



Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)
Ministerial Complex
Congo Town, Liberia



**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY)**

LIBERIA

Value Chain Analysis Consultant (VCAC)

Assignment Title: Individual Consultancy to conduct a Value Chain Analysis
Fund Grant Number: 100000018
Fund Name: Korea-Africa Economic Cooperation (KOAFEC) Trust Fund
Project Name: The Development of Agricultural Value Chains in Liberia Project
Project ID No.:
Request for Expression of Interest No : LIB/MoA/VCAC/EOI/02/2021

The Government of Liberia has received financing Grant from the Korea-Africa Economic Corporation through the African Development Bank, toward the cost of Value Chain analysis, and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for the hiring of an individual Consultant to conduct a Value Chain Analysis.

The objective is to firmly anchor the value chains approach through reformed regulatory frameworks, private sector investment across critical stages of the priority value chains, availability of sustainable financing solutions for private sector, amongst other key deliverables.

To realize efficient and effective results, the management of MoA needs accurate and up to date economic advice, constraints analysis, value chain and market systems analysis and trade mapping to enable Management to explore options and take evidence-informed decisions to achieve short to medium term objectives.

Two (2) Individual consultants will be required to assess the Value Chain Analysis by:

- Map out local and regional actors across priority value chains, identifying value chain gaps, binding constraints, availability of resources, capacity and use of best practices
- Identify and help implement critical interventions to be carried out by Government and development partners to create the necessary impulse within the sector
- Promote value chain approach and market systems within projects and activities being planned and carried out
- Analyze local, regional and international market trends in terms of market demands and supply, price-scheduling mechanisms, market determinant factors, supply chains and government market regulatory and control mechanisms
- Identify possible risks that value chain actors may face in market and suggest possible mitigation measures
- Research and identify innovative financing solutions for the agricultural sector
- Understand the coping mechanisms and the current livelihoods practices of the target communities and recommend alternative approaches to diversified livelihood options
- Provide technical advice on techniques for cost-benefit analysis, constraints analysis, and financial modeling as needed

The duration of this contract is **Six (6) Months**.

Qualifications and Experience required:

- Advanced degree in Finance and or Economics
- Minimum of 5 years experience in finance, development, private sector development, value chain analysis or relevant discipline
- Experience in program or project planning would be an advantage
- Strong understanding of markets, businesses, and government in low-income countries
- Ability to enthusiastically engage with policymakers and market actors
- Preference to candidates who have worked and lived in post-conflict low-income countries and in varied culture
- Fluency in English

The Ministry of Agriculture now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide an updated Curriculum Vitae (CV) and relevant documents indicating that they are qualified to perform the services.

Establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy Framework and Methodology for Bank's Group funded Operations dated October 2015 , which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. Borrowers are under no obligation to shortlist any individual consultant who expresses interest.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. from 0900 to 1600 hours (GMT) on working days.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to ltolbert@moa.gov.lr by e-mail by **28 April 2021 @ 4:00pm local time and mention "LIB/MOA/ADC/EOI/01/2021: "The Development of Agricultural Value Chains in Liberia – Value Chain Analysis Consultant"**.

Deadline for Submission: 28 April 2021 @ 4:00pm local time