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SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this section is to provide general information about the International Development Research Centre (“IDRC” or “Centre”) and this RFP.

1.1 IDRC OVERVIEW

IDRC was established by an act of Canada’s parliament in 1970 with a mandate “to initiate, encourage, support, and conduct research into the problems of the developing regions of the world and into the means for applying and adapting scientific, technical, and other knowledge to the economic and social advancement of those regions.” A **Canadian Crown corporation**, IDRC supports leading thinkers who advance knowledge and solve practical development problems. IDRC provide the resources, advice, and training they need to implement and share their solutions with those who need them most. In short, IDRC increases opportunities — and makes a real difference in people’s lives. Working with development partners, IDRC multiplies the impact of investment and brings innovations to more people in more countries around the world. IDRC offers fellowships and awards to nurture a new generation of development leaders. IDRC employs about **375** people at the **head office** located in Ottawa, Canada and in **five (5) regional offices** located in New Delhi-India, Montevideo-Uruguay, Amman-Jordan, Nairobi-Kenya, and Dakar-Senegal. IDRC is governed by a board of up to 14 governors, whose chairperson reports to Parliament through the Minister of International Development. For more details visit: www.idrc.ca

1.2 PURPOSE OF THIS RFP

IDRC requests proposals for a Consultant(s) either firm or evaluation teams to perform an external evaluation of the Science Granting Council Initiative in sub-Saharan Africa (SGCI) for which requirements are described in section 2, the Statement of Work (“Services”).

IDRC will accept proposal from Team(s) comprised of individuals only where one individual of the comprised team must be clearly identified as the team leader and this will be who IDRC will contract with, only one contract will be issued.

1.3 DOCUMENTS FOR THIS RFP

The documents listed below form part of and are incorporated into this RFP:

- This RFP document
- Annex A – Resulting Contract Terms and Conditions
- Annex B – Mandatory Requirements Checklist
- Annex C – Rated Requirements Checklist

1.4 TARGET DATES FOR THIS RFP

The following schedule summarizes significant target events for the RFP process. The dates may be changed by IDRC at its sole discretion and shall not become conditions of any Contract which may be entered into by IDRC and the selected Proponent.

Event	Date
RFP issue date	See page 1
Deadline for Enquiries	See section 5.1
RFP close date	See page 1
Evaluation, selection, and notification of Lead Proponent	February 2022
Finalize Contract with Lead Proponent	February 2022

Commencement of Services	March 2022
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SECTION 2 – STATEMENT OF WORK

This section is intended to provide Proponents with the information necessary to develop a competitive proposal. The Statement of Work (“SOW”) is a complete description of the tasks to be done, results to be achieved, and/or the goods to be supplied.

2.1 INTRODUCTION AND PROJECT OVERVIEW

Science Granting Councils Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa

The SGCI was launched in March 2015 initially as a partnership of the UK’s Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Canada’s International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and South Africa’s National Research Foundation (NRF). The first partnership (SGCI-1) ended in September 2020, overlapping with a second 5-year phase (SGCI-2) which began in June 2018 through additional investments by the Swedish Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), IDRC and NRF. The German Research Foundation (DFG) joined in November 2019 as an Associate Funder, contributing towards specific activities. Additional support to the SGCI is currently under consideration to deepen, expand and extend the scope of activities.

The SGCI aims to strengthen the capacities of Science Granting Councils (SGCs) in sub-Saharan Africa to support research and evidence-based policies that will contribute to economic and social development. In the first phase (March 2015 – September 2020), the Initiative strengthened the abilities of Councils from 15¹ countries research; (ii) design and monitor programmes based on use of robust Technology and Innovation (STI) strengthen the ability to support to the private sector and (iv) partnerships between SGCs and with system actors. From June 2018, Sida, agreed on a second phase (SGCI-2). deepened, expanded, or redesigned four objectives of SGCI-1. Box 1 shows SGCI-2. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Political Economy Analyses (PEAs) are support activities relevant for overall implementation of the Initiative.

Box 1: SGCI-2 Themes

- Theme 1: Research Management
- Theme 2: Use data and evidence for policy and decision-making
- Theme 3: Management of research competitions for impact and development
- Theme 4: Strategic communication, knowledge uptake, and networking among Councils

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Besides the five thematic areas, the SGCI draws synergies from several other activities in which the Councils are actively engaged. These include the Global Research Council (GRC), multi-funder research platforms such as the COVID-19 Africa Rapid Grant Fund and the Oliver R. Tambo Research Chairs Initiative. The Initiative is expected to realise results highlighted in Box 2. The Initiative’s Theory of Change (TOC) in Appendix 2 provides more information.

¹ Botswana, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Nigeria was invited to join some activities from June 2021.

Capacity strengthening activities are implemented by a group of Collaborating Technical Agencies (CTAs) who have expertise in the Initiative's thematic areas. Each Theme is led by a CTA, or a consortium with one lead CTA². The Themes are interrelated, corresponding to the key objectives of the Initiative. The Themes are intended to contribute to a common anticipated outcome according to the Initiative's Theory of Change. It is therefore imperative that the CTAs work synergistically with each other in a joined-up approach to ensure that the work under the Themes are properly aligned and linked. The Initiative (IMT) composed of staff from IDRC and for programming oversight.

Highlights of results to-date

As key intermediary actors within STI (Councils) are expected to shape agendas, as well as decisions about research, development, and innovation also evolved into an effective platform facilitates strategic partnerships at including between and among Councils collaborative research and other technical agencies and other STI system has also contributed significantly to the knowledge by commissioning a series emerging STI topics to inform the

Forums. These and several other SGCI-funded studies have led to journal articles, reports, books, manuals and guidelines for use by Councils. Further, considering the low representation of women in science and research and of gender analysis in many science fields, gender and inclusion is a cross-cutting theme and the SGCI is strengthening capacities of Councils to mainstream gender in grants management policies and practice. In doing all these, the SGCI employs various capacity strengthening approaches including training, customised technical support, peer learning, joint learning forums and provision of grants for projects. It is expected that capacity strengthening by the SGCI will lead to long-term/sustained changes in the work of the SGCs.

Ongoing Review, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

The SGCI has incorporated mechanisms for on-going MEL as part of its design. A common MEL framework was developed in 2016 and later updated in 2021. Considering the different categories of actors engaged in implementation (Initiative Management Team, Councils, and the Collaborating Technical Agencies (CTAs) – Appendix 3), the MEL framework has been useful in facilitating a common approach to the Initiative's implementation. The MEL framework is supported by an overarching Theory of Change, a data collection tool known as the Outcome Diary Log Sheet (ODLS) and the Logical Framework which aggregates annual milestones at output and outcome levels. The SGCI organises biannual MEL meetings with its stakeholders to review and reflect on results, progress and to share lessons. Annual Reports that document progress of activities and the lessons learnt are prepared by the IMT and submitted to the funding partners.

Box 2: Expected Results

- Output 1: More effective research management practices among SGCs
- Output 2: Increased use of data and evidence in policy and decision making by SGCs
- Output 3: Increased capacity of SGCs to manage research calls
- Output 4: Improved strategic communication and uptake of research outputs and strengthened networking among SGCs
- Output 5: Increased capacity of SGCs to mainstream gender equality and inclusivity.

Management Team NRF is responsible

systems, the SGCs national research investments in (RDI). The SGCI has for networking and different levels, in the context of activities, funders, actors. The SGCI global stock of papers on Initiative's Annual

² Theme 1: Research Management (Association of African Universities – AAU), Theme 2: Use data and evidence for policy and decision-making (Africa Centre for Science and Technology – ACTS), Theme 3: Management of research competitions for impact and development (Science Granting Councils – SGCs), Theme 4: Strategic communication, knowledge uptake, and networking among Councils (Scinnovent Centre – SC) and Theme 5: Gender equality and inclusivity (Human Science Research Centre – HSRC)

The SGCI has commissioned various studies to facilitate a deeper contextual understanding of different aspects of the Initiative. They included political economy analyses in various participating countries to understand the political and economic contexts in which the Councils operate; and case studies to document how the Initiative has influenced the performance of the Councils in specific areas. Lastly, FCDO and IDRC have conducted annual reviews of SGCI-1 to assess progress, and to suggest recommendations for the subsequent implementation period. Councils were also consulted in the review process. SGCI-1 Annual Review reports and the program completion report are accessible via the following link: <https://dev.tracker.dfid.gov.uk/projects/GB-1-204571/documents>

Considering that the Initiative is in its sixth year, and given its steady growth, an external evaluation (EE) has been proposed. The EE, which will be largely formative in nature, will ask questions to inform ongoing and future activities of the SGCI. Learning will draw from the experiences and perspectives of the Initiative's stakeholders, including those involved in its governance (Executive Committee, Councils Committee, and Panel of Advisors), the IMT, CTAs & MEL consultant, Councils and researchers they fund, as well as other relevant organizations working towards improving STI systems. Councils will be key informants and will provide their perspectives on the performance of the Initiative during the period of the evaluation, the specific lessons learned, and recommended adjustments. Additionally, the EE is expected to focus on the extent to which the benefits of the Initiative are likely to continue over the next four years and beyond, both within the countries presently participating in the Initiative and outside i.e., in other parts of sub-Saharan Africa.

2.2 PURPOSE

The purpose of the EE is to assess the extent to which the SGCI is achieving its strategic objectives after 6 years, identify key lessons learned and recommend actions for strengthening the overall performance of the Initiative, over the next four years. The evidence gathered will be used for decision making by the SGCI Executive Committee, the Initiative Management Team and the Councils. Specifically, the EE is aimed at achieving the following objectives:

- a) To assess the extent to which the SGCI is positioning the Councils for influence at national, regional, and continental STI systems.
- b) To examine the role of the SGCI in promoting strategic partnerships for a robust research system in individual countries and across sub-Saharan Africa.
- c) To examine SGCI's contribution to new knowledge, ideas and building on existing strengths, or development of new areas of work in the context of creating resilient STI systems.
- d) To explore the contribution of SGCI in promoting and embedding systems for gender responsive research and grants management.
- e) To identify key lessons learned and make recommendations to enhance opportunities for attaining SGCI objectives.
- f) To assess the overall concept and design of the SGCI including the appropriateness and effectiveness of the implementation approach in strengthening and sustaining the performances of the SGCs over the longer term.

Proposed Criteria and Potential Questions

Capacity strengthening and research activities of the SGCI are aimed at producing change primarily at the individual/staff and organizational levels of Councils and contributing to strong national and regional STI systems. In this regard, the CTAs have provided training to Councils' staff while at the same time strengthening Councils' organisational research granting systems and processes. Additionally, it is expected that Councils should be able to use the knowledge emanating from SGCI commissioned studies (including political economy analyses) to influence policy/ decisions. The evaluation will assess progress at staff and organisational levels. At the impact/ systemic level, the SGCI aims at strong

national STI systems that contribute to inclusive development. Recognising that there are several other factors that influence the STI system, assessment of progress at the impact level maybe limited to documenting the extent to which the SGCI is positioning the Councils as influential actors within national/ regional/ continental STI systems. The following section addresses the evaluation criteria and potential evaluation questions.³ The EE team will be expected to review the proposed questions and propose adjustments as appropriate, following a literature review and an inception meeting with the EE management team.

a) Positioning the Councils for influence at national, regional, and continental STI systems

- Has the training and technical support improved the efficiency of grants management systems of the Councils?
- Has the SGCI helped the Councils to become more visible at national and regional levels? Are they able to participate more robustly in regional, continental, and global discourses?
- Has the SGCI helped the SGCs to influence government investments in STI system, and if so, in what ways?

b) Role of the SGCI in enabling strategic partnerships

- How has the SGCI enabled partnerships between/ among the Councils and between the CTAs, and other stakeholders in the context of research and training?
- To what extent has the SGCI established partnerships with other Initiatives (including the Global Research Council [GRC]) over the years?
- Has the SGCI catalyzed other SGCI-like Initiatives?
- Has the SGCI evolved into a platform that other funders and organizations can use to engage with Africa's Councils? What are the challenges, risks, and opportunities?

c) SGCI's contribution to new knowledge, ideas and building of new fields

- To what extent have SGCI knowledge outputs been taken up, used and institutionalised by the Councils?
- Have the outputs influenced discourses on key STI issues at national, regional, continental, and global levels?
- What are some opportunities available to the SGCI to continue contributing to new knowledge and supporting new STI fields?
- How has the SGCI contributed to building a critical mass of researchers in different thematic areas?

d) Contribution of the SGCI in promoting gender responsive research and grants management.

- To what extent has the SGCI contributed to greater attention to gender and inclusion in research management policies and practices of the Councils? And in the work of those they fund?
- How sustainable are these efforts/processes?
- How can these efforts be improved?

e) Appropriateness and effectiveness of SGCI's implementation approach

- To what extent are SGCI's capacity strengthening themes and modalities aligned with the needs of the Councils and their governments? How effective are they in producing the desired changes?
- Are there lessons from SGCI's adaptation to the COVID-19 pandemic?

³ The consultant will also be required to take into consideration the learning questions within the SGCI learning framework (to be provided).

- What are appropriate roles for the CTAs, Councils, MEL Consultant and IMT/funders in the design, management, and implementation of SGCI activities? What adjustments need to be made for future interventions? How can governance and management of the SGCI be strengthened (roles of the EC, the IMT, Councils Committee and Panel of Advisors)?

f) *Successes, challenges, lessons learnt and sustainability*

- What are some of the key successes/ challenges of the Initiative and emerging lessons for consideration by the SGCI stakeholders (funders, IMT, and Councils)?
- What are some of the unintended outcomes that the SGCI stakeholders (funders, IMT, and Councils) need to be aware of?
- What are the potential opportunities to deepen and/or expand the work of the SGCI within the overall goal of strengthening of STI systems in sub-Saharan Africa?

Proposed Approach and Methodology

It is anticipated that the EE will provide evidence and recommendations with practical application. The evidence will be useful for decision making and to guide and improve future implementation of the Initiative. Once selected, the evaluation team will meet with the Initiative Management Team (IMT) and the SGCI MEL Consultant to discuss and finalize the study design. This would be followed by an inception meeting with the IMT, Councils, the CTAs, and the MEL consultant. The Evaluation team will also review all relevant sources of information such as the Initiative's proposals, MEL framework, annual reports, CTAs and SGCs interim technical reports, and relevant studies commissioned by the Initiative among other documents.

The EE team is expected to adopt a participatory and utilization-focused approach⁴) to ensure the likelihood of findings with practical applicable recommendations to be put into use by the various SGCI stakeholders. In this regard, the EE will involve the relevant SGCI stakeholders. Engagement with the Councils will be particularly important to ensure their expectations are incorporated. Criteria for selection of Councils to participate in the evaluation will be developed in consultation with the IMT. Some elements for consideration will include geographical dispersion, language (Francophone, Anglophone, and Lusophone countries), type of Council (autonomous/embedded within ministries).

The consultants will develop the EE protocol, data collection instruments, interview informants, submit a draft report for review before submitting the final evaluation report. They will have access to a range of documents and secondary data collected through the SGCI MEL system, and collect primary data from CTAs, Councils and the MEL Consultant. Virtual interviews and focus group discussions will be strongly encouraged because of health regulations and other travel challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The IMT will facilitate introduction to the SGCs and the CTAs.

2.3 DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE OF WORK

2.3.1 Project Scope

In Scope: Scope and Timeline

⁴ See for example <https://www.intrac.org/wpcms/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Utilisation-focused-evaluation.pdf>

The evaluation will review performance of the Initiative from April 2015 to end-December 2021. This period comprises activities and outputs in SGCI-1 (April 2015 – September 2020), and ongoing activities and outputs in SGCI-2 (July 2018 – December 2021). As the TOC was updated for SGCI-2, performance in the two phases will be assessed against the respective TOCs (Appendices 1 and 2) and associated logical framework. Assessment will include activities implemented by all the four CTA teams, the Councils and the MEL consultant and other researchers or consultants (e.g., for the political economy analysis).

The External Evaluation team will be engaged to undertake the EE within six months (1 March to 31 August 2022), as per the outline below.

Date	Activity
December 2021	Launch call for proposals
February 2022	Selection of consultant team & contracting by IDRC
March 2022	Meeting with IMT to finalize the design of the study
March 2022	Inception meeting with the IMT, Councils, CTAs, MEL Consultant, and PEA team.
March-June 2022	Data collection and Analysis
June 2022	Exchanges with SGCI Stakeholders at the SGCI annual Regional Meeting
July 2022	Presentation of preliminary results and draft report to IMT
August 2022	Submission of final evaluation report and learning papers Presentations to the EC and Councils

2.3.2 Deliverables

Deliverable	Intended Audience
Finalised EE Protocol and tool	IMT
Inception meeting	IMT, Councils, CTA's and MEL Consultants
Presentation of preliminary findings	IMT, MEL Consultant
Final EE report	IMT
Synthesized, targeted learning papers with clear action plans for the Councils, IMT/EC	IMT/EC SGCs

2.3.3 Required Skills and Competencies

The following are the required skills and competencies expected of the team selected for conducting this EE.

- *Education*
At least a master's degree in a field relevant to the assignment, for example in Development Studies, Monitoring and Evaluation, Science and Technology, Economics, or Public Policy.
- *Professional experience*

- At least 10 years of experience in programme evaluation in a development context and proven accomplishment in undertaking evaluations, including leading evaluations of multi-stakeholder programmes for multilateral organizations
- Experience in conducting evaluations related to public sector organizations in the fields of science, technology, and innovation
- Experience related to science policy or a related area, preferably including some work on public research funding
- Experience in conducting policy-relevant research and program evaluations for funders
- Experience with evaluating capacity building initiatives
- Experience in conducting evaluations related to international development in developing countries, preferably sub-Saharan Africa
- A team (firm/consortium) that demonstrates experience in conducting Formative, Empowerment, Gender Responsive, Utilisation-Focused type of evaluations (added advantage)
- Extensive knowledge of qualitative and quantitative methods.

2.3.4 Project Budget

The maximum budget available for this work is **CAD 180,000**, all inclusive. However, the selection process will take into consideration applications that demonstrates high Value for Money (VfM).

2.4 IDRC RESPONSIBILITIES, SUPPORT, AND REPRESENTATIVES

IDRC will identify a **Project Authority** to whom the successful Proponent will report during the period of a resulting Contract. The Project Authority will be responsible for coordinating the overall delivery of service, providing as required direction and guidance to the Proponent, monitoring Proponent performance and accepting and approving Proponent deliverables on behalf of IDRC. The Project Authority will ensure that appropriate subject matter experts from within IDRC are available to the Proponent to discuss and provide content material, as well as facilitate cooperation with regional IDRC staff and other stakeholders, as required.

IDRC will identify a **Contracting Authority**, who will oversee a resulting Contract throughout its lifecycle, in conjunction with the Project Authority and the Proponent, create amendments for any changes to a resulting Contract, and answer questions on terms and conditions.

2.5 LOCATION OF WORK AND TRAVEL

Work is expected to take place at the Proponent's site.

Travel is not expected to be required by the Proponent.

2.6 PERIOD OF A RESULTING CONTRACT

A resulting Contract is expected to commence on 1 March 2022 and conclude by 31 August 2022.

SECTION 3 – PROPOSAL EVALUATION

This section describes the process that IDRC will use to evaluate Proposals and select a Lead Proponent.

3.1 EVALUATION COMMUNICATION

During Proposal evaluations, IDRC reserves the right to contact or meet with any individual Proponent in order to obtain clarification of its submission or to gain insight into the quality and scope of relevant services. A Proponent will not be allowed to add, change, or delete any information during the process. IDRC is in no way obligated to meet with any or all Proponents for this purpose.

3.2 EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

IDRC will use the following methodology to evaluate Proposals:

3.2.1 Step 1 - Mandatory Requirements

Each Proposal will be examined to determine compliance (pass or fail) with all IDRC's **Mandatory Requirements** as set out in **Annex B**. Non-compliant Proposals will receive no further consideration.

Summary Table:

RFP Section	Mandatory Requirements	Pass or Fail
Annex B	Mandatory Requirements in response to the Statement of Work	

3.2.2 Step 2 - Rated Requirements

Compliant Proposals will be evaluated and attributed points according to the degree to which they meet or exceed IDRC's **Rated Requirements** as set out in **Annex C**.

Summary Table:

RFP Section	Rated Requirements	Weighting % A	*Points 0-10 B	Score A x B
"	Resources section	50		
"	Methodology section	45		
	Total %	95		

*Points Table:

Points	Points Description
0	Barely addresses any of the stated requirements and completely lacking in critical areas
3	Adequately meets most of the stated requirements. May be lacking in some areas which are not critical
5	Meets most stated requirements
7	Meets all stated requirements
8	Meets all stated requirements and may exceed some
10	Exceeds the stated requirements in superlative and beneficial ways

3.2.3 Step 3 –Interviews

Proponents may be asked to provide additional information prior to the final selection. IDRC reserves the right to supply more information to those Proponents.

3.2.4 Step 4 - Financials

The Proponent submitting the lowest price will receive the maximum 10 points on the standard evaluation scale of 0-10. All other Proponents will receive a prorated score out of 10 based on the relative proportion of their price to the lowest price submitted.

RFP Section	Rated Requirements	Weighting A	Points 0-10 B	Score A x B
4.6	Total pricing, exclusive of taxes	5		
	Total %	5		

3.2.5. Step 4 - Final Score

Scores for the shortlisted Proponents' proposals will be calculated, and IDRC may select the Lead Proposal achieving the highest total points ("Lead Proponent"), subject to IDRC's reserved rights.

3.3 PROPONENT FINANCIAL CAPACITY

IDRC reserves the right to conduct an assessment of the **Lead Proponent's** financial capacity. IDRC may request that the Lead Proponent provide proof of financial stability via bank references, financial statements, or other similar evidence. This is a pass/fail test. Pass means that Contract discussions begin. Fail means that the Lead Proponent may not enter into Contract discussions and is disqualified from further consideration. The Lead Proponent must provide this information upon 72 hours of IDRC's request; failure to comply may result in disqualification.

Note: In the case of a joint venture or consortium, each and all members of the joint venture or consortium must provide the information required for their legal form.

3.4 PROPONENT SELECTION

As noted in section 5.8, acceptance of a proposal does not oblige IDRC to incorporate any or all of the accepted proposal into a contractual agreement, but rather demonstrates a willingness on the part of IDRC to enter into negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a satisfactory contractual arrangement with one or more parties.

Without changing the intent of this RFP or the Lead Proponent's proposal, IDRC will enter into discussions with the Lead Proponent for the purpose of finalizing the Contract.

In the event no satisfactory Contract can be negotiated between the Lead Proponent and IDRC, IDRC may terminate negotiations. In such event, if IDRC feels that the Proponent with the second highest score may meet the requirements, IDRC will continue the process with the secondary Proponent, and so on.

Announcement of the successful Proponent will be made to all Proponents following the signing of a Contract no later than 72 days following the award of a Contract. Upon request from an unsuccessful Proponent, IDRC will provide the reasons why that particular proposal was not selected.

SECTION 4 – PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposal responses should be organized and submitted in accordance with the instructions in this section.

4.1 GENERAL

Proposals should be in 8 1/2" x 11" (letter) format, with each page numbered. Elaborate or unnecessary voluminous proposals are not desired. The font used should be easy to read and generally be no smaller than 11 points (smaller font can be used for short footnotes).

4.2 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Proposals may be submitted in English or French.

4.3 ORGANIZATION OF RESPONSES

Responses should be organized as follows, where the sections that follow provide more details:

see RFP Section for full details	File	Contents
4.4	1.0	Cover Letter
4.5, Annex B, Annex C	2.0	Mandatory Requirements Checklist and Rated Requirements Checklist
4.6	3.0	Technical Proposal
4.7	4.0	Financial Proposal
5.9, Annex A	5.0	Objections with reasons regarding the proposed contract terms and conditions included in this RFP

4.4 COVER LETTER

The Proponent should provide *as a separate file*.

A one (1) page covering letter on the Proponent's letterhead should be submitted and should include the following:

- a. A reference to the RFP number and RFP title.
- b. The **primary contact person** with respect to this RFP: the individual's name, address, phone number and email address.
- c. A statement confirming the **validity** of the proposal (refer to section 5.4).
- d. A statement confirming the Proponent does not have a **conflict of interest** with this RFP, real or perceived (refer to section 5.7).
- e. The letter **signed** by person(s) duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Proponent and bind the Proponent to statements made in response to the RFP. (In the case of a consortium of individual experts, letters are required from each member assigning leadership to one of the consortium)

4.5 MANDATORY AND RATED REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

The Proponent should provide *as a separate file*.

The Proponent **should** create and include a Checklist, using the following format*, of all **Mandatory Requirements** and all **Rated Requirements** listed in **Annex B** and in **Annex C**, that indicates where in the Proponent's Proposal the response to each requirement can be found:

***Hint:** copy the tables in **Annex B** and **C**

4.6 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

The Proponent should provide *as a separate file*.

4.6.1 Table of Contents

The Proponent should include a table of contents that contains page numbers for easy reference by the evaluation committee.

4.6.2 Response to the Statement of Work

The Proponent **must** provide detailed information relative to:

- a. Preamble
- b. Understanding of the assignment
- c. Comments on the ToR's
- d. Each requirement listed in the Statement of Work in **Annex A**;
- e. Each **Mandatory Requirement** in **Annex A**; and
- f. Each **Rated Requirement** in **Annex A**.

The Proponent must clearly outline the work that the Proponent proposes to undertake for the provision of these Services to IDRC.

4.7 FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The Proponent should provide *as a separate file*.

4.7.1 Financial Requirements

The Proponent **must** provide pricing for all of its proposed Services.

Financial Requirements
<p>a. The Proponent is to state the assumptions underlying its financial proposal.</p>
<p>b. All prices are to be quoted in Canadian dollars (CAD) and be exclusive of the Goods and services Tax (GST) or Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). The GST or HST, whichever is applicable, shall be extra to the prices quoted by the Proponent and will be paid by IDRC.</p> <p>If the Proponent will not be charging IDRC taxes, an explanation should be provided. See the Notes below for more details on taxes.</p>
<p>c. All prices must include a detailed breakdown following the response to section 2 (Statement of Work). Prices shall include all components normally included in providing the proposed services such as professional fees, overhead costs etc.</p> <p>e.g.</p> <p>All prices must include a detailed breakdown and include at a minimum the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. all inclusive daily rate applicable to proposed personnel who will do the work; ii. estimated total number of billable days to do the work;
<p>d. The Proponent shall propose an invoicing schedule if other than providing one (1) invoice upon completion of all Services.</p>

Important Note: IDRC's payment terms are NET 30 and IDRC will make no advance on fees.

4.7.2 Mathematical Errors

If there are errors in the mathematical extension of unit price items, the unit prices prevail, and the unit price extension is adjusted accordingly.

If there are errors in the addition of lump sum prices or unit price extensions, the total is corrected, and the correct amount reflected in the total price.

Any Proponent affected by mathematical errors shall be notified by IDRC and be given the corrected prices.

SECTION 5 – CONDITIONS

The purpose of this section is to inform the Proponent about IDRC’s procedures and rules pertaining to the RFP process.

5.1 ENQUIRIES

All matters pertaining to this RFP are to be referred exclusively to the RFP Authority named on page 1.

No verbal enquiries or verbal requests for clarifications will be accepted.

Proponents should, as much as feasible, aggregate enquiries and requests for clarifications and shall submit them **in writing via email** to the **RFP Authority** by Friday, January 7, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. EDT in order to receive a response prior to the close date. When submitting, Proponents *email subject line* should cite “**RFP # 21220015 - External Evaluation (EE) of the Science Granting Council Initiative in sub-Saharan Africa (SGCI)**”.

The RFP Authority will provide **all answers to significant enquiries** received on buyandsell.gc.ca without revealing the sources of the enquiries.

In the event that it becomes necessary to revise any part of the RFP as a result of any enquiry or for any other reason, **an Amendment** to this RFP will be issued and posted on buyandsell.gc.ca

Important note: Proponents must download all RFP documents directly from the Buy and Sell website. IDRC will not distribute RFP documents that are posted on buyandsell.gc.ca.

5.2 SUBMISSION DEADLINE

IDRC will only accept proposals up the close date and time indicated on page 1.

Important note: Late proposals will not be accepted. No adjustments to proposals will be considered after the close date and time.

5.3 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals should be submitted in accordance with the instructions in this section.

5.3.1 Method of Sending

The preferred method of proposal submission is electronic, via **email**, in **Microsoft Word** or in **PDF** format to the RFP Authority named on page 1. Proponents *email subject line* should cite “**RFP # 21220015 - External Evaluation (EE) of the Science Granting Council Initiative in sub-Saharan Africa (SGCI)**” when submitting via email.

Important Note: Email messages with large attachments can be slowed down in servers between the Proponent’s email and the RFP Authority’s email inbox. It is the Proponent’s responsibility to ensure that large emails are sent sufficiently in advance to be at IDRC by the close date and time. Proponents should use electronic receipt confirmation and or contact the RFP Authority to confirm receipt.

Important Note: The maximum size of an email that IDRC can receive is 10MB. If necessary, Proponents can send multiple emails.

5.3.2 Number of Files

The Proponent's electronic submission should consist of **five (5) files** (i.e. 5 separate documents) as noted in section 4.3.

5.3.3 Changes to Submission

Changes to the submitted proposal can be made, if required, provided they are received as an Addendum (or an Amendment) to, or clarification of, previously submitted proposal, or as a complete new proposal to cancel and supersede the earlier proposal. The addendum, clarification, or new proposal should be submitted as per the delivery instructions outlined above, be clearly marked "**REVISION**", and **must be received no later than the submission deadline**. In addition, the revised proposal should include a description of the degree to which the contents are in substitution for the earlier proposal.

5.3.4 Multiple Proposals

IDRC will accept only one (1) proposal per Proponent.

5.4 VALIDITY OF PROPOSAL

Proposals must remain open for acceptance for **ninety (90) days** after the close date.

5.5 PROPONENTS COSTS

All costs and expenses incurred by a Proponent in any way related to the Proponent's response to the RFP, including but not limited to any clarifications, interviews, presentations, subsequent proposals, review, selection or delays related thereto or occurring during the RFP process, are the sole responsibility of the Proponent and will not be chargeable in any way to IDRC.

5.6 GOVERNING LAWS

This RFP is issued pursuant to the laws of the province of Ontario and the laws of Canada.

5.7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In submitting a Proposal, the Proponent must avoid any real, apparent or potential conflict of interest and will declare to IDRC any such conflict of interest.

In the event that any real, apparent, or potential conflict of interest cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of IDRC, IDRC will have the right to immediately reject the Proponent from consideration and, if applicable, terminate any Contract entered into pursuant to this RFP.

5.8 RIGHTS OF IDRC

IDRC does not bind itself to accept any proposal submitted in response to this RFP, and may proceed as it, in its sole discretion, determines following receipt of proposals. IDRC reserves the right to accept any proposal(s) in whole or in part, or to discuss with any Proponents, different or additional terms to those envisioned in this RFP or in such a Proponent's proposal.

After selection of preferred proposal(s), if any, IDRC has the right to negotiate with the preferred Proponent(s) and, as a part of that process, to negotiate changes, amendments or modifications to the proposal(s) at the exclusion of other Proponents.

Without limiting the foregoing, IDRC reserves the right to:

- a. seek clarification or verify any or all information provided by the Proponent with respect to this RFP, including, if applicable to this RFP, contacting the named reference contacts;
- b. modify, amend or revise any provision of the RFP or issue any addenda at any time; any modifications, amendment, revision or addendum will, however, be issued in writing and provided to all Proponents;
- c. reject or accept any or all proposals, in whole or in part, without prior negotiation;
- d. reject any proposal based on real or potential conflict of interest;
- e. if only one proposal is received, elect to accept or reject it;
- f. in its sole discretion, cancel the RFP process at any time, without award, noting that the lowest or any proposal will not necessarily be accepted;
- g. negotiate resulting Contract terms and conditions;
- h. cancel and/or re-issue the RFP at any time, without any liability whatsoever to any Proponent;
- i. award all or any part of the work to one or more Proponents based on quality, services, and price and any other selection criteria indicated herein; and
- j. retain all proposals submitted in response to this RFP.

5.9 PROPOSED CONTRACT

Annex A has been provided as part of the RFP documents so that Proponents may review and become familiar with certain specific conditions that are expected to be adhered to in connection with the provision of Services. While some of the language may be negotiated between IDRC and the successful Proponent, IDRC's flexibility to amend its standard terms and conditions may be limited.

Important note: The Proponent should outline any objections with reasons to any terms and conditions contained in this RFP and include them in its proposal (reference section **4.3**). Failure to identify objections at the proposal stage may preclude Proponents from raising these objections in the course of any future negotiations.

ANNEX A – Proposed Contract

Below is the proposed sample Contract and Terms and Conditions (reference section 5.9).

Specific Terms and Conditions of the Contract

CONTRACT NO. _____

This Contract is between _____ (“**Consultant**”) and Canada’s **International Development Research Centre**, 150 Kent Street, PO Box 8500, Ottawa, ON, K1G 3H9 (“**IDRC**” or “the **Centre**”).

The parties agree as follows:

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND SCHEDULE

1.1 Summary

1.2 Scope

1.3 Schedule

1.4 Contract Resources

The following individuals are the main contacts for this Contract:

1.4.1 IDRC will be represented by:

1.4.2 The **Consultant** will be represented by:

It is understood that the Consultant will assign performance of all work under this Contract to _____. Written authorization from IDRC’s **Project Authority** must be obtained in advance for any substitution of personnel. The Consultant must ensure that its employees, subcontractors and assignees alike are subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract, which shall take precedence over any other terms and conditions that may exist between the Consultant and those persons.

1.5 Service Location

1.6 Service Engagement Process

1.7 Change Management

Any changes to the Services will require written agreement from both parties. IDRC's **Contracting Authority** may issue Amendments to the Standing Offer to reflect such changes.

2. FEES

In consideration of these Services, IDRC will pay the Consultant _____.

3. TRAVEL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

4. INVOICES

4.1 Invoice Schedule

The Consultant shall invoice IDRC according to the following schedule:

4.2 Invoice Submission Instructions

Invoices and any required backup documentation must be sent electronically to:
invoices-factures@idrc.ca

Invoices must be set out as follows:

- IDRC's **Contract number**
- Invoice number
- Invoice Date
- Fees - detailed description, daily rate and number of days or unit rate and number of units or fixed price
- Travel expenses, if applicable – detailed description, quantity, and price (and include any required back up documents with invoice)
- Taxes - Canadian GST (Goods and Services Tax) or HST (Harmonized Sales Tax), as applicable; Consultants not registered for Canadian GST purposes must itemize the taxes they paid and are charging back to IDRC
- Canadian GST/HST registration number, if applicable
- Currency

5. PAYMENTS

5.1 Payment Inquiries

Payment inquiries should be sent electronically to:

ap-cc@idrc.ca

5.2 Payment Method

All payments related to this Contract will be made based on information provided by the Consultant in the **Supplier, Tax and Bank Information form**, which will form part of the Contract and should be supplied from time to time to IDRC for updates to the information.

5.3 Advance Payments

IDRC will make no advance on fees and travel expenses.

5.4 Conditions Precedent for Payment

The following sets out the conditions precedent that the Consultant must comply with to ensure payment for Services and Deliverables pursuant to this Contract:

- a) Completion and delivery of the information requested in the **Supplier, Tax and Bank Information form**.
- b) Satisfactory performance of Services and satisfactory completion of Deliverables.
- c) Proper completion of invoice(s) as set out in the **Invoice section** above.

IDRC will issue payment of fees, and travel expenses if applicable, according to IDRC's standard payment period of **thirty (30) calendar days**. The **payment period is measured** from the date IDRC receives the duly completed Supplier, Tax and Bank Information form, or the date IDRC receives an acceptable invoice, or the date the Services and Deliverables are performed and delivered in acceptable condition as required in the Contract, whichever is latest. If the content of the invoice or the requisite form is incomplete, if the Services have not been performed in accordance with this Contract, or the Deliverables are not accepted by IDRC, the Consultant will be notified, and the payment period will be deferred until all deficiencies have been rectified to IDRC's satisfaction.

IDRC will reimburse the Consultant for applicable commodity taxes, net of input tax credits that have claimed directly from Canada Revenue Agency or the Consultant's country commodity tax offices.

IDRC will not pay more than one (1) day of fees per 24-hour period. IDRC will not pay any fee nor any travel expenses incurred after the Termination Date of the Contract.

Following the Termination Date, and payment of the final invoices, all taxes due and owing in relation to the provision of Services pursuant to this Contract are deemed to have been paid by IDRC. The Consultant will be liable for any tax claims, debts, actions or demands in relation to the Services provided pursuant to this Contract (hereinafter referred to as "Tax Claims") and the Consultant shall indemnify and hold IDRC harmless against said Tax Claims.

6. SPECIAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS

7. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Specific Terms and Conditions of the Contract, Attachment **A**- General Terms and Conditions of the Contract, Attachment **B**- _____, and Attachment **C**- _____ constitute the entire Contract between the parties.

The Contract documents are complementary and what is called for in any one shall be binding as if called for by all. The Contract documents shall be interpreted as a whole and the intent of the whole rather than the interpretation of any particular part shall govern. In the event of a conflict between them, the Contract documents shall have precedence among themselves in the order as listed above.

8. CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE AND SIGNATURES

By signing this Contract, each party accepts the contents of the Contract.

This Contract will become effective when all the parties have signed it. The date this Contract is signed by the last party to sign (as indicated by the date associated with the party's signature) will be deemed the date of this Contract.

CONSULTANT

By: _____
Signed

Printed Name

Title

Date

IDRC

By: _____
Signed

Printed Name

Title

Date

Attach:

- Attachment **A** – General Terms and Conditions of the Contract
- Attachment **B** – _____
- Attachment **C** – _____

ATTACHMENT A - General Terms and Conditions of the Contract

A1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Contract:

“Commencement Date” shall mean the date on which the Services are to commence.

“Confidential Information” shall mean any and all technical and non-technical information including patent, copyright, trade secret, and proprietary information, techniques, sketches, drawings, models, inventions, know-how, processes, apparatus, equipment, algorithms, software programs, software source documents, source codes, and formulae related to the current, future, and proposed products and services of IDRC, and includes, without limitation, IDRC's information

concerning research, experimental work, development, design details and specifications, engineering, financial information, procurement requirements, purchasing, manufacturing, and marketing plans and information.

“Consultant” shall mean either the individual, institution, corporation or partnership retained pursuant to this Contract, and its employees, directors, officers, partners, subcontractors and agents, as applicable, and any other representative for whom the Consultant is responsible at law.

“Contract” shall mean the **Specific Terms and Conditions of the Contract**, including any and all **attachments** incorporated therein by reference. In the event of a conflict between the Specific Terms and Conditions versus the attachments, the Specific Terms and Conditions shall prevail.

“Day” means seven and a half hours (7.5) hours, unless otherwise specified in the Contract, and exclusive of meal breaks, with no provision for annual leave, statutory holidays and sick leave.

“Deliverables” means the items to be written, developed or prepared by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract, including, without limitation, all works of authorship, reports, recordings, information, documents, materials, or software, whether in hard copy or electronic form.

“Derivatives” shall mean: 1. any translation, abridgement, revision, or other form in which an existing work may be recast, transformed, or adapted; 2. for patentable or patented material, any improvement thereon; and, 3. for material which is protected by trade secret, any new material derived from such existing trade secret material, including new material which may be protected by copyright, patent, and/or trade secret.

“IDRC” or *“the Centre”* means the International Development Research Centre.

“Services” mean the services to be provided by the Consultant in accordance with the Contract, including the Deliverables as set out in the Contract.

“Termination Date” shall mean the earlier of (a) the date on which all Services and Deliverables have been performed and delivered; (b) the end date as specified in the Contract; and (c) the date on which the Contract terminates by operation of the Termination provisions contained in this Contract.

A2. TIME OF ESSENCE

Time shall be of the essence of every provision of this Contract.

A3. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Contract supersedes all previous Contracts and correspondence, oral or written, between IDRC and the Consultant, pertaining to the subject matter of this Contract, and represents the whole and entire understanding between the parties. No modification, variation or amendment of it shall be binding upon the parties unless it is in writing and signed by both parties.

A4. NON-EXCLUSIVITY

This Contract shall not grant the Consultant exclusivity of supply. IDRC may perform services or develop items similar or identical to the Services or Deliverables, or obtain them from any third party.

A5. WARRANTY

The Consultant covenants that it will provide its Services pursuant to this Contract in a diligent and workmanlike manner, with regard to the best interests of IDRC, and warrants that its personnel possess the skill and experience necessary to the satisfactory performance of the Services.

A6. TAXES

IDRC is subject to applicable commodity and other tax legislation and regulations in Canada and is generally not exempt from paying HST/GST on goods and services it procures, unless otherwise specified in the Contract. Additionally, IDRC is subject to applicable tax legislation and regulations in force in the countries where its regional offices are located.

IDRC will **withhold** and remit to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), **15% of fees and non-exempt travel expenses of non-Canadian resident** Consultants performing work in Canada unless the Consultant provides to IDRC a Contract-specific waiver from the CRA. Such funds can be reclaimed by the Consultant from the CRA or from their own governments, as the case may be. Non-Canadian resident Consultants that are travelling to Canada to perform work can contact the CRA to obtain additional information about the current regulations and waivers. The main CRA website can be found at <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca>.

A7. INVOICES

Invoice requirements are noted in the **Invoices section** of the **Specific Terms and Conditions of the Contract**.

A8. PAYMENTS

Conditions precedent for payment are noted in the **Payments section** of the **Specific Terms and Conditions of the Contract**.

A9. TERMINATION

Termination for Cause: In addition to or in lieu of any other remedies that IDRC has in law or in equity, IDRC may terminate this Contract immediately without notice in the event:

- a) The Consultant breaches any material term of this Contract, and fails to remedy such breach within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving notice to do so by IDRC.
- b) IDRC, in its sole discretion, determines that the Consultant made a misrepresentation during the process of selection.
- c) The Consultant:
 - i. ceases to carry on business,
 - ii. commits an act of bankruptcy within the meaning of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (*Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, R.S., 1985, c. B-3*) or is deemed insolvent within the meaning of the Winding-up and Restructuring Act (*Winding-up and Restructuring Act, R.S., 1985, c. W-11*) or makes an assignment, against whom a receiving order has been made under the applicable bankruptcy legislation or in respect of whom a receiver, monitor, receiver-manager or the like is appointed, or
 - iii. becomes insolvent or makes an application to a court for relief under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act or the Winding Up and Restructuring Act (*Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S., c. C-25*) or comparable local legislation.

Termination without Cause: IDRC may at any time by notice in writing suspend the work of the Consultant or any part thereof. This Contract may be terminated in its entirety or in part by IDRC upon written notice. On such termination or suspension, the Consultant shall have no claim for damages, compensation, or loss of profit against IDRC except

payment for Services performed and Deliverables submitted up to the date of notice of such suspension or termination, or completed thereafter in accordance with the notice.

A10. INSURANCE

The Consultant is responsible for taking out at its own expense any insurance deemed necessary while executing this Contract.

If the Consultant will be working on-site at IDRC, the Consultant shall maintain during the term of this Contract, Commercial General Liability insurance in the amount of not less than CAD 5,000,000.00 inclusive per occurrence, with IDRC named as “additional insured”, unless otherwise specified in the Contract.

Upon the request of IDRC, the Consultant shall provide the **insurer’s certificate**.

A11. USE OF IDRC PROPERTY

Access to Information Systems and Electronic Communication Networks: During the course of this Contract, the Consultant may be provided with access to IDRC information systems and electronic communication networks. The Consultant, on behalf of its/his/her employees, subcontractors and representatives, agrees to abide by IDRC policies concerning use of such information systems and networks. IDRC will provide the Consultant with any such policies upon commencement of Services pursuant to this Contract, or as such policies are put into effect, and the Consultant will make such policies known to its personnel, and will take such steps as are necessary to ensure compliance with such policies.

Access to IDRC Premises: The parties agree that reasonable access to IDRC’s premises by Consultant’s authorized personnel and which is necessary for the performance of the Services hereunder, in accordance with the terms of this Contract, shall be permitted during normal business hours of IDRC. The Consultant agrees to observe all IDRC security requirements and measures in effect at IDRC’s premises to which access is granted by this Contract.

A12. SUB-CONTRACTORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNEES

The Consultant is prohibited from entering into any sub-contract, designating any successor or assigning any rights under this Contract without the express written consent of IDRC.

A13. RELATIONSHIP WITH IDRC

Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed in any way or for any purpose to constitute the parties hereto partners in the conduct of any business or otherwise. The Consultant shall have no authority to assume or create any obligation whatsoever, expressed or implied, in the name of IDRC, or to bind IDRC in any manner whatsoever.

The Consultant acknowledges and agrees that, in carrying out this Contract, the Consultant is acting as an independent contractor and not as an employee of IDRC. The Consultant shall be responsible for all matters related to it or its employees including but not limited to deducting or remitting income tax, Canada Pension Plan contributions, Employer Insurance contributions or any other similar deductions required to be made by law for employees. The Consultant agrees to indemnify IDRC in respect of any such remittances which may be subsequently required by the relevant authorities, together with any related interest or penalties which IDRC may be required to pay.

A14. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Non-Disclosure and Non-Use of Confidential Information: The Consultant agrees that it will not, without authority, make use of, disseminate or in any way disclose any Confidential Information to any person, firm or business.

The Consultant shall take all reasonable precautions at all times (and in any event, efforts that are no less than those used to protect its own confidential information) to protect Confidential Information from disclosure, unauthorized use, dissemination or publication, except as expressly authorized by this Contract.

The Consultant agrees that it, he, or she shall disclose Confidential Information only to those of its, his, or her employees or subcontractors who need to know such information and certifies that such employees or subcontractors have previously agreed, either as a condition to employment or service or in order to obtain the Confidential Information, to be bound by terms and conditions substantially similar to those of this Contract.

The Consultant will immediately give notice to IDRC of any unauthorized use or disclosure of the Confidential Information. The Consultant agrees to indemnify IDRC for all damages, costs, claims, actions and expenses (including court costs and reasonable legal fees) incurred by IDRC as a result of the Consultant's failure to comply with its obligations under this section. The Consultant further agrees to defend and participate in the defence of any claim or suit alleging that IDRC has a liability with regard to any unauthorized disclosure, provision or making available of any Confidential Information the Consultant may have acquired from a third party.

Exclusions from Nondisclosure and Non-use Obligations: The Consultant's obligations under the preceding subsection with respect to any portion of the Confidential Information shall terminate when the Consultant can document that:

- a) it was in the public domain at or subsequent to the time it was communicated to the Consultant by IDRC through no fault of the Consultant;
- b) it was rightfully in the Consultant's possession free of any obligation of confidence at or subsequent to the time it was communicated to Consultant by IDRC; or
- c) it was developed by the Consultant, its employees or agents independently of and without reference to any information communicated to the Consultant by IDRC.

A disclosure of Confidential Information (1) in response to a valid order by a court or other governmental body, (2) otherwise required by law, or (3) necessary to establish the rights of either party under this Contract, shall not be considered to be a breach of this Contract or a waiver of confidentiality for other purposes; provided, however, that the Consultant shall provide prompt written notice thereof to enable IDRC to seek a protective order or otherwise prevent such disclosure.

Ownership of Confidential Information and Other Materials: All Confidential Information and any Derivatives thereof, whether created by IDRC or the Consultant, remain the property of IDRC and no license or other rights to Confidential Information is granted or hereby implied.

The Consultant shall, on request, promptly return to IDRC all of its proprietary materials together with any copies thereof.

This section shall survive the termination of this Contract.

A15. ASSIGNMENT OF COPYRIGHT AND WAIVER OF MORAL RIGHTS

In consideration of the fees paid, the Consultant, its employees, subcontractors, successors and assignees expressly agree to assign to IDRC any copyright arising from the Deliverables. The Consultant hereby agrees to waive in favour of

IDRC any moral rights in the Deliverables. The Consultant shall secure any additional waivers of moral rights in the works in favour of IDRC, from personnel and subcontractors, as appropriate.

Furthermore, the Consultant may not use, reproduce or otherwise disseminate or authorize others to use, reproduce or disseminate such Deliverables without the prior written consent of IDRC.

A16. PATENT, TRADE MARK, TRADE SECRET AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

The Consultant covenants that no Services or Deliverables to be provided to IDRC under this Contract will infringe upon or violate the rights of any third parties, including such parties' intellectual property rights. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Consultant represents and warrants that no Services or Deliverables provided pursuant to this Contract will infringe any existing patent, trade mark, trade secret or copyright registered or recognized in Canada or elsewhere, with respect to or in connection with the intended use of the Services or Deliverables by IDRC.

The Consultant agrees to indemnify and hold IDRC harmless from and against any and all damages, costs, and expenses (including court costs and reasonable legal fees) incurred by IDRC as a result of the infringement or alleged infringement of any third party intellectual property rights, and further agrees to defend and participate in the defence of any claim or suit alleging that IDRC has a liability in this regard.

This section will survive termination of the Contract.

A17. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Consultant must avoid participating in activities or being in situations that place it, him, or her, in a real, potential or apparent conflict of interest that has the potential of influencing the Services and Deliverables being contemplated by this Contract.

The Consultant must not accept, directly or indirectly, for themselves or on behalf of any person or organization with whom they are in a close social, family or economic relationship, any gift, hospitality, or other benefit from any person, group, or organization having dealings with IDRC where such gift, hospitality, or other benefit could reasonably foreseeably influence the Consultant in the exercise of its, his or her official duties and responsibilities pursuant to this Contract.

A18. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

In performing services under this Contract, the Consultant shall be responsible for complying with all legislation of the country (countries) in which it, he, or she must work (including but not limited to laws pertaining to immigration, taxation, customs, employment and foreign exchange control).

It is the individual's responsibility to comply with the travel visa regulations of any country visited or in transit.

The overhead (included in fees) and allowances paid under this Contract include provision for complying with national legislation of the countries the Consultant may visit (including Canada). IDRC will not entertain any claim for work visas, work permits, etc., or any other costs relating to compliance with the national legislation of any country in the world.

A19. GOVERNING LAW

This Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada. Where a dispute cannot be resolved by mutual agreement, the parties agree that any legal action or claim must be brought

before the courts of the Province of Ontario, Canada, which will have exclusive jurisdiction over all such actions and claims.

A20. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Contract are severable, and the invalidity or ineffectiveness of any part shall not affect or impair the validity and effectiveness of remaining parts or provisions of this Contract.

A21. WAIVER

Failure by a party to enforce any right or to exercise any election provided for in this Contract shall not be considered a waiver of such right or election. The exercise of any right or election of this Contract shall not preclude or prejudice a party from exercising that or any other right or election in future.

A22. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be in default by reason of its delay or failure to perform its obligations by reason of strikes, lockout or other labour disputes (whether or not involving the party's employees), floods, riots, fires, acts of war or terrorism, explosions, travel advisories or any other cause beyond the party's reasonable control. Each party will use its best efforts to anticipate such delays and failures, and to devise means to eliminate or minimize them.

A23. NOTICES

Any notices, requests, or demands or other communication relating to this Contract shall be in writing and may be given by: 1. hand delivery, 2. commercial courier, 3. facsimile, 4. registered mail, postage prepaid, or, 5. electronic mail.

Any notice so sent shall be deemed received as follows: 1. if hand delivered, on delivery, 2. if by commercial courier, on delivery, 3. if by registered mail, three (3) business days after so mailing, or, 4. if by facsimile or electronic e-mail, on the date sent. The initial address and facsimile number for notice are set out in this Contract and may be changed by notice hereunder.

A24. REVIEW AND AUDIT

The Consultant agrees, if IDRC so requests at any time up to two (2) years following the Termination Date to:

- a) submit a complete financial accounting of expenses, supported by original (or certified copies of) invoices, timesheets or other documents verifying the transactions (excluding any receipts which have been submitted at the time of invoicing as deemed necessary according to the terms of the Contract);
- b) give officers or representatives of IDRC reasonable access to all financial records relating to the Services and Deliverables to permit IDRC to audit the use of its funds. This shall include books of account, banking records and, in the case of individuals, credit card statements.

This section will survive termination of the Contract.

A25. LANGUAGE

The parties have requested that this Contract and all notices or other communications relating thereto be drawn up in English. Les parties ont exigé que ce contrat ainsi que tous les avis et toutes autres communications qui lui sont relatifs soient rédigés en Anglais.

ANNEX B – Mandatory Requirements Checklist

INSTRUCTIONS:

As stated in **Section 3.2.1 Mandatory Requirements**, to qualify as an eligible Proponent, you must meet all the following requirements.

PART 1: *General Mandatory Requirements of this RFP*

These general Mandatory Requirements will be confirmed by IDRC:

#	Mandatory Requirements
Mi.	Met submission close date and time
Mii.	Included all required files

PART 2: *Statement of Work Mandatory Requirements*

As stated in **Section 4.6 Response to the Statement of Work**, the Proponent **must provide detailed information relative to each mandatory requirement**. Indicate in the table, where in the Proponent's Proposal the response to the mandatory requirement can be found:

Example:

#	Mandatory Requirements	Compliant (yes or no)	Response
	RESOURCES		
M1.	Lead Resource must be bilingual.	yes	See page 3, heading "xxxxx", paragraph 3 and 4.

Mandatory Requirements in Response to the Statement of Work:

#	Mandatory Requirements	Compliant (yes or no)	Response
	RESOURCES		
M1.	All Proposed Resources – Outline The Proponent shall outline <i>all proposed resources</i> to be used in completing the project and include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. their roles, structure and reporting relationships b. name, title, telephone #, email address, location 		

ANNEX C – Rated Requirements Checklist

INSTRUCTIONS:

As stated in **Section 3.2.2 Rated Requirements**, the following requirements will be evaluated according to the degree to which they meet or exceed IDRC's requirements.

As stated in **Section 4.6 Response to the Statement of Work**, the Proponent **must provide detailed information relative to each Rated Requirement**. Indicate in the table, where in the Proponent's Proposal the response to the Rated Requirement can be found:

Example:

#	Rated Requirements	Response
	RESOURCES	
R1.	Demonstrate the qualifications of the Lead Resource.	See page 18, Annex B, section 1.1

RATED REQUIREMENTS:

Rated Requirements in Response to the Statement of Work:

#	Rated Requirements	Weight	Response
	RESOURCES	50	
R1.	All Proposed Resources Experience – Demonstrate Experience The Proponent's response should demonstrate the quality and level of expertise of its proposed team by providing the following: a. a one to maximum two-page up-to-date bio of each proposed resource that includes relevant work experience, education, and all relative professional designations and certifications.		
R2.	At least a master's degree in a field relevant to the assignment, for example in Development Studies, Monitoring and Evaluation, Science and Technology, Economics, or Public Policy (for both the Team Leader and other members of the evaluation team)	5	
R3.	At least 10-years experience in programme evaluation in a development context and proven accomplishment in undertaking evaluations, including leading evaluations of multi-stakeholder programmes for multilateral organizations.	10	
R4.	Provide examples of similar evaluations conducted in the past, especially in the field of Science Technology and Innovation (STI) and/or Research and Development (R&D), in the African context	10	
R5.	Demonstrated experience in conducting Formative, Empowerment, Gender Responsive, Utilisation-Focused type of evaluations in the context of STI and/or R&D	10	
R7.	Ability to conduct the evaluation in both English and French is essential; Portuguese is an asset	5	
	METHODOLOGY	45	
R7.	Approach	See a-e below	

	<p>The Proponent should describe its approach to successfully deliver the requirements of the evaluation by providing the following: And include the below criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity of firm or consortium to deliver (Should include at minimum, examples of similar assignments conducted in the past, how the firm/consortium meets each of the required skills and competencies outlined in this ToR and a summary of experience of each proposed evaluation team member and how they meet the skills and competencies outlined in this ToR) • Proposed Approach and Methodology to the EE 		
a.	A detailed plan to fulfil the parameters outlined in the Statement of Work	5	
b.	Clarity of the proposal, showing an understanding of the assignment	10	
c.	Coherence and soundness of the methodology	20	
d.	<p>A project workplan detailing milestones and proposed timelines</p> <p>To be presented in MS Excel and should include the following at minimum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of proposed activities to be undertaken - Level of Effort – days (LoE) for each proposed activity and team member - Proposed activity timelines and deliverable deadlines 	10	
R6.	Involvement in the Evaluation Team of members from Sub-Saharan Africa (including women evaluators from SSA)	10	