

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 BURUNDI LIAISON OFFICER”

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 Burundi Liaison Officer, who will act as the project’s main representative within Burundi, ensuring smooth coordination between stakeholders and overseeing local project activities 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 Burundi Liaison Officer will be responsible for the following key tasks:

- a) Serve as the project team leader within Burundi, overseeing all local project activities and ensuring they align with the overall project objectives and timelines;
- b) Act as the primary point of contact for the project within Burundi, liaising between the project team and government authorities and other stakeholders including the community;
- c) Manage and coordinate project communications, ensuring that all stakeholders within Burundi are effectively engaged;
- d) Oversee local regulatory compliances in Burundi, ensuring the project adheres to local laws and regulations;
- e) To facilitate cross-cultural collaboration and understanding among project teams to enhance project integration and effectively meet local needs; and
- f) Lead community engagement initiatives and addressing any issues that arise related to the project's impact.

4. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Eligible individual consultants must demonstrate the following qualifications and experience:

- a) A Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, Railway Engineering, or an equivalent field.
- b) A minimum of ten (10) years of experience in managing railway or infrastructure projects of a similar nature, particularly in East Africa or developing countries.
- c) Proficiency in French and Kirundi, and familiar with English, to facilitate effective communication and ensure regulatory compliance within Burundi.

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.