of the contract: Services

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#### **Options:**

Description of the options: GIZ may optionally commission contract amendments and/or increases based on the criteria in the tender documents to the successful bidder of this tender. For details, please see the terms of reference.

#### **5.1.2. Place of performance**

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Town: Benin  
Country: Benin

### 5.1.3. Estimated duration

Start date: 22/12/2026

Duration end date: 31/10/2027

### 5.1.4. Renewal

Maximum renewals: 2

Other information about renewals: GIZ may optionally commission contract amendments and /or increases based on the criteria in the tender documents to the successful bidder of this tender. For details, please see the terms of reference.

### 5.1.6. General information

#### Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

The names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to perform the contract must be given: Not required

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

This procurement is also suitable for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): yes

Additional information: #Besonders auch geeignet für:startup#, #Besonders auch geeignet für: other-sme#

### 5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: Reduction of environmental impacts

Description: See the tender documents.

Aim of strategic procurement: Fulfilment of social objectives

Description: See the tender documents.

Approach to reducing environmental impacts: The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems, The transition to a circular economy, Climate change adaptation, Climate change mitigation

Social objective promoted: Ethnic equality, Gender equality, Human rights due diligence in global supply chains, Employment opportunities for the long-term unemployed, disadvantaged and/or for persons with disabilities, Fair working conditions, Other

### 5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Notice

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-A1: Principles for the execution of orders (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): The eligibility criteria are not from the same category as stipulated above, as there is no suitable category. 1. Self-declaration: name of company and address, tax ID, registration and commercial register number or equivalent register in accordance with the legal provisions of the country of origin. 2. No grounds for exclusion pursuant to § 123, § 124 GWB, § 22 LkSG, EU-Russia sanctions 3. Declaration of bidding consortium and/or declaration of subcontractors (if applicable)

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-A2: Conditions for the reduction of candidates (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): If we receive more than 5 requests to participate, we will make a selection on the basis of the criteria laid out in the procurement documents and invite tenders only from the 5 candidates with the highest scores. We reserve the right to

cancel the procurement procedure if we receive fewer than 2 requests to participate. Weighted criteria for the selection of candidates: 1. Technical experience (50%) 1. Experience in project development or project implementation in climate change adaptation - 5 % 2. Experience in working with AfDB or IsDB on climate change - 20 % 3. Experience in capacity building in adaptation to climate change related fields - 10 % 4. Experience in adaptation finance - 5 % 5. Experience in non-markets approaches (Paris Agreement, Article 6) - 10 % 2. Regional experience (30%) Regional experience in Africa - 30 % 3. Experience of development projects (at least 50% ODA-financed) (20%)

Criterion: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: EN-B1: Technical and professional ability (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): 1. The technical assessment is only based on reference projects with a minimum commission value of 100000 EUR (net). 2. At least 2 reference projects in the technical field climate change adaptation or climate finance and at least 2 reference projects in the region Africa in the last 36 months (deadline: date of publication of invitation to tender).

Criterion: Average yearly turnover

Description of selection criterion: EN-C1: Economic and financial standing (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Average annual turnover for the last three years (last-but-four financial year can be included in case of tenders held within 6 months of end of last financial year), at least: 1 Mio EUR (net).

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-C2: Economic and financial standing (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Average number of employees and managers in the last three calendar years, at least 10 persons.

Criterion: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: Assessment of technical eligibility / weighted criteria for the selection of candidates - Weighted criteria for the selection of candidates: 1. Technical experience (XX%) 2. Regional experience (XX%) 3. Experience of development projects (at least 50% ODA-financed) (XX%)

The criteria will be used to select the candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure

Weight (percentage, exact): 100,00

**Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:**

Minimum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 5

Maximum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 6

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

#### **5.1.11. Procurement documents**

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Deadline for requesting additional information: 13/08/2026 23:59:59 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Address of the procurement documents: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRY6YTP16CFH9/documents>

**Ad hoc communication channel:**

URL: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRY6YTP16CFH9>

#### **5.1.12. Terms of procurement**

##### **Terms of the procedure:**

Estimated date of dispatch of the invitations to submit tenders: 07/09/2026

##### **Terms of submission:**

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRYY6YTP16CFH9>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Variants: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 21/08/2026 12:00:00 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

##### **Information that can be supplemented after the submission deadline:**

At the discretion of the buyer, some missing tenderer-related documents may be submitted later.

Additional information: GIZ asks the applicant or bidder to submit, complete or correct documents, within the framework laid down by law.

##### **Terms of contract:**

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Conditions relating to the performance of the contract: The execution conditions result from the information given in the contract notice and the tender documents.

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

#### **5.1.15. Techniques**

##### **Framework agreement:**

No framework agreement

##### **Information about the dynamic purchasing system:**

No dynamic purchase system

#### **5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review**

Review organisation: Vergabekammern des Bundes

Information about review deadlines: According to Article 160, Section 3 of the German Act Against Restraint of Competition (GWB), application for review is not permissible insofar as 1. the applicant has identified the claimed infringement of the procurement rules before submitting the application for review and has not submitted a complaint to the contracting authority within a period of 10 calendar days; the expiry of the period pursuant to Article 134, Section 2 remains unaffected, 2. complaints of infringements of procurement rules that are evident in the tender notice are not submitted to the contracting authority at the latest by the expiry of the deadline for the application or by the deadline for the submission of bids, specified in the tender notice. 3. complaints of infringements of procurement rules that first become evident in the tender documents are not submitted to the contracting authority at the latest by the expiry of the deadline for application or by the deadline for the submission of bids, 4. more than 15 calendar days have expired since receipt of notification from the contracting authority that it is unwilling to redress the complaint. Sentence 1 does not apply in the case of an application to determine the invalidity of the contract in accordance with Article 135, Section 1 (2). Article 134, Section 1, Sentence 2 remains unaffected.

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH  
Organisation receiving requests to participate: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

## 8. Organisations

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### 8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH  
Registration number: 993-80072-52  
Postal address: Dag-Hammarskjöld-Weg 1 - 5  
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Country subdivision (NUTS): Main-Taunus-Kreis (DE71A)  
Country: Germany  
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Internet address: <https://www.giz.de>

#### **Roles of this organisation:**

Buyer  
Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure  
Organisation receiving requests to participate

### 8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Vergabekammern des Bundes  
Registration number: 022894990  
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Town: Bonn  
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Country: Germany  
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Telephone: +49 2289499-0

#### **Roles of this organisation:**

Review organisation

### 8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: Datenservice Öffentlicher Einkauf (in Verantwortung des Beschaffungsamts des BMI)  
Registration number: 0204:994-DOEVD-83  
Town: Bonn  
Postcode: 53119  
Country subdivision (NUTS): Bonn, Kreisfreie Stadt (DEA22)  
Country: Germany  
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Telephone: +49228996100

#### **Roles of this organisation:**

TED eSender

## 10. Change

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Version of the previous notice to be changed

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Main reason for change

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Information updated

Description

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The Terms of Reference was slightly updated due to a bidder question

### 10.1. Change

Section identifier: PROCEDURE

Description of changes: The Terms of Reference was slightly updated due to a bidder question

The procurement documents were changed on: 30/07/2026

## Notice information

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