



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
No. 2023-050

**PROCUREMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE FINANCING EXPERT TO SCOPE, IDENTIFY, DEVELOP,
AND DESIGN A FINANCING MECHANISM FOR ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING**

The Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) intends to engage the services of an Individual Consultant as Sustainable Financing Expert

The BMB-Bids and Awards Committee calls for the submission of documents for qualified Individual interested to bid for the requirement below, to wit:

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sustainable financing expert	Six (6) months	P660,000.00 (Inclusive of tax)

The documents for submission are:

1. Letter of Intent
2. Curriculum vitae detailing experience and previously completed work similar to the scope of work, detailed task, and deliverable of the project, which includes the following:
 - a. Educational background
 - b. Work experience
 - c. Sample of relevant completed work in electronic copy
3. PhilGEPS Registration
4. BIR Certificate of Registration
5. Omnibus Sworn Statement

Incomplete/non-submission of these requirements shall be grounds for disqualification from the procurement process.

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Henry Abawag /Ms. Sheena Rubin at Telephone No. 8924-6031 local 222. Interested applicants must submit the documents on or before 5:00pm, _____ to:

The Chairperson

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Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines

PROCUREMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE FINANCING EXPERT TO SCOPE, IDENTIFY, DEVELOP, AND DESIGN A FINANCING MECHANISM FOR ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING.

A. Background and Rationale

The GEF-UNDP-DENR Project on *Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines* or the Access and Benefit Sharing Project (ABS Project) is a 6-year Global Environment Facility (GEF) funded project implemented by the DENR-BMB with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The Project aims to strengthen the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol (NP) in the Philippines by strengthening the national Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) framework, building national and local capacities through capacity-building and awareness-raising activities, and developing critical experience in ABS agreements. The project seeks to increase economic opportunity and biodiversity conservation for local communities and indigenous peoples in the Philippines stemming from the fair and equitable sharing of biodiversity benefits through three main components.

The project will support the academe, research institutions, and private sector and the Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in its pursuit of financing commitments for sustainable access and use of genetic resources by developing a framework for financing access and benefit-sharing activities. In the development of a financing framework, a Sustainable Financing Expert shall be engaged by the Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Project and tasked with a crucial role in developing and designing a financing framework compliant with the Nagoya Protocol that would enhance the access and benefit-sharing mechanism by identifying and bringing all critical relevant financing stakeholders and current users of biological and genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge. Moreover, the Sustainable Financing Expert will work towards scoping, identifying, developing, and designing financing mechanisms for access and benefit-sharing relevant to the use of biological and genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge.

The result of this engagement will directly support Project Indicator 5 on Mechanism for National Implementation of ABS Improved and contribute in achieving Project Result Indicator Output 1.3 on the Functional Mechanism of Access and Benefit Sharing, including inputs to the sustainability plan of the Project.

B. Objective and Scope of Work

The Project intends to engage the services of a Sustainable Financing Expert to (i) analyze ABS financing gaps and potential opportunities, including defining measures and strategies for maximizing economic opportunities while considering

environmental and social safeguards; (ii) facilitate the conduct of the stakeholder's financing forum and engagement of key financing agencies; and (iii) design appropriate framework, mechanisms, and strategies for a sustainable ABS financing mechanism.

The scope of work of this Terms of Reference is beyond the optimum in-house capability of the procuring entity and is consistent with the Government's policy not to compete with the private sector as integrated into Item 2 of Annex "B" of the 2016 Implementing Rules and Regulation of RA 9184.

Detailed Tasks

The Sustainable Financing Expert will work closely with the ABS Project Management Unit in close coordination with the ABS National Project Manager and will be responsible for the following tasks:

- Conduct a comprehensive landscape and analysis of key developmental financing policies and frameworks not limited to the Innovative Startup Act or RA 11337 including the relevant financing stakeholders to determine how a sustainable ABS financing mechanism may be developed and implemented with the potential roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders, implementing agencies, and donor partners . The following tasks shall include:
 - Conduct sector mapping to inform financing priorities and strategies for ABS programs, projects, and/or activities;
 - Assess barriers and opportunities to enable private sector, and academic and research institutions participation in potential ABS investment schemes and arrangements, and analyze potential incentives for financial institutions and other funding opportunities for ABS;
 - Provide appropriate recommendations in setting up, accessing, and utilizing the ABS financing mechanism for relevant stakeholders;
 - Identify and design financial products that should be offered to support the financing institutions to prioritize ABS for bio-industry development;
 - Define and identify risk management strategies and methodologies to reflect the environmental, social, and economic objectives of the Access and Benefit Sharing mechanism;
 - Assist the Project in conducting a gender analysis and identifying gender gaps and collaborate on its integration in setting-up a gender-responsive and culturally sensitive financing mechanism that will be piloted for pili in Region 5 and banaba for Region 3, and recommend it feasibility for adoption nationwide;
 - Determine financing and benefit sharing related capacity building modules to increase capacity scorecards of agencies;
 - Recommend ABS Financing input to the (Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) and ABS Road Maps (national and specific for Banaba and Pili), including costing implementation of CEPA and ABS Road Maps;
 - Provide financing-related options to the development of Biodiversity Management Plan, including financing module and plan;

- Develop a Term of Reference (TOR) for the conduct of economic valuation of genetic resources.
- Design and facilitation of a national ABS financing forum or similar event to raise the discourse on consciousness for ABS financing initiatives. The conduct of the financing forum will be charged to the ABS Project; and
- Design an effective ABS financing mechanism and provide recommendations on its sustainable implementation and support fund mobilization instruments/mechanisms like the GEF or any relevant financial tools.

This is an output-based engagement. The consultant will not be required to report regularly or be present at the Project's office during the contract period but will attend virtual or in-person meetings and share updates to the Project Management Unit regarding the progress of this engagement, as required.

D. Deliverables/Expected Outputs

This engagement will be for a period of **Six (6) months** commencing upon submission and approval of the inception report and signing of the contract. Below are the deliverables and expected outputs:

1. A comprehensive analysis report of the landscape on financing mechanisms and key financial stakeholders with financing priorities and sectors.
2. National ABS financing forum with key financing stakeholders and agencies.
3. Final design of the ABS financing mechanism with specific objectives, scope, and operation guidelines in accessing and its sustainability measures.

E. Minimum Qualification Requirements

The Sustainable Financing Expert should have the following qualifications:

- At least a Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Finance, Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Sustainable Finance, Banking and Finance, or any other related field;
- Minimum of five (5) years of experience working on environmental financing, environmental investment banking, green and climate finance, or any other related field with local institutions, experience in international banking and financing institutions;
- At least three (3) years of work experience in developing assessments and strategies on green finance, environment finance and investment banking;
- With at least (2) years of work experience in developing and designing financing mechanism and policy development in one or a combination of the following: benefit-sharing mechanisms, green finance, climate finance, payment for ecosystem services, environmental projects in both public and private sector, and/or Public Private Partnership undertakings;
- At least three (3) years of work experience in facilitating consultative forum, conferences, workshops, or any stakeholder engagement activities relevant to sustainable financing;
- Actual experience in resource mobilization for environment- or biodiversity-related projects will be an advantage;

- Knowledge and understanding of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits (NP-ABS) and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), environment and natural resource management, and biodiversity conservation, including gender and environmental and social safeguards in the Philippines would be an advantage;

F. Method of Evaluation

Applicants will be evaluated using Quality-Based Evaluation (QBE) based on RA 9184 and its IRR which will only consider the technical qualification and sample of works in the ranking of the applicants. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

G. Budget, Reporting, and Payment Schedule

A total payment of **Six Hundred Sixty Thousand Pesos Only (Php 660,000.00)**, inclusive of taxes, is allocated for the procurement to cover workstation, delivery of outputs, official meetings and travel costs (within Metro Manila), and professional fee of the consultant in the conduct of all the activities relevant to this engagement.

The payment to the consultant is made in tranches after the submission and acceptance of the expected outputs/deliverables.

Expected Output	% of Total Value	Specific Deliverables for Specific Outputs	Amount
Inception Report	15%	<p>Upon submission of output to and acceptance by the Project Director of the Inception Report which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed strategies and activities contributing to the delivery of all the expected outputs over the period of engagement, methodologies, key financing stakeholders and agencies, timetable, and sites. 	P99,000.00

<p>Progress Report No. 1</p>	<p>35%</p>	<p>Upon submission of output to and acceptance by the Project Director of Progress Report No. 1 which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final and approved report on the scoping and analysis of the key ABS financing options detailing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • financing stakeholders; • financing options and its gaps and opportunities; • recommendations for designing and setting up of an ABS financing mechanism • financing the benefit sharing related capacity building modules, • financing input to the CEPA and ABS roadmap including the cost of implementation, • financing related to the development of biodiversity management plan • TOR for the conduct of the economic valuation study of Pili and Banaba • Draft Activity Design for the ABS financing forum. 	<p>P 231,000.00</p>
<p>Conduct of the ABS Financing Forum and Progress Report No. 2</p>	<p>30%</p>	<p>Upon satisfactory conduct and completion of the Financing Forum, submission of report number 2, and acceptance by the Project Director of Progress Report No. 2 which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Activity design which includes the program flow, methodology, budget, and stakeholders, and the conduct of the national ABS financing forum/s. • Approved final documentation report on the ABS financing forum highlighting discussions and 	<p>P198,000.00</p>

		agreement, photos, action points and recommendations and next steps.	
Final Report	20%	<p>Upon submission of output to and acceptance by Project Director of the Final Report which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved report on the final design of the ABS financing mechanism with specific objectives, scope, and operation guidelines, requirements in accessing and its sustainability measures, among others. 	P132,000.00
	100%		P660,000.00


H. Documentary Requirements

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Please send the application no later than _____ to:

Approved by:


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