The Green Belt Movement (hereinafter called “GBM” or “Client”) has received financing from Agence Française de Développement ("AFD") towards the cost of The Mau Restoration Project (AFD CKE 1150 01 E). The Client intends to apply a portion of the funds to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Expression of Interest is issued.

The Services of the consultant shall consist of the Development of GBM Livelihood and Economic Empowerment Strategy and Gender Action Plan.

GBM in partnership with AFD is working to restore the degraded areas of the Mau forest ecosystem and better it functions – in particular, water and biodiversity. The project targets Mau Complex, a critical ecosystem whose waters feed into Lake Victoria and the Nile River. This is well-aligned with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13 and SDG 15 of the UN 2030 agenda for sustainable development and also the AFD country strategy for Kenya 2020-2025. This Project seeks to conserve and restore the degraded Dundori, North Nandi and Tinderet forests which are part of greater Mau forest complex while improving the livelihoods of surrounding communities. The project targets to introduce a paradigm shift from unsustainable land practices to sustainable management supported by forest conservation, incentives for ecosystem services and income generation through organized alternative livelihoods and nature-based enterprises on both public and at the on-farm level. This is going to be achieved by sustainably supporting and diversifying the sources of income for 1200 community members neighboring the three forests by generating income from tree planting activities and promoting alternative and profitable uses of the forest. The 1200 households will form the basis of the this particular assignment.
The Consultant will be expected to undertake the following specific tasks:

- Conduct a participatory gender-sensitive rural poverty and livelihood analysis in the project area(s): Dundori, North Nandi and tindiret, to help identify and better understand the needs, priorities, and expectations of poor rural people (including their livelihood strategies and outcomes, vulnerabilities and coping mechanisms, local poverty processes and rural institutions);
- Identify, describe and analyze rural women’s livelihoods and how they impact on women’s economic empowerment;
- Analyze and recommend viable commercial activities that generate economic and social benefits in ways that help meet conservation objectives while also acting as incentives;
- Evaluate and recommend adaptations to the project design to accommodates the needs and priorities of the target group and facilitates its participation in project interventions and to ensure that the special concerns of vulnerable groups are taken into account;
- Analyze and recommend strategies that enhance gender mainstreaming and promote equal participation of women and men, boys and girls in protecting the environment and natural resources;
- Assess and recommend strategies that enhance decision making and equal access to and benefits from natural resources and economic development;
- Analyze and recommend strategies that ensure participation of women and men and their benefits from profitable economic activities in agriculture, natural resource management, and rural development, access to productive resources – including land, services and inputs, finance, training – and information to markets and institutions;
- Identify and recommend gender-sensitive qualitative and quantitative project indicators; and
- Develop the recommended gender strategy into an action plan: objectives, targets, activities, and indicators to track the progress of gender strategy implementation within the project.

The Service Provider is expected to coordinate with the relevant stakeholders involved in Project appraisal, in particular the Project Owner, other service providers in charge of the feasibility study, project partners, etc., in order to ensure consistency between recommendations and the GAP, on one side, and Project objectives and activities, on the other side.

The duration of the assignment to provide Consultancy services is expected to be four (4) calender months.
The Green Belt Movement hereby invites Applicants to show their interest in delivering the Services described above.

This Request for Expressions of Interest is open to consulting firms

Eligibility criteria to AFD financing are specified in sub-clause 1.3 of the "Procurement Guidelines for AFD-Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries", available online on AFD’s website: [http://www.afd.fr](http://www.afd.fr).

The Applicant shall submit only one application, either in its own name or as a member of a Joint Venture (JV). If an Applicant (including any JV member) submits or participates in more than one application, those applications shall be all rejected. However, the same Subconsultant may participate in several applications.

If the Applicant is a JV, the expression of interest shall include:

i. a copy of the JV Agreement entered into by all members,

   or

ii. a letter of intent to execute a JV Agreement, signed by all members together with a copy of the Agreement proposal,

In the absence of this document, the other members will be considered as Subconsultants.

Experiences and qualifications of Subconsultants are not taken into account in the evaluation of the applications.

Interested Applicants must provide information evidencing that they are qualified and experienced to perform those Services. For that purpose, documented evidence of recent and similar services shall be submitted in form of extracts of contracts showing name of the Project, Parties to contract and the Signed page, and evidence of project completion. Only completed projects will be considered for evaluation.
A. Determination of the similarity of the experiences will be based on:

A.1 **The contract size:** Implementation of similar assignment of at least two and a half (2.5) million Kenya Shillings within the past 10 years.

A.2 **The nature of the Services:** At least three (3) assignments completed within the last ten (10) years in participatory gender-sensitive rural poverty and livelihood analysis, needs assessments and elaboration of implementation strategies and action plans.

A.3 **The technical area and expertise:**

- Technical expertise in gender empowerment, economics in livelihood improvement and sustainable land management and design of community-based gender action plan and livelihood strategy.
- Demonstrated experience in the livelihood sector analysis, mapping needs assessment and developing action plans within the past 10 years.
- Must have carried out similar assignments supporting gender strategy development within the past 10 years.
- Must demonstrate strong experience with livelihood and gender analysis tools and methodologies;
- Demonstrate strong experience in developing livelihood strategy through sustainable landscape management and watershed restoration.
- Must have experience in carrying out similar assignments in Kenya.
- Must have financial ability to undertake the activities. Upon selection, the consulting firm will be required to provide bank guarantee and/or audited financial statements for the last 3 years from a reputable audit firm.

A.4 The location: Project areas: Dundori, North Nandi and Tindiret - Kenya

A.5 **Language:** English

B. The Client will also take into account for the evaluation of the applications the following items:

B.1 Skills and availability of in-house technical back-up experts provided to the on-site experts;

B.2 Local representatives/partners.
An application that does not meet any of the requirements listed under section A will be rejected.

Among the submitted applications, GBM will shortlist a maximum of six (6) Applicants, to whom the Request for Proposals to carry out the Services shall be sent.

The Expressions of Interest must be submitted physically in triplicate (one original and two copies) to the address below no later than 7th December 2023 at 1700 hours EAT. The Expressions of Interest must be clearly labelled and the Tender No. GBM/PR/LSGA/November/2023/00009 indicated on the surface.

The Procurement Committee,
The Green Belt Movement,
Adams Arcade, Kilimani Road, Off Elgeyo Marakwet Road
P.O BOX 67545-00200
Phone: +254 (20) 3873057
Phone: +254 (0) 721342696

Interested Applicants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours:
If necessary, you may request any clarifications by sending an email to procurement@greenbeltmovement.org
Statement of Integrity, Eligibility and Environmental and Social Responsibility

Reference of the bid or proposal _____________________________(the "Contract")

To: _____________________________(the "Contracting Authority")

1. We recognise and accept that Agence Française de Développement ("AFD") only finances projects of the Contracting Authority subject to its own conditions which are set out in the Financing Agreement which benefits directly or indirectly to the Contracting Authority. As a matter of consequence, no legal relationship exists between AFD and our company, our joint venture or our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants. The Contracting Authority retains exclusive responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the procurement process and performance of the contract. The Contracting Authority means the Purchaser, the Employer, the Client, as the case may be, for the procurement of goods, works, plants, consulting services or non-consulting services.

2. We hereby certify that neither we nor any other member of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants are in any of the following situations:

2.1 Being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by the courts, having entered into receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;

2.2 Having been:

   a) convicted, within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of res judicata in the country where the Contract is implemented, of fraud, corruption or of any other offense committed during a procurement process or
performance of a contract (in the event of such conviction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this conviction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);

b) subject to an administrative sanction within the past five years by the European Union or by the competent authorities of the country where we are constituted, for fraud, corruption or for any other offense committed during a procurement process or performance of a contract (in the event of such sanction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this sanction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);

c) convicted, within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of res judicata, of fraud, corruption or of any other offense committed during the procurement process or performance of an AFD-financed contract;

2.3 Being listed for financial sanctions by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France for the purposes of fight-against-terrorist financing or threat to international peace and security;

2.4 Having been subject within the past five years to a contract termination fully settled against us for significant or persistent failure to comply with our contractual obligations during contract performance, unless this termination was challenged and dispute resolution is still pending or has not confirmed a full settlement against us;

2.5 Not having fulfilled our fiscal obligations regarding payments of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of either the country where we are constituted or the Contracting Authority's country;

2.6 Being subject to an exclusion decision of the World Bank and being listed on the website http://www.worldbank.org/debarr (in the event of such exclusion, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this exclusion is not relevant in the context of this Contract);
2.7 Having created false documents or committed misrepresentation in documentation requested by the Contracting Authority as part of the procurement process of this Contract.

3. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants are in any of the following situations of conflict of interest:

3.1 Being an affiliate controlled by the Contracting Authority or a shareholder controlling the Contracting Authority, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;

3.2 Having a business or family relationship with a Contracting Authority's staff involved in the procurement process or the supervision of the resulting Contract, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;

3.3 Being controlled by or controlling another bidder or consultant, or being under common control with another bidder or consultant, or receiving from or granting subsidies directly or indirectly to another bidder or consultant, having the same legal representative as another bidder or consultant, maintaining direct or indirect contacts with another bidder or consultant which allows us to have or give access to information contained in the respective applications, bids or proposals, influencing them or influencing decisions of the Contracting Authority;

3.4 Being engaged in a consulting services activity, which, by its nature, may be in conflict with the assignments that we would carry out for the Contracting Authority;

3.5 In the case of procurement of goods, works or plants:

   a) Having prepared or having been associated with a consultant who prepared specifications, drawings, calculations and other documentation to be used in the procurement process of this Contract;
b) Having been recruited (or being proposed to be recruited) ourselves or any of our affiliates, to carry out works supervision or inspection for this Contract.

4. If we are a state-owned entity, and to compete in a procurement process, we certify that we have legal and financial autonomy and that we operate under commercial laws and regulations.

5. We undertake to bring to the attention of the Contracting Authority, which will inform AFD, any change in situation with regard to points 2 to 4 here above.

6. In the context of the procurement process and performance of the corresponding contract:

6.1 We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) deliberately intended to deceive others, to intentionally conceal items, to violate or vitiate someone's consent, to make them circumvent legal or regulatory requirements and/or to violate their internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit;

6.2 We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) contrary to our legal or regulatory obligations or our internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit;

6.3 We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to (i) any Person who holds a legislative, executive, administrative or judicial mandate within the State of the Contracting Authority regardless of whether that Person was nominated or elected, regardless of the permanent or temporary, paid or unpaid nature of the position and regardless of the hierarchical level the Person occupies, (ii) any other Person who performs a public function, including for a State institution or a State-owned company, or who provides a public service, or (iii) any other person defined as a Public Officer by the national laws of the Contracting Authority’s country, an undue advantage of any kind, for himself or for another Person or entity, for such Public Officer to act or refrain from acting in his official capacity;
6.4 We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to any Person who occupies an executive position in a private sector entity or works for such an entity, regardless of the nature of his/her capacity, any undue advantage of any kind, for himself or another Person or entity for such Person to perform or refrain from performing any act in breach of its legal, contractual or professional obligations;

6.5 We have not and we will not engage in any practice likely to influence the contract award process to the detriment of the Contracting Authority and, in particular, in any anti-competitive practice having for object or for effect to prevent, restrict or distort competition, namely by limiting access to the market or the free exercise of competition by other undertakings;

6.6 Neither we nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants shall acquire or supply any equipment nor operate in any sectors under an embargo of the United Nations, the European Union or France;

6.7 We commit ourselves to comply with and ensure that all of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants comply with international environmental and labour standards, consistent with laws and regulations applicable in the country of implementation of the Contract, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and international environmental treaties. Moreover, we shall implement environmental and social risks mitigation measures when specified in the environmental and social commitment plan (ESCP) provided by the Contracting Authority.

7. We, as well as members of our joint venture and our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants authorise AFD to inspect accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement process and performance of the contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by AFD.
Name: ______________________ In the capacity of: _________________________________
Duly empowered to sign in the name and on behalf of: _______________________________
Signature: ______________________________________________________________________
Dated: ________________________________________________________________________