



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

COUNTRY: Togo and Burkina Faso

Name of Project: Towards Climate Resilient Shea Communities in Togo and Burkina Faso

Sector: Social

Financing Agreement reference: G-Z1-A00-SUP-001

Project ID No.: G-Z1-A00-SUP-001

INTRODUCTION

Established in 2011, The Global Shea Alliance (GSA) is a non profit industry association based in Accra, Ghana. GSA currently has 849 members from 36 countries including food and cosmetic brands, suppliers, women's groups, non profit organizations, affiliates and national associations.

Through public private partnerships, the GSA promotes industry sustainability, quality practices and standards and demand for shea in food and cosmetics. We implement the following activities:

-  **Quality**
 - Quality trainings for women's groups on kernel collection, processing, and storage.
 - Implementation of kernel quality standards in collaboration with members and national/regional standards bodies.
 - Small business trainings including accounting, marketing, packaging and formulation workshops.

-  **Promotion**
 - Annual international conferences in West Africa, Europe, and the United States.
 - Annual African cosmetics brand exhibition.
 - International policy analysis and advocacy to remove trade barriers.
 - Research on shea benefits in food and cosmetics.
 - African national association development.
 - International consumer and industry media engagement.

-  **Sustainability**
 - Implementation of multi-stakeholder guidelines for sustainable business practices.
 - Large-scale development projects including warehouse construction, business development trainings, health and safety initiatives, parkland management, improved planting materials, and conservation pilot projects.

The Global Shea Alliance has received a grant from the African Development Bank (AfDB) under the African Climate Change Fund (ACCF) towards the cost of 'Towards Climate Resilient Shea Communities in Togo and Burkina Faso' and intends to apply



part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for **the recruitment of a firm for the financial audits of the project.**

The services included under this project are to provide an independent, objective assessment of the Global Shea Alliance financial statements, operations, or compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The auditing will cover the entire duration of the project, from January 2023 to 31 December, 2025.

The Global Shea Alliance now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc). Consultants may constitute joint ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's *'Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants' October 2015 edition*, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information, including the terms of reference, at the address below during office hours from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm GMT

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by 30 September 2025 at 5:00 pm GMT and mention **'Recruitment of a firm for the financial audits of the project'**.

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