

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE FUND STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE PERIOD, APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2027

Closing date: *Monday, 15th March 2021, 16.30 CAT*

1. Background

The African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) was created in 2006 to support the effective conservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage of outstanding universal value in Africa. The creation of the Fund was as a result of work undertaken by African Members States of UNESCO and the African Union (AU) to develop a strategy to deal with the challenges faced by African countries in the implementation of the 1972 World Heritage Convention. The Fund became a Category II Centre under the auspices of UNESCO in 2010 and has thus become an official partner of UNESCO.

AWHF is mandated to strengthen the implementation of the 1972 World Heritage Convention by the African States Parties by: Providing support to identify and list African heritage properties on the World Heritage List; Providing support and assistance for the conservation and management of heritage properties inscribed on the World Heritage List; Rehabilitating sites inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger; Training heritage experts and site managers as an ongoing capacity building process; and, Involving communities in decisions concerning their heritage and ensuring that tangible benefits accrue to them.

2. AWHF Strategic Plan

The current AWHF Strategic Plan (April 2019/March 2022) comes to an end in March 2022. AWHF therefore intends to assess its implementation and achievements. The outcome of the assessment will inform the development of a new Strategic Plan that will guide the Fund in implementing its mandate on the continent for the next five (5) years. Within this framework, a consultant is sought to perform the following tasks:

- a) Carryout in-depth review of the implementation of the current AWHF Strategic Plan for the period April 2019 - March 2022;
- b) Develop new Strategic Plan for the period April 2022 - March 2027.

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3. Scope of Work/Methodology

The review and development of the Strategic Plan will be implemented through various means including:

- a) A desk study of relevant documents.
- b) Long distance interviews and meetings with the AWHF's partners, stakeholders, collaborators, beneficiaries, Board members and staff (telephonic interviews, e-mail correspondences and online meetings).
- c) If conditions allow, a 5-day mission to the AWHF offices in Midrand, South Africa, for physical meetings with AWHF Secretariat, stakeholders and partners in South Africa. The AWHF will facilitate access to stakeholders and partners.
- d) The consultant will work under the direct supervision of the focal point at AWHF.

Detailed scope of work and deliverables will be spelt out in the consultancy contract.

4. Guidelines for applying

Applications are welcomed from individual consultants/experts. Applicants should submit both Motivation letter comprising of the methodology for the work (**not exceeding 3 pages**) and Curriculum Vitae (CV) of sole applicant or team members. The applicant must demonstrate the following competencies:

- Relevant educational background or professional experience;
- Experience in developing Strategic plans, preferably for heritage related organizations;
- Knowledge of World Heritage systems and the work of the African World Heritage Fund;
- Familiarity with the implementation of World Heritage Convention both in Africa and at a global level (including the Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise for Africa region);
- Knowledge of various AWHF strategic partner organizations mainly UNESCO, African Union, IUCN, ICCROM and ICOMOS among others;
- Knowledge of regional stakeholders within the heritage sector in Africa;
- Understanding of relevant regional and global policy documents and strategic frameworks such as the Africa Union Agenda 2063, UNESCO's Priority Africa Strategy), and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- Understanding of fundraising and communication strategies;
- English is the primary language of this assignment. Knowledge of French would be an added advantage.

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5. Duration and deliverables

The tasks will be implemented within a four (4) months period, from **1st May to 30th August 2021**) as follows:

- Submission of draft document (review and Strategic Plan)- 10 June 2021
- Submission of the final document (review and Strategic Plan) - 30 August 2021

6. Application Timeline

- Application submission deadline – **Monday 15th March 2021**
- Notification of successful candidate (s) – **Friday 26th March 2021**

7. Submission

Applications should be submitted via email to info@awhf.net with a copy to jacobn@dbsa.org. Only successful applicant (s) will be contacted.

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