



**ECOSOCC**  
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## **ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COUNCIL**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)**

#### **Advisory Report on the Outcomes**

**and**

#### **Takeaways of COP27 for the AU Strategy**

## 1.0 Project Background and Context

The Conference of Parties (COP) 27 was held at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt in November 2022. COP 27 was hosted by a member of the African Group of Negotiators and was thus considered as the “African COP”, providing an opportunity to spotlight special needs, circumstances and key issues critical to the African continent<sup>1</sup>. The Egyptian government highlighted its wish to make this COP a conference based on action and implementation. COP27 outcomes signal towards progress made on the global sustainable development agenda and allow to gauge the resilience of the multilateral system. It is an opportunity to mobilise the international community in favour of adaptation and mitigation projects, and mobilise climate diplomacy to follow through on the national determined contributions (NDCs) and get the necessary support.

Africans are experiencing some of the worst weather events in a decade this year, despite the continent contributing the least to global carbon emissions<sup>2</sup>. The president of the AU Commission, Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, called for Africa to be compensated during the negotiations at Sharm el-Sheikh, calling for developed countries to keep their promises made during COP26. He emphasized that Africa came well prepared to speak through one collective voice, in concerted defense of the continent’s interests. Conscious of the lack of coordination between decision makers, scientists and negotiators, AU Heads of State and Government (HOSG) decided after COP15, Africa should negotiate as one block, with one voice. This led to the strengthening of the African Group of Negotiators.

It is crucial for governments to use the COP27 outcomes in order to implement concrete action and direct finance flows. In order to be effective, agreements established during the conference must be transposed into national legislation, supported by appropriate budgetary allocations. In this context, and to support the efforts of the African Union in delivering on its goal for inclusive and sustainable development, ECOSOCC is looking for a consultant to draft an advisory report on the outcomes and takeaways of COP27, addressing what needs to be done at the regional and national levels to move the needle on the key issues in alignment with international frameworks and agreements.

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<sup>1</sup> Marc Schrijver & Josue Banga, « COP27 : The African COP and the rise of a global U-turn to the Paris Agreement », World Bank, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2022, <https://blogs.worldbank.org/african/cop27-african-cop-and-risk-global-u-turn-paris-agreement>

<sup>2</sup> Daisy Dunne, « Analysis : Africa’s unreported extreme weather in 2022 and climate Change », UNDRR, October 26<sup>th</sup> 2022, <https://www.preventionweb.net/news/analysis-africas-unreported-extreme-weather-2022-and-climate-change>

## **2.0 Purpose and Objectives of the Consultation**

The main objective of the consultancy is to elaborate an advisory report, to provide guidance and recommendations on any issue identified as a priority. This report should provide advice on the strategic direction of the AU to ensure alignment with the COP27 outcomes. Specifically, the paper would be expected to:

- Identify the major points of discussion and negotiation at the COP27;
- Provide an overview of the status of international climate negotiations and issues at stake at the COP27;
- Present key outcomes and takeaways from the meeting and the decisions adopted by the Parties;
- Address the current implementation of the Paris Agreement, recent developments and their impacts on the negotiations and climate action;
- Set policy recommendations and address what needs to be done at the regional and national levels;
- Provide advice on the appropriateness of the existing legal and regulatory frameworks;
- Identify best practices to support and mobilize strategic multi-stakeholder action, collaboration and outreach across member states, inter-governmental organisations and non-state actors;
- Provide key action points in the build-up to COP 28

## **3.0 Assignment Period, Deliverables & Payment Breakdown**

The consultant is expected to undertake this assignment within a period twelve weeks after signing of the contract. The consultant shall provide the proposed methodology and breakdown (Gantt Chart) of the period within which the various activities for this assignment are expected to complete within the specified time frame.

<b>S/N</b>	<b>DELIVERABLES</b>	<b>PROPOSED TIME FRAME</b>
1	Inception Report	Two weeks (2) after signature of contract
2	A comprehensive and concise advisory report on the outcomes and takeaways of COP27, with guidance on the actions that need to be taken.	Eight weeks (4) after submission of the Inception Report
3	A short executive summary of the paper with the final recommendations	Two weeks (2) after submission of the Comprehensive Advisory Report

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4	Virtual validation - The organization and participation to a presentation workshop dedicated to presenting and discussing the recommendations.	Two weeks (2) after the Virtual Validation
5	Submission of Final Advisory Report	Two weeks (2) after the Validation Workshop

#### 4.0 Eligibility Criteria

- Post graduate degree in Political Science, International Relations or Humanities with a focus on environmental issues;
- A minimum of 7 years of experience in producing research analysis and policy report for policy makers;
- Substantive experience in issues related to addressing the governance of climate change;
- Familiarity with international climate frameworks and standards, particularly the UNFCCC framework;
- Familiarity with the AU governance system.

#### 5.0 Selection Criteria

Description	%
General qualifications and experience	10
Specific experience of the consultant relevant to the assignment	35
Adequacy and quality of the proposed methodology, and work plan in responding to the Terms of Reference (TORs)	
▪ Technical approach & methodology	40
▪ Work plan	15
<b>Total Weight</b>	<b>100</b>

#### 5.0 Assignment Management & Administration

- 5.1 This assignment will be managed by the ECOSOCC Secretariat, Lusaka, Zambia. This includes servicing the consultant, support with setting-up



appointments with stakeholders, ensuring that payments are made on time, facilitating meetings and tracking the work plan of the consultant.

- 5.2** Desk Officers of the Secretariat will be selected who will help in increasing expert opinion in the process. The consultant will also report to the designated focal point on all matters pertaining to the assignment.

## **6.0 Budget and Payment**

The total cost of this assignment shall be a fixed lumpsum of fifteen **thousand United State Dollars (\$USD 15,000)**.

Date:

- NB:** The Advisory Report needs to be submitted in English; provisions will be made for translation into AU working languages for dissemination