

TERMS OF REFERENCE

(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

MULTINATIONAL: TANZANIA / BURUNDI / DR CONGO JOINT STANDARD GAUGE RAILWAY PROJECT PHASE II (TANZANIA / BURUNDI SECTION) CONSTRUCTION OF UVINZA – MUSONGATI STANDARD GAUGE RAILWAY SECTION

**“CONSULTING SERVICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL (E&S) EXPERT –
BURUNDI”**

COUNTRIES: UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

SECTOR: TRANSPORT

FINANCIER: AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (AfDB)

1. BACKGROUND

The Governments of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Burundi have secured financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) toward the implementation of the Multinational Tanzania / Burundi / DR Congo Joint Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Project Phase II (Tanzania – Burundi Section: Uvinza – Musongati). This railway section is a branch-off of the Dar es Salaam – Kigoma SGR corridor.

A portion of the AfDB financing will be allocated to the Design and Build contract for the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), as well as for consulting services, including the recruitment of individual consultants to support the Client’s Project Implementation Unit (PIU).

The scope of works under this project includes the design and construction of approximately 240 route-kilometers of mainline railway and 60 kilometers of sidings and passing loops. The electrified Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) line will extend from Uvinza (Tanzania), branching off from the Tabora – Kigoma SGR line, crossing the Malagarasi River at the international border, and terminating at Musongati (Burundi).

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The objective of this assignment is to engage an Individual Consultant to serve as the Environmental and Social (E&S) Expert based in Burundi within the Client’s Project

Implementation Unit (PIU), which will be contractually referred to as the Project Coordination Team (PCT).

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Under this assignment, the Environmental and Social (E&S) Expert for Burundi reports to the Project Manager and shall work on close consultation with the Tanzania Counterpart and will be responsible for the following key tasks:

- a) Customize Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) implementation strategies to reflect the specific environmental and social conditions in Burundi;
- b) Conduct regular site visits to monitor E&S compliance and facilitate community engagement sessions to address any emerging issues;
- c) Work closely with local authorities to ensure all E&S activities comply with Burundian regulations and cultural norms;
- d) Develop capacity-building programs for local teams and stakeholders on environmental and social best practices; and
- e) Report on local E&S challenges and achievements, providing strategic recommendations to the central project team.

4. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Eligible individual consultants must demonstrate the following qualifications and experience:

- a) A Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and relevant experience or training on Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and liason activities.

- b) A minimum of ten (10) years of experience in environmental and social management for large infrastructure projects.
- c) Proven experience and familiarity with African Development Bank and International Finance Corporation (IFC) guidelines and standards.
- d) Must be Burundian by nationality who is able to speak French and Kirundi and familiar with English and Kiswahili.

5. REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

- a) The salary for this position is tax-free.
- b) The contract does not include medical and housing coverage; therefore, the consultant will be responsible for their own medical insurance and accommodation arrangements.
- c) Transport to the project site will be provided as per the project's logistical arrangements.