

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT ON MECHANISMS FOR SUPPORTING LOSS AND DAMAGE FINANCING AT NATIONAL LEVEL

1 INTRODUCTION

Impacts of climate change are taking hold across the planet, especially in global south countries such as Malawi. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group 2 recently reported that losses and damages are now a widespread aspect of the climate emergency. These losses and damages are frequently experienced in the developing world compared to the developed world. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was therefore established in 1992 to help combat anthropogenic climate change, and to do so in a way that recognizes the Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR+RC) of countries to act.

The UNFCCC applies the CBDR+RC principle in the expectations it puts on Global North countries to reduce their emissions, but also by requiring the countries responsible for climate change to give financial support to those who are not-responsible to meet climate targets agreed by the UNFCCC. At present, there are financial mechanisms under the UNFCCC to help countries in the Global South in mitigation (e.g., investing in renewable energy) and in adaptation (e.g., new agricultural techniques). However, there are currently no financial mechanisms to address Loss and Damage.

As outlined above, global interest and political momentum for action to address Loss & Damage (L&D) is at an all-time high. At COP26 in 2021, the Scottish Government became the first country to put money forward for addressing loss and damage. For significant global impact, the Scottish Government's committed finance to address loss and damage needed to support effective, responsive, transformative and community-led approaches which also supports 'learning-as-you-do' in ironing out the conceptual issues surrounding loss and damage. To this effect, the Civil Society Network on Climate Change (CISONECC) is part of a consortium of organizations implementing the Loss and Damage Action Research project in Malawi.

It is against this background, that Civil Society Network on Climate Change (CISONECC) with financial support from the Scottish Government through Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) and Trocaire intends to conduct an Assessment on Mechanisms for Supporting Loss and Damage Financing in Malawi. CISONECC, therefore, wishes to partner with an independent consultant for this assignment.

2 SCOPE OF WORK

The assignment requires the consultant to;

- i. Review literature on existing international climate change, and loss and damage mechanisms that support loss and damage financing.
- i. Analyse the effectiveness and efficiency of existing international mechanisms for Loss and Damage financing international levels
- ii. Conduct a comprehensive review of existing policy, legal, institutional and financing frameworks related to Loss and Damage financing at national level.
- iii. Assess the effectiveness and efficiency of Malawi's legal, policy, institutional and financing frameworks for Loss and Damage financing

- iv. Engage with relevant stakeholders to collect input and feedback regarding the existing needs and priorities related to loss and damage financing
- v. Based on the analyses, document key successes in the legal, policy, institutional and financial mechanisms for supporting Loss and Damage
- vi. Based on the analyses, identify and document existing gaps in the legal, policy, institutional and financing frameworks in supporting Loss and Damage financing
- vii. Based on the identified existing gaps, generate actionable recommendations; including an implementation plan, on how to create an enabling policy, legal, institutional and financing framework for supporting Loss and Damage in Malawi
- viii. Analyse and document best practices and success stories from other countries on Loss and Damage financing mechanisms.
- ix. Compare the national approach with international standards and successful models.

3 EXPECTED OUTPUTS

At the end of the exercise, the following outputs are expected to be delivered:

- a. An inception report detailing the approach to the study
- b. A draft report of the assessment for mechanisms supporting loss and damage financing at national level with clear recommendations
- c. A documentation of key successes in the legal, policy, institutional and financial mechanisms for supporting loss and damage
- d. A presentation of the assessment result to be made to stakeholders for validation
- e. A final report of the study with clear recommendations, and input from various stakeholders

4 TIMEFRAME

The assignment is expected to be completed within **15 working days** within which all outputs are expected to be delivered.

5 TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSALS

Interested applicants should submit Technical and Financial Proposals outlining how they intend to carry out the exercise and a detailed budget by **5PM on 22nd November, 2023**. The proposals should be supported with a Curriculum Vitae outlining previous experience in related assignments. The lead Consultant should have at least a Master's Degree in Climate Change or related discipline and extensive experience in research, development, advocacy and lobbying. The proposals should be sent through email and be addressed to:

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