

Additional information about the Contract Notice

Procurement of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Technical Assistance and Capacity-Building Services under the EFSD+ and IYBA Programs

Reference: EFSD-TA-XX-001

1. Nature of contract

Service Contract / Consultancy Agreement/ fee-based

2. Programme title

EFSD+ and IYBA Programs

3. Financing

This action is financed under the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+) under Regulation (EU) 2021/947 (NDICI – Global Europe)

4. Legal basis and eligibility

Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union¹.

This tender is financed under the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+), established pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2021/947 (NDICI – Global Europe), within the framework of the Investing in Young Businesses in Africa (IYBA) programme. As FMO has been pillar assessed for procurement by the European Commission, the procurement procedure is conducted in accordance with FMO's procurement rules and procedures, while ensuring compliance with applicable European Union restrictive measures and relevant donor requirements.

5. Candidature

All eligible natural and legal persons (as per item 4 above) or groupings of such persons (consortia) may participate or tender.

A consortium may be a permanent, legally established grouping or a grouping which has been constituted informally for a specific procurement procedure. All members of a consortium (i.e., the leader and all other members) are jointly and severally liable to the contracting authority.

The participation or tender of an ineligible natural or legal person will result in the automatic exclusion of that person. In particular, if that ineligible person belongs to a consortium, the whole consortium will be excluded.

6. Number of tenders

No more than one tender can be submitted by a natural or legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or member of a consortium submitting a tender). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than one tender, all tenders in which that person has participated will be excluded.

7. Grounds for exclusion

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast), PE/99/2023/REV/1, OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>

Candidates must submit a signed declaration confirming that they are not subject to any exclusion grounds applicable under FMO's procurement rules and the applicable European Union restrictive measures. Where a candidate intends to rely on capacity-providing entities or subcontractors for key tasks, the same declaration must be provided for those entities.

Candidates subject to European Union restrictive measures at the time of the award decision are not eligible to be awarded the contract.

8. Sub-contracting

Sub-contracting is allowed.

9. Provisional date of invitation to tender

23 February 2026

10. Provisional commencement date of the contract

1 July 2026

11. Period of implementation of tasks

5 years (60 months)

12. Language of the procedure

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

13. Additional information

Financial data to be provided by the candidate in the tender submission form must be expressed in EUR.

14. Selection criteria

The selection criteria are stated in Section 3.4 of the RFP.

15. Award criteria

Best price-quality ratio. The award criteria and assessment method are stated in Section 5. of the RFP.

16. Deadline for submission of tenders

Submission via e-mail:

The tender proposals must be submitted in English exclusively to FMO by e-mail at the following address: procurement.ventures@fmo.nl.

Submission Deadline: 24/04/2026 before 17:00 hours CEST.

The official date and time indicated on the e-mail submission of the tender proposal will serve as proof of compliance with the deadline for submitting tenders.

Candidates must ensure that their submitted tenders contain all the information and documents required by the FMO at the time of submission as set out in the procurement documents.

The deadline for submission of tenders can be found in the contract notice.

17. Clarifications on the Tender Dossier

Any request for clarifications must be made in accordance to the guidance provided in the RFP,

Section 7.4: Clarification on the Tender Dossier. Clarifications will be published on the same media as the Tender Dossier was initially published, within the deadline mentioned in the time schedule. The website will be updated regularly and it is the candidates responsibility to check for updates and modifications during the submission period.

18. Outcome of the evaluation

All Tenderers will receive a message simultaneously that announces the award of the Contract and substantiates its decision.

The same e-mail address will be used by FMO for all other communications during the procedure.

It is the candidate's responsibility to provide a valid e-mail address and to check it regularly.

19. Alteration or withdrawal of tenders

Tenderers may amend or withdraw their tenders by written notification prior to the deadline for submitting tenders. Tenders may not be amended after this deadline.
