Prequalification
Ref.: International, open call for tender for Consulting Services for an implementation consultant for the Rural Finance Enhancement Programme ("RFEP") and an optional additional agricultural finance programme.

Project Executing Agency: East African Development Bank (EADB)
Project measures: The purpose of the Programme is to improve access to sustainable and demand-driven financial services for the rural population and Micro, Small and medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Uganda. The Programme provides a loan of up to EUR 8.0 million to EADB as the Project Executing Agency (PEA) through the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development as Recipient for on-lending to selected partner financial institutions (PFIs). The PFIs will provide credit services to rural MSMEs and the rural population. The credit line will be supported by a grant of up to EUR 1.0 million for consultancy services to assist the Project Executing Agency (PEA) in programme implementation.

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Requested Consultant services: The requested consulting services include i.a.: RFEP: Supporting the PEA in programme implementation: Appraising, training, monitoring and auditing eligible PFIs; training and strategic advice to the PEA in the field of rural finance; follow-up, monitoring and reporting of Programme activities, progress and impacts; administration of the KfW Disposition Fund.

Optional additional agricultural finance programme: Supporting the PEA in Programme implementation: Selecting Appraising eligible PFIs; training and capacity building for the PFIs in agricultural finance; training and strategic advice to the PEA in the field of agricultural finance; follow-up, monitoring and reporting of Programme activities, progress and impacts; administration of the KfW Disposition Fund.

Major inputs of the consulting services for the RFEP shall be provided in the first three(3) years tentatively starting in the second quarter of 2015.

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Major inputs of the consulting services for the optional additional agricultural finance programme shall be provided in the first three(3) years tentatively starting in first quarter of 2016.

This prequalification for consulting services will be guided by the latest version of the “Guidelines for Assignment of Consultants in Financial Co-operation Projects with Partner Countries” (refer to KfW’s website: https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/International-financing/KfW-Development-Bank/Publications/).

The services shall be assigned to an independent consultant firm with profound experience/expertise in rural and agricultural finance (product development and marketing, training and capacity building in financial institutions). Experience in Uganda and/or the region and with administering KfW Fiduciary Funds would be an asset. The minimum annual turnover of the consultants for the last three years shall be more than EUR 1.5 million.

Further information required to participate in the tender will be made available upon request by the Tender Agent Dr. Peter Hartig under the following address: dr.p.hartig@gmail.com with copy to dr.p.hartig@gmx.de