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TENDER ICGLR-02/26

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR A LEAD REGIONAL PROGRAM PREPARATION CONSULTANT Tanganyika Peace and Prosperity Corridor Initiative (TPPCI)

1. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) is an intergovernmental organization composed of twelve Member States. The Conference Secretariat of the ICGLR is based in Bujumbura, Republic of Burundi, and works towards promoting peace, security, stability, and development within the Great Lakes Region.

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) is implementing Phase 1 of the Tanganyika Peace and Prosperity Corridor Initiative (TPPCI) to promote Lake Tanganyika as a regional space for peace, trade, investment, livelihoods and shared prosperity among Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, and Zambia. The initiative will support a Regional Expert Consultation Workshop, a High-Level Meeting and the preparation of an investment ready Phase 2 program and financing package. The TPPCI is conceived as a concrete contribution to the fulfilment and implementation of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, which was solemnly signed by the Heads of State and Government of the ICGLR Member States in Nairobi, Kenya, on 15 December 2006.

ICGLR therefore seeks to recruit a Lead Regional Program Preparation Consultant to provide technical leadership for the rapid corridor diagnostic, targeted stakeholder consultations, workshop preparation and facilitation support, documentation of recommendations, and preparation of the Phase 2

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TPPCI Program Document, implementation roadmap, indicative costing and financing strategy.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The overall objective of the consultancy is to support ICGLR in preparing, validating, and packaging the Tanganyika Peace and Prosperity Corridor Initiative for implementation by generating the required evidence base, facilitating technical consensus among stakeholders and translating agreed priorities into a costed, sequenced and financeable Phase 2 program.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

- Conduct a desk review of relevant corridor studies, national plans, regional commitments, institutional mandates and ongoing initiatives related to Lake Tanganyika, trade, infrastructure, livelihoods, resource governance, investment and peacebuilding.
- Facilitate and document the Regional Expert Consultation Workshop, including validation of diagnostic findings, prioritization of Phase 2 components, and clarification of institutional roles and responsibilities.
- Prepare a Tanganyika Corridor Diagnostic and Opportunity Assessment identifying strategic gaps, peace and prosperity dividends, priority interventions and opportunities for ICGLR added value.
- Organize and support targeted stakeholder consultations in Burundi, DRC, Tanzania, and Zambia, engaging government institutions, regional bodies, development partners, private sector, women and youth stakeholders.
- Develop workshop background materials, technical papers, presentations, agenda inputs and facilitation tools for the Regional Expert Consultation Workshop and support its facilitation and documentation.
- Prepare technical recommendations, a Draft Partnership Statement, follow-up action matrix and inputs for the proposed High-Level Meeting.
- Develop the Phase 2 TPPCI Program Document, including a results framework, implementation roadmap, indicative costing, priority investment pipeline and financing strategy for partners.
- Prepare a consolidated Phase 1 Final Report capturing key findings, stakeholder inputs, workshop outcomes and recommendations for implementation.



4. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

No.	Deliverable	Indicative timing
1	Inception report, workplan, methodology and consultation schedule	Within 5 working days of contract signature
2	Rapid Tanganyika Corridor Diagnostic and Opportunity Assessment	Within 15 working days
3	Stakeholder Consultation and Partnership Report	Before the Regional Expert Consultation Workshop
4	Workshop background materials, agenda inputs, technical presentations and facilitation tools	At least 5 working days before the workshop
5	Workshop report, validated recommendations, Partnership Statement and follow-up action matrix	Within 7 working days after the workshop
6	Draft Phase 2 TPPCI Program Document, implementation roadmap, indicative costing and financing strategy	Within 15 working days after the workshop
7	Final consolidated report and final Phase 2 financing package	At the end of the assignment

Nota: The Project document is attached to this tender.

5. DURATION AND DUTY STATION

The consultancy is expected to be undertaken during September and October 2026, with an indicative level of effort to be agreed by ICGLR based on the final workplan. The assignment will be home-based with travel to Bujumbura, Burundi, and possible targeted consultations with stakeholders in the four riparian countries, subject to budget availability and ICGLR approval.



6. REPORTING AND SUPERVISION

The consultant will report to the ICGLR Conference Secretariat through the designated project coordinator. ICGLR will provide overall strategic guidance, approve deliverables, facilitate political and institutional engagement with Member States and partners, and ensure quality assurance of all outputs. The consultant will be expected to work closely with ICGLR technical staff, national focal points, regional institutions and other stakeholders identified during implementation.

7. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Advanced university degree in economics, regional integration, international development, peacebuilding, public policy, infrastructure planning, trade, natural resource governance or another relevant field.
- At least 10 years of progressively responsible professional experience in regional program design, corridor development, peacebuilding, trade facilitation, investment planning or development finance.
- Demonstrated experience preparing program documents, financing strategies, investment pipelines, donor engagement packages or similar implementation-ready products.
- Strong knowledge of the Great Lakes Region and the Lake Tanganyika corridor context, including regional cooperation, livelihoods, trade, security, responsible resource governance and institutional coordination issues.
- Experience working with regional organisations, governments, development partners, private sector actors and multi-country stakeholder processes.
- Excellent analytical, facilitation, report writing and presentation skills.
- Fluency in English is required. Working knowledge of French will be a strong advantage.

8. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Criterion	Weight
Relevant qualifications and professional experience	20%
Understanding of the Great Lakes Region, Lake Tanganyika corridor and regional peace and prosperity agenda	25%



Quality and relevance of proposed methodology and workplan	25%
Experience in program preparation, financing strategies and donor engagement	20%
Financial proposal and value for money	10%

9. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested candidates should submit a technical proposal demonstrating their understanding of the assignment and proposed methodology, an updated CV, examples of similar assignments completed, a financial proposal indicating professional fees and any reimbursable costs and contact details for at least three professional references.

Applications must be submitted by 21st September 2026 at 17:00 (Burundi time) via email to procurement@icglr.org . For further inquiries, candidates may contact the ICGLR Secretariat at +257 653 650 00.

ICGLR may request shortlisted candidates to make a brief presentation of their proposed approach before the final selection.

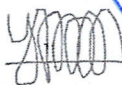
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The ICGLR Secretariat reserves the right to:

- Accept or reject any proposal;
- Cancel the process at any stage;
- Request additional information from bidders where necessary.

Done in Bujumbura on 4th September 2026

For ICGLR Secretariat



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Deputy Executive Secretary





PROJECT PROPOSAL:

Regional Expert REGIONAL EXPERT CONSULTATION WORKSHOP IN PREPARATION FOR A HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON THE TANGANYIKA CORRIDOR

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SUMMARY

- Title:** Regional Expert Consultation Workshop in preparation for the High level Meeting on the Consolidation of the Tanganyika Corridor
- Implementing Institution:** International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)
- Action:** It is of paramount necessity to organise a regional consultation workshop bringing together experts from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania, and Zambia, the four countries sharing Lake Tanganyika, to prepare for the High-level Meeting on the consolidation of the Tanganyika Corridor.
- Rationale:** Lake Tanganyika is a strategic shared resource and transport, trade, security, and development space for Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania, and Zambia. A structured experts' consultation is needed to harmonise technical inputs, identify priority issues, and prepare recommendations for a High-level Meeting dedicated to consolidating the Tanganyika Corridor.
- Background:** This proposal builds on ICGLR's regional mandate for peace, security, stability, and development and responds to the need to advance regional cooperation around Lake Tanganyika. The project will support a consultation workshop of experts from the four riparian countries to prepare a coherent technical basis, agenda, and recommendations for the High-level Meeting on the consolidation of the Tanganyika Corridor.
- Impact:** Once implemented, the project will contribute to stronger regional cooperation among the four countries sharing Lake Tanganyika by clarifying priorities, building technical consensus, and generating practical recommendations to guide the High-level Meeting on consolidation of the Tanganyika Corridor.



Management. Under this arrangement, ICGLR will put in place a joint project management team to oversee and monitor the implementation of the project. The ICGLR will prepare and submit quarterly, semi-annual, and annual progress reports to the management team.

1. INTRODUCTION

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Pact on Security, Stability, and Development provides a regional framework for transforming the Great Lakes Region into a space of sustainable peace, security, stability, cooperation, and development. In this spirit, the ICGLR promotes collective action among Member States to strengthen regional integration, address shared challenges, and advance development corridors that contribute to stability and prosperity.

Lake Tanganyika is shared by the Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the Republic of Zambia and represents an important regional corridor for connectivity, trade, fisheries, environmental cooperation, livelihoods, and cross-border stability. Consolidating the Tanganyika Corridor requires coordinated policy dialogue and technical preparation among the four riparian countries.

The proposed consultation workshop will bring together experts from the four countries sharing Lake Tanganyika to review priority issues, exchange technical perspectives, identify opportunities for cooperation, and prepare substantive inputs for the High-level Meeting. The workshop will provide a structured platform for building consensus before decisions are elevated to the political level.

This proposal is therefore designed to support a Consultation Workshop in Preparation of the High-level Meeting on the Consolidation of the Tanganyika Corridor. It builds on the ICGLR mandate to promote peace, security, stability, and development while focusing on practical regional cooperation around Lake Tanganyika. Activities will be implemented during September and October and will focus on technical consultations, preparation of background documents, development of recommendations, and follow-up arrangements for the High-level Meeting.

2. RATIONALE

The rationale for this project is grounded in the need to prepare a well-informed and technically sound High-level Meeting on the consolidation of the Tanganyika Corridor. Because Lake Tanganyika is shared by Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania, and Zambia,



effective consolidation of the corridor requires common understanding, coordinated priorities, and practical recommendations developed by experts from the four countries. The consultation workshop will provide an opportunity to review the corridor's strategic importance, identify key challenges and opportunities, harmonise technical inputs, and prepare an agreed package of recommendations for consideration by senior decision-makers.

3. OBJECTIVES

3.1 General Objective

The main objective of this project is to organise a consultation workshop bringing together experts from the four countries sharing Lake Tanganyika in order to prepare the High-level Meeting on the consolidation of the Tanganyika Corridor through technical exchange, consensus-building, and formulation of practical recommendations.

3.2 Specific Objectives

The specific objectives of the project are:

1. Facilitate technical consultations among experts from the Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the Republic of Zambia:
 - a. Organise a regional consultation workshop bringing together experts from the four countries sharing Lake Tanganyika to review strategic issues related to the consolidation of the Tanganyika Corridor.
 - b. Facilitate focused technical sessions on corridor priorities, cross-border cooperation, connectivity, security, trade, environmental sustainability, and institutional follow-up.
2. Prepare substantive inputs for the High-level Meeting:
 - a. Develop background notes, draft recommendations, proposed agenda items, and a concise technical report to support informed deliberations at the High-level Meeting.
3. Ensure effective coordination, documentation, and follow-up:
 - a. Provide technical support to planning, facilitation, interpretation, documentation, reporting, and coordination of follow-up actions required for the High-level Meeting.

4. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES



4.1 Preparatory Consultations and Stakeholder Mobilisation

The project will begin with preparatory consultations and stakeholder mobilisation to ensure that the workshop is technically sound, inclusive, and aligned with the objectives of the High-level Meeting. This will include consultation with relevant institutions in the Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the Republic of Zambia; identification of experts; preparation of invitations; development of the agenda; and compilation of background materials on the Tanganyika Corridor.

4.2 Regional Consultation Workshop of Experts

A regional consultation workshop will be organised to bring together experts from the four countries sharing Lake Tanganyika. The workshop will provide a structured platform for technical exchange on the consolidation of the Tanganyika Corridor, including priorities related to connectivity, trade facilitation, security cooperation, environmental management, livelihoods, institutional coordination, and cross-border collaboration.

4.3 Date and Venue of the Consultation Workshop of Experts

The Consultation Workshop of Experts will be organized in Bujumbura Burundi, it will be two days during the second half of October 2026.

4.4 Methodology of the Consultation Workshop of Experts

The Consultation Workshop will be conducted through a participatory and interactive approach comprising:

- Expert presentations on the Consolidation of the Tanganyika Corridor
- Panel discussions involving ways and means for on the Consolidation of the Tanganyika Corridor
- Thematic working group discussions on the Tanganyika Corridor
- Plenary sessions for validation of recommendations.

4.5 Preparation of Technical Recommendations for the High-level Meeting

The workshop will consolidate the views of experts and develop a package of technical recommendations for the High-level Meeting. Participants will review key issues, agree on priority themes, identify proposed actions, and prepare draft conclusions that can guide policy-level deliberations. The outputs will include a summary report, proposed agenda inputs, and recommendations for strengthening cooperation among the four riparian countries.



4.6 Knowledge Exchange, Documentation, and Follow-up Commitments

The project will support knowledge exchange among participating experts by documenting key discussions, lessons learned, technical proposals, and areas of convergence. Follow-up responsibilities, timelines, and reporting arrangements will be clarified to ensure that the outcomes of the consultation workshop effectively inform the High-level Meeting and subsequent regional action on the Tanganyika Corridor.

4.7 Technical Support, Coordination, Documentation, and Reporting

Technical support will be provided throughout the project cycle to ensure effective planning, facilitation, interpretation where necessary, documentation, reporting, and coordination. ICGLR staff will support liaison with the four countries, quality assurance of workshop methodology, preparation of reports, consolidation of recommendations, and follow-up with relevant stakeholders before the High-level Meeting.

5. OUTCOME INDICATORS

The indicators outlined below will measure the effectiveness and impact of the consultation workshop in preparing for the High-level Meeting and strengthening technical cooperation among the four countries sharing Lake Tanganyika.

(a) Regional Expert Participation

- Number of experts from the Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the Republic of Zambia participating in the consultation workshop.
- Diversity of participating institutions, including relevant ministries, technical agencies, regional bodies, and subject-matter experts concerned with the Tanganyika Corridor.

(b) Technical Consensus and Recommendations

- Number of agreed technical recommendations prepared for consideration by the High-level Meeting.
- Number of priority themes identified for the consolidation of the Tanganyika Corridor, including cooperation, connectivity, trade, security, environment, and institutional follow-up.

(c) Preparation of the High-level Meeting

- Availability of a workshop report, proposed agenda inputs, background notes, and recommendations for the High-level Meeting.



- Percentage of workshop outputs with clear follow-up responsibilities, timelines, and reporting arrangements before the High-level Meeting.

(d) Stakeholder Participation and Ownership

- Level of participation and contribution by experts, technical institutions, regional bodies, and relevant national authorities from the four riparian countries.
- Percentage of participants expressing satisfaction with the relevance, inclusiveness, technical quality, and facilitation of the consultation workshop, measured through feedback forms.

(e) Follow-up and Sustainable Peace Outcomes

- Number of follow-up actions initiated to advance agreed technical recommendations and prepare the High-level Meeting on the consolidation of the Tanganyika Corridor.
- Evidence of improved coordination, communication, and technical cooperation among participating institutions, documented through workshop reports, participant feedback, and follow-up records.

