**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTANT SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS)**

**Country:** UGANDA

**Project Name:** ISLAMIC FINANCE GRANT TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE ISLAMIC SOCIAL FINANCE ECOSYSTEM IN UGANDA

**Sector:** ISLAMIC SOCIAL FINANCE

**Mode of Financing:** ISLAMIC FINANCE GRANT

**Financing No:** UGA1069

House of Zakat and Waqf Uganda has requested the Islamic Development Bank (hereinafter the IsDB) to provide technical assistance (TA) toward the cost of the “Islamic Finance Grant Program to build a sustainable Islamic Social Finance Ecosystem in Uganda”. It intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting services to be procured under this project. House of Zakat and Waqf Uganda (HZWU) will jointly finance this Project.

The Grant aims to upgrade and enhance the knowledge and skills of HZWU, to better serve the Muslim Community in Uganda. Hence, the urgent need for an extensive Study on the Islamic Social Finance in Uganda. The objective of the Study is to develop the Islamic Social Finance sector in Uganda by performing a study on the status of Social Finance in Uganda. The draft TOR for the assignment is attached in **Annex-1**.

House of Zakat and Waqf Uganda (HZWU) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the listed services in the draft ToR. Interested Consultants must provide specific information that demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services (availability of appropriate experience and skillful staff confirmed by brochures, description of similar assignments in analogous conditions, etc.) including expertise in developing similar studies.

**The shortlisting criteria / sub-criteria are:**

(a) The Consultant should demonstrate having experience of providing studies on the mentioned topics in the TOR for at least ten (10) years.

(b) Proven record of successful similar studies (at least 3 in the past 5 years) for the benefit of a country’s Religious Affairs ministries, or related Waqf and Zakat Government bodies or non-Government institutions or NGOs.

(c) The firm should demonstrate having technical and managerial capabilities to successfully execute the assignment through a brief presentation of the firm’s management structure and number of permanent staff.

(d) The firm should demonstrate capabilities and experience in delivering the expectations outlined in the draft TOR in **Annex 1**.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of The Guidelines for the procurement of Consultancy Services under lsDB project financing (April 20.19, revised in February 2023) (the “Procurement Guidelines”), setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest: [Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultancy Services under IsDB Project Financing\_1.pdf](https://www.isdb.org/project-procurement/sites/pproc/files/media/documents/Guidelines%20for%20the%20Procurement%20of%20Consultancy%20Services%20under%20IsDB%20Project%20Financing_1.pdf)

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualifications Selection/International Shortlist (CQS) method as set out in the Procurement Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours; **8:30 to 16:30 hours** Uganda Local Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by the date of **28 February 2025**.

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