



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

TENDER TITLE: MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND LEARNING (MEL) PARTNER FOR THE WOMEN AND YOUTH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN FISHERIES THROUGH INCLUSIVE MARKET ACCESS PROGRAM

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General

1. This Request for Proposal (RfP) and the instructions for compiling and submitting your Proposal are designed to help you produce a Proposal that is acceptable to TMA as well as ensuring that Proposals are given equal consideration. TMA will select the most economically advantageous tender. It is essential, therefore, that you provide the information requested in the specific format and no other.
2. **TradeMark Africa (TMA) is not bound to accept the lowest price, or any, proposal. We also reserve the right to request any, or all, Consultants to clarify the proposals submitted.**

Instructions to Consultants

3. Pre-submission meeting and/or site visit

A pre-bid meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft teams on **Thursday, 27th March 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Kenya Time**. Bidders to confirm participation by sending their email addresses together with any queries prior to the pre bid meeting. Pre bid confirmation emails should be received by **Tuesday, 25th March 2025** on or before 1400hrs Kenya Time through procurement@trademarkafrica.com . The email must have a reference number and the title of the tender.

4. Costs and Charges

The Consultant shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its proposal, and TMA shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the selection process. TMA is not bound to accept any proposal and reserves the right to annul the selection process at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the Consultant.

5. Language of Proposal

The proposal, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the proposal exchanged between the consultant and TMA shall be written in the **ENGLISH** language. Any other language shall lead to disqualification of the proposal. In cases where there is a translation, it must be endorsed by an authorised translator.

6. Only One Proposal

The Consultant (including the individual members of any joint venture (JV)) shall submit only one proposal, either in its own name or as part of a JV in another proposal. If a Consultant, including any JV member, submits or participates in more than one proposal, all such proposals shall be disqualified and rejected. This does not, however, preclude the Consultant's staff from participating as key experts and non-key experts in more than one proposal. However, the same sub-Consultant may participate in several submissions.

If the consultant is a consortia/JV, the RfP shall include:

a copy of the JV agreement entered by all members,

or

a letter of intent to execute a JV agreement, signed by all members together with a copy of the agreement proposal.

In the absence of this document, the other members will be considered as sub-consultants. Experiences and qualifications of sub-consultants shall not be considered in the evaluation of the proposals.

7. Validity

The proposals must remain valid for not less than **120 days** from the date of submission. TMA shall endeavour to complete the evaluation and communicate within this period. The proposals shall be prepared in indelible ink, and it shall contain no interlineations or overwriting, except as necessary to correct errors made by the Consultant. Any such corrections must be initialled by the person(s) who sign(s) the proposals.

8. Clarifications and Amendments

Enquiries must only be for the purposes of clarifying the content of this RfP. All enquiries must clearly specify the tender title, number, section being queried and should be emailed to procurement@trademarkafrica.com.

Interested Consultants may request for clarifications on this RfP up to **seven (7)** days before the submission date. TMA will endeavour to reply within three (3) working days of receipt of the sought clarification(s) to any reasonable request for explanation. It will be at TMA's discretion to provide additional information where necessary.

Final clarifications with TMA's responses will be shared with all potential Consultants and/or made public on the prescribed website. Consultants are advised to frequently check the prescribed website for updates for review and consideration in preparation of their submissions.

Should TMA deem it necessary to amend the RfP, because of clarifications, it shall do so by issuing an amendment in writing or by standard electronic means. The amendment shall be sent to all Consultants and will be binding on them. TMA may extend the proposal submission deadline to give the Consultants reasonable time to take an amendment into account in their proposals.

9. Eligibility

This assignment is eligible to firms and consortiums only. Application received from individual consultants shall be automatically disqualified.

TMA permits Consultants (firms, including JVs and their members) from all countries to offer consulting services for TMA-financed projects.

Furthermore, it is the Consultant's responsibility to ensure that its experts, JV members, sub-Consultants, agents (declared or not), sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees meet the eligibility requirements as established by TMA.

- a) **Sanctions:** A firm or an individual sanctioned by TMA in accordance with the Supplier Code of Conduct, shall be ineligible to be awarded or benefit from a TMA-financed contract, financially or otherwise, during such period of time as TMA shall determine.

Consultants debarred by the World Bank, the Public Procurement and Disposal Act (PPDA) of the Governments of all TMA countries of operation, TMA donors and/or any other international donor agency are barred from bidding.

b) **Prohibitions:** Consultants and individuals of a country or goods manufactured in a country may be ineligible if indicated in TMA's Supplier Code of Conduct and:

- as a matter of law or official regulations, the recipient's country prohibits commercial relations with that country, provided that TMA is satisfied that such exclusion does not preclude effective competition for the provision of services required; or
- by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the recipient's country prohibits any import of goods from that country or any payments to any country, person, or entity in that country.

c) **Restrictions for Government-owned Enterprises:** Government-owned enterprises or institutions in the recipient's Country shall be eligible only if they can establish that they (i) are legally and financially autonomous, (ii) operate under commercial law, and (iii) that they are not dependent agencies of TMA.

To establish eligibility, the government-owned enterprise or institution should provide all relevant documents (including its charter) sufficient to demonstrate that it is a legal entity separate from the government; it does not currently receive any substantial subsidies or budget support; it is not obligated to pass on its surplus to the government; it can acquire rights and liabilities, borrow funds, and can be liable for repayment of debts and be declared bankrupt; and it is not competing for a contract to be awarded by the government department or agency which, under the applicable laws or regulations, is its reporting or supervisory authority or has the ability to exercise influence or control over it.

d) **Restrictions for public employees:** Government officials and civil servants of the recipient's country are not eligible to be included as experts in the Consultant's proposal unless such engagement does not conflict with any employment or other laws, regulations, or policies of the Recipient's country, and they

- are on leave of absence without pay, have resigned or retired.
- are not being hired by the same agency they were working for before going on leave of absence without pay, resigning, or retiring.

(in case of resignation or retirement, for a period of at least six (6) months, or the period established by statutory provisions applying to civil servants or government employees in the recipient's country, whichever is longer. Experts who are employed by the government-owned universities, educational or research institutions are not eligible unless they have been full time employees of their institutions for a year or more prior to being included in consultant's proposal); and

- their hiring would not create a conflict of interest.

10. Format of Your Proposal

Your Proposal should be set out in four (4) main parts:

- Part A – Preliminary Requirements.
- Part B – Executive Summary.
- Part C – General and Technical; and
- Part D – Financial.

11. Part A Preliminary Requirements

Consultants are required to submit scanned copies of the below documents:

- Signed and stamped Supplier Code of Conduct (**Annex 1**) with all pages initialized.
- Signed consortia/JV agreements or letters of intent (applicable to consortia/JV) between your selected partners; and
- Signed power of attorney.

Failure to submit the above requirements may lead to disqualification.

Parts A, B & C may be contained in one PDF document. However, the Financial Proposal (Part D) must be submitted as a **separate PDF document** to enable the Technical and Financial proposals to be evaluated independently.

Please do not include any financial/ price information in Parts A, B or C. Inclusion of any price information in Parts A, B or C **shall lead to rejection of the Proposal.**

12. Part B Executive Summary

This should be a brief overview of your tender covering how you intend to achieve the outputs, and your assessment of the resources required.

13. Part C General and Technical Proposal

Your technical submission should contain the following:

- a) Signed and stamped Technical Bid Submission Form (**Annex 2**).
- b) The firm's previous relevant experience should include the client's contact details, description of the assignment undertaken, start and end dates of each assignment. Refer to **Annex 3** in this RfP.
- c) Technical response (including method of implementation and your proposed quality assurance mechanisms).
- d) A list of the names and designation of all proposed experts/key personnel who will work on this project. Please clearly indicate the positions/roles to be played by the personnel to match those requested for in the Terms of Reference (ToRs). The team composition template is **Annex 4** in this RfP.
- e) The Curriculum Vitae (CVs) of proposed experts with information relevant to this project to support the proposed expert for this assignment. The CV template is **Annex 5** in this RfP.
- f) **Only one (1) CV** shall be submitted for each of the proposed key expert position. If more than one

CV is submitted for the same position, only the first CV will be evaluated; and

- g) Consultants must confirm that their proposed key expert will be available to provide the required services for the duration of the contract.

NOTE:

- **The technical proposal shall not include any financial information. The inclusion of any financial information shall lead to the proposal being declared non-responsive.**
- **The technical proposal MUST be in PDF and password protected.**

Consultants are advised to respond in line with or in reference to the scoring criteria as indicated in the **Technical Evaluation** section of this RfP document.

14. Part D Financial Proposal

The financial proposal shall be prepared using the standard forms annexed in the RfP. It shall list all costs associated with the services, including (a) remuneration of key experts and non-key experts, (b) other expenses, and (c) all applicable taxes.

a) Contents: The financial proposal should contain the following information:

- Signed and stamped Financial Bid Submission Form (**Annex 6**); and
- Pricing details using the enclosed pro-Formas. Besides completing proforma 1 to demonstrate the monthly transaction costs. (**See Annex 7**).
- The financial proposal should not be combined with the technical proposal but should be submitted as a separate document.
- The financial proposal **MUST be in PDF and password protected.**

b) Currency of Proposal: The financial proposal shall be stated in ***United States Dollars (\$)***.

c) Taxes:

- The financial proposal should clearly estimate, as a separate amount, the different applicable taxes, duties, fees, levies, and other charges imposed in **Kenya** under the Applicable law, on the Consultants, the sub-Consultants, and their experts (other than nationals or permanent residents of the Country).
- The consultant, its sub-Consultants and experts are responsible for meeting all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract unless stated otherwise in this RfP. The Consultant is required to obtain information on taxes in the Country where the contract is to be implemented.
- The resultant Contract will be domiciled in **Kenya**.
- Consultants should clearly breakdown and separate the tax components in their financial proposals to facilitate evaluation of the financial proposals.

15. Confirmation of Experience Letter / References

References of potential Consultants which have been given by a current TMA employee shall not be accepted in support of a submission of a Proposal as part of a procurement process. For the avoidance of doubt, only TMA's confirmation of experience letter / references signed by the Head of Procurement are acceptable in support of applications, bids, proposals, or submissions.

16. Sustainability Considerations

TMA has adopted the World Bank’s Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) as mentioned in the Supplier Code of Conduct. Consultants are required to demonstrate how the implementation of their proposed solution shall address/enhance sustainability.

17. Evaluation Criteria and Process

In assessing the proposals submitted, the evaluation panel will use the **Quality-Based Selection (QBS) Method** as specified in this RfP.

18. Technical Evaluation

The technical evaluation will be based on a scoring system marked out of a maximum score of **100 Marks**. Only proposals that score a minimum of **70 marks out of possible 100 marks** will be deemed to be “technically compliant”.

The detailed evaluation criteria are provided below:

	Qualifications	
A	Firm Experience	30%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant experience: At least 5 Years of experience in supporting MEL for complex trade, Private sector business-related interventions, in addition to public sector interventions especially in areas of trade facilitation, SPS and standards. Specific Experience: demonstrated experience of undertaking two (2) similar assignments within the last five years. (Share completion certificates, a summary report showing methodology used, scope of work and other relevant aspects demonstrating specific experience) (18 marks). Regional experience: Experience of working in the Region conducting at MEL assignments in East Africa and/or West Africa, on trade facilitation, SPS and standards and business development issues in the last 5 years (5 Marks) - Firms are encouraged to create partnerships/ joint ventures that cut across geographic regions. Multidisciplinary approach: 5 Years’ experience working with multidisciplinary teams and cross-cutting issues like gender, inclusion, and climate change (5 Marks). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The firm should be legally registered and operating in at least three of the countries covered by the project (2 marks) 	
B	Team Experience & Qualification	15%
	<p>Team Leader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education: Education qualification of at least a master's degree in development studies, Economics, or relevant Social Sciences. (5Marks) Experience: At least 10 years' experience in leading large-scale MEL assignment the areas of program development and monitoring and evaluation, including relevant experience building and managing an M&E system, relevant experience supervising data collection and data validation exercises, and building partner capacity for donor-funded programs (10 Marks) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership and management skills: Demonstrated ability to lead multi-disciplinary teams and ensure the quality of deliverables- Evidence of team leadership in concluded assignment required (5Marks) 	
	<p>Team of Experts - MEL Experts (2 MEL Experts)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic requirements: At least Bachelor’s degree in a relevant field with 8 years of Professional work experience working with M&E systems, preferably trade and investment, agricultural development, market systems approach, or other similar development areas Experience and skills: Demonstrate technical skills in quantitative and qualitative monitoring and results measurement (MRM) methods. (8 Marks for each) Experience and skills: Experience leading and building the capacity of teams on MEL-related topics/issues to meet program needs and deliverables (2 Marks for each) 	10% for each expert 20%
	<p>Data Expert/Scientist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic requirements: At least university degree in a quantitative field such as Statistics, Applied Mathematics, Economics or related field. (2 marks) Experience and skills: Minimum 5 Years of Professional work experience working in research and data analysis. (3 marks) Experience and skills: Demonstrable experience in technical skills in quantitative and qualitative data analysis, modelling, and data interpretation for similar assignments. (5 marks) 	10 %
	<p>ESG Expert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic requirements: A Master's degree or equivalent in Environmental Science, Natural Resources Management, Sustainable Development, Social Sciences, or a related field. (2Marks) Experience and skills: At least 8 years of experience working on environmental and social monitoring and compliance, preferably in the context of international development projects or programs dealing with vulnerable groups such as women, youth and refugees, and/or the agricultural sector. (3 Marks) 	6%
	<p>Gender Expert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic requirements: Bachelor’s or master’s degree in Gender studies, social sciences, or other relevant fields (1 mark) Minimum 8 Years of Professional work experience across Africa undertaking gender and social inclusion analyses, assessments and gender impact measurement (3 marks) Experience in mainstreaming/integration gender in trade policy, regulatory and other institutional frameworks (1 mark) 	7%
	<p>Research Assistants (Three)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic requirements: Minimum bachelor’s degree in evaluation, social sciences, or other relevant fields (1 mark for each assistant) 	4% each to 12%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience and skills: Minimum 2 Year of Professional work experience on M&E systems. Preferably trade and investment, agricultural development, market systems approach, or other similar development areas. (2 marks for each assistant) • Training and demonstrable background in field research methodologies, including some statistical analysis programs, (2 marks for each assistant) 	
	Total Marks	100%

Following the technical evaluation, only the **highest-ranked bidder based on technical merit** will be invited for financial negotiations.

19. Financial Evaluation

The methodology to determine the most suitable bidder shall follow the **Quality-Based Selection (QBS) Method** where only the highest technically ranked bidder's financial proposal will be considered for review, negotiations and subsequently invited for clarifications.

The selection process will proceed as follows:

- (i) After the highest-ranked technical proposal is identified, the financial proposal will be reviewed to confirm alignment with cost reasonableness. Only the highest technically ranked bidder will be invited for financial negotiations.
- (ii) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to negotiate pricing, payment terms, and value-added services before final contract award. The final contract value will be subject to negotiations to ensure value for money is achieved while maintaining the required quality standards and cost-effectiveness.
- (iii) If negotiations with the highest-ranked technically qualified bidder fail to reach an agreement, the Procuring Entity will proceed to invite the next top-ranked technically qualified bidder for financial review and negotiation.

20. Negotiation

TMA, may at its discretion, choose to negotiate either with all Consultants that have passed technical and financial evaluation, or a shortlist of such, on any aspects of the TOR, proposed methodology, key expert, inputs, price and/or conditions of the contract.

21. Packaging, Submission and Delivery of Tenders

All submissions must be submitted via TMA’s procurement mailbox using the email address, procurement@trademarkafrica.com on or before **10th April 2025 on or before 4:00 p.m. Kenya Time**.

Please note that the maximum size of each email with attachments must not exceed **5MB**. The Technical and Financial proposal shall be submitted **as two separate documents in PDF format**, in the same email or as separate emails.

Both Technical and Financial proposals MUST be password protected.

22. Late tenders.

No late tenders will be accepted. No special pleadings will be accepted. Faxed or hard copy proposals/samples shall be rejected.

23. Complaints

Any questions, queries or concerns about the procurement process should be raised directly with the Head of Procurement in the first instance via procurement@trademarkafrica.com, who will address the matters raised. If the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, the complainant is encouraged to write to complaints@trademarkafrica.com.

24. Deviations, Reservations, and Omissions

During the evaluation of bids, the following definitions apply:

- “Deviation” is a departure from the requirements specified in the Bidding Document.
- “Reservation” is the setting of limiting conditions or withholding from complete acceptance of the requirements specified in the Bidding Document; and
- “Omission” is the failure to submit part, or all of the information or documentation required in the Bidding Document.

25. Determination of Responsiveness

TMA’s determination of a bid’s responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the bid itself. A substantially responsive bid is one that meets the requirements of the Bidding Document without material deviation, reservation, or omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is one that,

- if accepted, would: -
 - Affect in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the Works specified in the Contract; or
 - Limit in any substantial way, inconsistent with the Bidding Document, the Employer’s rights or the Bidder’s obligations under the proposed Contract; or
- If rectified, would unfairly affect the competitive position of other Bidders presenting substantially responsive bids:
- The Employer shall examine the technical aspects of the bid submitted in accordance with Invitation to Consultants (ITC), Technical Proposal in particular, to confirm that all requirements have been met without any material deviation, reservation, or omission; and
- If a bid is not substantially responsive to the requirements of the Bidding Document, it shall be rejected by the Employer and may not subsequently be made responsive by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.

26. Nonconformities, Errors, and Omissions

- Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, the Employer may waive any non-conformity in the bid.
- Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, the Employer may request that the Bidder submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities in the bid related to documentation requirements. Requesting information or documentation on such nonconformities shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the bid. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its bid.

- Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, the Employer shall rectify quantifiable nonmaterial nonconformities related to the Bid Price. To this effect, the Bid Price may be adjusted, for comparison purposes only, to reflect the price of a missing or non-conforming item or component.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR A MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND LEARNING (MEL) PARTNER FOR THE WOMEN AND YOUTH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN FISHERIES THROUGH INCLUSIVE MARKET ACCESS PROGRAM

1. Introduction

TradeMark Africa (TMA) is a leading African Aid-for-Trade organisation that was established in 2010, with the aim to grow intra-African trade and increase Africa's share in global trade, while helping make trade more pro-poor and more environmentally sustainable. TMA operates on a not-for-profit basis and is funded by: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Canada, Denmark, the European Union, Finland, France, Ireland, the Mastercard Foundation, the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. TMA works closely with regional and continental inter-governmental organisations, national Governments, the private sector, and civil society.

Since its inception, TMA has delivered substantial gains for trade and regional economic integration in East Africa and the Horn of Africa, including a reduction of 16.5% in cargo transit times on the Northern Corridor from Mombasa to Bujumbura, and a reduction of an average of 70% in the time taken to cross selected one stop border posts. TMA officially launched its continental-wide shift and rebrand in West Africa in January 2023, with Ghana being the first country of operations in the region.

In 2022, TMA set up a catalytic finance company – Trade Catalyst Africa (TCA) – that will pilot commercially viable projects for creating trade infrastructure (both physical and digital) as well as increasing access to Trade Finance for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Both TMA & TCA's headquarters are in Nairobi, Kenya. Offices are in: EAC Secretariat – Arusha, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Rwanda, Somaliland, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia with operations in Benin, Mozambique, South Sudan, Togo and will soon be in Nigeria.

For more information, please visit www.trademarkafrica.com

2. Background

The Women and Youth Economic Empowerment in Fisheries through Inclusive Market Access program is a five years (2024-2029) regional program implemented in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania (including Zanzibar), DRC, Zambia, Nigeria and selected island states. The program is a collaborative initiative between the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, Mastercard Foundation, TradeMark Africa and implementing partners including Lattice, Kilimo Trust and Micro Save Consulting.

This program is designed to empower women and youth in the fisheries sector by improving access to opportunities and addressing economic inequalities through creation of inclusive, resilient, and sustainable intra-Africa fish trade. Successful implementation of the program will be reflected by an increase in household income and increased food security and nutrition for marginalised and vulnerable households, especially young women, alongside greater trade volumes in fish. The program will achieve this by addressing systemic constraints at structural, relational, and transformative levels to the enhanced economic participation of youth, especially young women in the cross-border trade of fish feed, and fish and fish products. The program emphasises training, access to finance, and linkages with the digital economy to unlock more lucrative markets for these target groups, as well as addressing logistical challenges. The

program is comprised of multiple projects and interventions, and it will be implemented through three main workstreams which include.

- a) **Greater inclusion of youth and young women in cross-border fish trade**-This workstream is designed to bolster the capacity of Cross-Border Traders (CBTs) within the fish sector, with a goal of enhancing trade within the East Africa region. The program will build the capacity of youth cross border traders involved in the fish trade to ensure they receive the full benefits of this amplified trade.
- b) **Improved aquaculture inputs supply and distribution across borders**- Which focuses on strengthening the competitiveness of traders in the fish sector, particularly those led by women and youth. This workstream 2 focuses on improving aggregation and logistics of fish feed and fish feed inputs across borders, which are essential to allow MSMEs to compete in the fish sector, as well as being critical in generating jobs for young people.
- c) **Improved trading environment for fish trade**- Which aims seek to ease trading across borders because of reduced barriers to trade for women and youth, especially young women because of reduced barriers to trade.

The overarching result of the program is an increase in income and employment, which will be measured by the number of waged and self-employed jobs created. The program targets to generate 242,573 jobs for the women and an increase regional fish.

3. Objectives/Purpose

TMA is committed to overseeing the continuous and day-to-day technical monitoring of the implementation of the Women and Youth Economic Empowerment in Fisheries through Inclusive Market Access program in collaboration with strategic and implementing partners and has developed a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Plan that provides partners with a focus and structure for measuring and generating a strong data, reporting and learning process that is aligned with the Foundation's reporting and measurement standards. The Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Plan is a guiding tool that will govern the monitoring, evaluation, and reporting program progress. The MEL Plan is a living document which will be regularly reviewed and revised through a consultative process considering the changing context and in response to learning by the implementing partners and the Foundation.

It is anticipated that a comprehensive baseline study will be conducted in the second half of 2025, a mid-term assessment to assess the progress and long-term direction of the program by 2027 and an endline evaluation by 2029/2030. These evaluation activities will be conducted at the wider program level, however specific focus will also be supported by the MEL partner at project level to ensure a harmonized approach to measuring of impact. The monitoring activities will also entail context monitoring which includes assessing the environmental conditions, economic trends, social-cultural, geopolitical factors, legal frameworks that may affect implementation, as well as how local actors, their relationships, and the incentives that guide them affect the program. Therefore, the program will systematically collect information about the conditions and external factors relevant to implementation and performance. TMA and the implementing partners are committed to continuously learning about programme effectiveness and adapting its implementation approach if it is not achieving the desired results or feels that a different approach may achieve more impact. Therefore, insights from monitoring are expected to inform learning.

The program will establish performance monitoring and progress reporting frameworks as part of the Monitoring Plan. The framework will include regular data collection to track progress for output indicators, as generated by the partners, with the MEL partner conducting surveys/studies to collect data/information in relation to outcome (outcome harvesting). To ensure the validity of submitted data, the MEL partner role will support the undertaking of data quality assessments (DQA) and verification. This will be guided by a DQA guide and in line with the best principles and standards on data quality. The DQA process will comprehensively be implemented to address all data quality dimensions and cover DQA activities throughout the entire data management lifecycle. These aspects include but not limited to validity, integrity, precision, reliability, completeness, and timeliness. The program monitoring, evaluation and learning activities will be intentional in addressing equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) aspects.

To achieve the stated objectives, TMA seeks a firm or a consortium of firms to function as the MEL Partner over the lifetime of the program {2025- 2030} to provide comprehensive Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) support services. The MEL Partner will support the following functions:

- Conduct the baseline assessment, mid-term review and end-line evaluation of the programme as appropriate
- Train TMA technical project team and implementing partners on required data collection and reporting requirements based on defined KPIs and the Foundation Shared Measures guide, among others.
- Quality assures the data collected by implementing partners to ensure that data adhered to the required standards
- Review TMA and partners MEL plans to ensure align to the purpose of the program and the right data is tracked and reported.
- Support outcome harvesting, this includes tracking project participants and documenting changes based on interventions completed. This will involve going beyond the numbers collected and documenting the transformative journeys of change of the beneficiaries.
- Facilitate regular lesson-learning events to share insights and emerging issues to shape program implementation and adaptive management
- Undertake the regular review of the Theory of change for the program and examine the pathways to intermediate outcomes and outcomes using the monitoring data collected during program implementation.
- Document impact stories derived from the Outcome mapping processes.
- Conduct supplementary assessments such as safeguards and climate change assessments including any special study as may be necessary.
- Monitor implementation of agreed action points based on assessments made on project monitoring systems

4. Scope of work

4.1 Baseline, Mid-Term, Endline Evaluations

- Design the baseline studies for the program portfolio based on the approved Baseline matrix and MEL Plan
- Develop appropriate methodologies and tools for data collection, using mixed method approaches to gather quantitative and qualitative data.

- Conduct baseline studies for the program portfolio
- Analyse any existing baseline data to establish benchmarks and to supplement primary baseline data collected
- Conduct mid-term evaluations to assess progress toward objectives.
- Identify challenges, and lessons learned and recommend mid-course corrections.
- Conduct endline evaluations to measure the program's outcomes and impact.
- Provide comprehensive reports on program achievements, challenges, and overall effectiveness and devise plans/recommendations and frameworks to achieve program desired outcomes.
- Conduct Quarterly Data Quarterly Assurance exercises to ascertain the accuracy of reported data for the implementing partners (IPs).
- Undertake reflection and Lesson learning events to facilitate learning and adaptive management
- Conduct MEL training workshops and capacity-building activities.

4.2 Climate Change, and Environmental and Social Safeguarding Assessments Support

Particularly, the MEL partner will support in monitoring and present on:

- Partner’s compliance with TMA environmental and social safeguards requirements as indicated in the supplier/grantee’s code of conduct, and report on corrective actions required to enhance safeguarding.
- Risk assessment of the program's implementation, including collation of any safeguarding grievances on the program from partners and/or participants

4.3 Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting

- Design and implement data collection frameworks and tools for use by the implementing partners.
- Ensure high-quality data collection and management practices.
- Perform regular data analysis to inform program management and decision-making.

4.4 Deliverables under MEL support

The contracted firm/consortium will be responsible for delivering the following

	Deliverable	Submission Timeframe
1	• Inception Report outlining the detailed approach and methodology.	1.5 months after contract signing
2	• Program Baseline Report and the data set	4 Months after contracting
3	• Mid-Term Evaluation Report with findings and recommendations.	2027
4	• Data Quality Assessment report and monthly Data Reviews	Quarterly/Monthly
5	• Learning Questions quarterly report	Quarterly
6	• Contribute to program reports, and other communication materials as needed.	Quarterly
7	• Climate Change, and Environmental and Social Safeguarding assessments report	Quarterly
8	• Other reports based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Context monitoring, ✓ Regular MEL support including MP reviews, training reports 	Quarterly

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Outcome harvesting ✓ TOC review (6 months after onboarding) ✓ Quarterly Learning Retrospectives ✓ Portfolio Performance Reviews 	
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Impact Review & Adaptation report 	
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endline Evaluation Report with comprehensive analysis and impact assessment 	2029/2030

5. Methodology

The primary recipients of the assignment deliverables are the following:

- TradeMark Africa (TMA).
- The Mastercard Foundation
- TMA Implementing Partners in each project – The public and private sector.
- TMA’s donors (Including Mastercard Foundation) and its Board and Council.
- Ultimate beneficiaries of the program.

6. Management of the Assignment

The MEL partner will work under the overall guidance of the TMA Director, Results and Impact supported by the TMA Results and Impact team.

The MEL Partner Team leader (and other team members as required) will meet with the program MEL working group monthly throughout the work program. These ‘check-in’ meetings will focus on verbally updating the committee on progress, identifying any challenges in the work program, and jointly agreeing on actions to resolve any issues.

7. Firm Experience, Team Composition and Qualifications

To deliver a high-quality assignment, prospective bidders should assemble a team with experience and advanced knowledge supporting MEL for complex trade, Private sector business-related interventions, in addition to public sector interventions especially in areas of trade facilitation, SPS and standards. Specific experience in supporting the Mastercard Foundation program particularly as a MEL partner will be an added advantage.

The firm/consortium should comprise a multidisciplinary team with the following qualifications,

- Team Leader with extensive experience in MEL of large-scale programs
- Theory-based evaluation approaches and application of contribution analysis methods.
- Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL); Evaluation and understanding of trade facilitation, regional trade, Entrepreneurship, and Business development issues in East Africa.
- Strong understanding of cross-cutting issues such as gender specialist with experience in gender-sensitive programming, inclusion, and environmental issues/climate change assessments.
- Expertise in Data management and analysis tools; proficiency in quantitative and qualitative research methodologies and reporting.
- Effective communication skills and experience in capacity building of MSMEs
- Experience in organizational development and performance tools will be an added advantage.
- Added advantage of experience in supporting donor-funded programs.
- The lead firm should be based in Rwanda or be ready to relocate for the period of the assignment.

7.1. Team Leader

Bidders should designate one of the core team as their proposed team leader (TL). In addition to undertaking his or her core technical role, the TL will be responsible for the overall management of the Partner team S/he will ensure the quality of all deliverables submitted including the final products. In addition, TL will be responsible for coordinating the key activities under the Partnership and ensuring the production and completion of reports in conformity with the scope of work and timelines. The TL will also ensure high-quality analysis, writing quality, and report presentation.

The designated TL must be experienced in leading multi-disciplinary teams and will have at least ten years of experience in leading the evaluation of international donor-funded programs, with some of this experience gained in East, Southern and West Africa, given the countries of operation for the programme. Africa. The TL should also be familiar with trade and regional integration issues in East Africa and Africa at Large.

7.2 The Team Leader Role:

- The assignment leader is expected to have at least 10 years of experience in the areas of program development and monitoring and evaluation, including relevant experience building and managing an M&E system, relevant experience supervising data collection and data validation exercises, and building partner capacity. Work experience in the private sector, particularly in Africa, will be of advantage
- Prior experience in participating and/or leading MEL studies, including baselines, evaluations, and other, with familiarity with study methodologies
- Education qualification of at least a first degree in Development Studies, Economics, or relevant Social Sciences.
- Strong stakeholders' management skills and ability to work flexibly with donors, partner countries, and private sector entities; demonstrated ability to manage sensitive relationships tactfully and productively.
- Effective communication skills - being strategic as well as able to communicate complex studies and findings in an accessible way for non-technical people.

7.3. Team of Experts- MEL (2 MEL Experts)

- Bachelor's or master's degree in MEL, Evaluation, social sciences, or other relevant fields
- Minimum 8 Years of Professional work experience working with M&E systems, preferably trade and investment, agricultural development, market systems approach, or other similar development areas.
- Proficiency and ability to implement, operationalize, and manage information collection and analysis systems.
- Experience leading and building the capacity of teams on MEL-related topics/issues to meet program needs and deliverables.
- Excellent Verbal and written communication skills
- Training and demonstrable background in field research methodologies, including some statistical analysis programs, etc.
- Excellent technical skills in quantitative and qualitative monitoring and results measurement (MRM) methods.

7.4 Data Expert/Scientist

- Must have a university degree in a quantitative field such as Statistics, Applied Mathematics, Economics or related field.
- Minimum 5 Years of Professional work experience working in research and data analysis
- Demonstrable experience in conducting data analysis, modelling, and data interpretation for similar assignments.
- Excellent Verbal and written communication skills
- Training and demonstrable background in field research methodologies, including some statistical analysis programs, etc.
- Excellent technical skills in quantitative and qualitative monitoring and results measurement (MRM) methods.

7.5 Gender Expert

- Bachelor's or master's degree in Gender studies, social sciences, or other relevant fields
- Minimum 8 Years of Professional work experience across Africa undertaking gender and social inclusion analyses, assessments and gender impact measurement.
- Experience in mainstreaming/integration gender in trade policy, regulatory and other institutional frameworks

7.5 ESG Expert

- A bachelor's degree or equivalent in Environmental Science, Natural Resources Management, Sustainable Development, Social Sciences, or a related field
- At least 8 years of experience working on environmental and social monitoring and compliance, preferably in the context of international development projects or programs dealing with women, youth

7.6 Research Assistants (3)

- Minimum bachelor's degree in evaluation, social sciences, or other relevant fields
- Minimum 2 Year of Professional work experience on M&E systems. Preferably trade and investment, agricultural development, market systems approach, or other similar development areas.
- Proficiency and ability to implement, operationalize, and manage information collection and analysis systems.
- Excellent Verbal and written communication skills
- Training and demonstrable background in field research methodologies, including some statistical analysis programs, etc.

8. Reporting, communication and coordination

- The successful TSP will report directly to the Head of Administration based in Nairobi for the day to day running of the assignment.
- The TSP shall provide comprehensive monthly and quarterly reports detailing various aspects of travel expenses, including travel volume, cost per trip, accommodation and transfers costs, cost savings, complaints log, among others.
- The TSP will submit an SLA as well as the implementation plan at the beginning of the contract, outlining names and contacts of the personnel involved in delivering this assignment.

- Meetings will initially be held monthly for the initial four months then on a quarterly basis thereafter. Feedback on performance will be given at these meetings.

9. Budget

The budget of this assignment for the whole period (2025-2030) is capped at a fixed budget of USD 900,000.00.

TradeMark Africa

March 2025

ANNEX 1: TMA'S SUPPLIER CODE OF CONDUCT

This document is shared as a separate document to the tender document.

ANNEX 2: TECHNICAL BID SUBMISSION FORM TECHNICAL BID SUBMISSION FORM

[The Bidder shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions indicated No alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.]

Date: _____ *(insert date (as day, month and year) of Bid Submission)*

To: **TRADEMARK AFRICA**
Fidelity Insurance Centre,
P O Box 313 00606,
Nairobi, Kenya

We, the undersigned, declare that:

- (a) We have examined and have no reservations to the Bidding Documents.
- (b) We offer to supply in conformity with the Bidding Documents and in accordance with the Delivery Schedules specified in the Schedule of Requirements the following Goods and Related Services [insert a brief description of the Goods and Related Services].
- (c) Our bid shall be valid for a period of **120 days**, from the date fixed for the bid submission deadline in accordance with the ITT, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period.
- (d) If our bid is accepted, we commit on request to obtain a performance security (if applicable) for the due performance of the Contract.
- (e) We have no conflict of interest.
- (f) We understand that this bid, together with your written acceptance thereof included in your notification of award, shall not constitute a binding contract between us, until a formal contract is prepared and executed.
- (g) We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest evaluated bid or any other bid that you may receive.

Signed by: _____ *(signature of person authorized by the Bidder to sign the bid submission form, and whose name and title are shown below)*

Name: _____ *(insert full name)*

Title: _____ *(insert official title)*

Duly authorized to sign the bid for and on behalf of: _____
(insert full name of Bidder)

Dated on _____ day of _____, _____ *[insert date of signing]*

ANNEX 3: CURRICULUM VITAE TEMPLATE

PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY ONE (1) CV FOR EACH OF THE POSITIONS MENTIONED FOR THE PROPOSED KEY PERSONNEL AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL. IF MORE THAN ONE CV IS SUBMITTED FOR THE SAME POSITION, ONLY THE FIRST CV WILL BE EVALUATED. PLEASE ALSO CLEARLY INDICATE THE POSITIONS THAT EACH OF THE SUBMITTED CVS WILL HAVE IN THIS ASSIGNMENT

Position/Role Title:	{e.g., TEAM LEADER}
Name of Expert:	{Insert full name}
Date of Birth:	{day/month/year}
Country of Citizenship/Residence	

Education: {List college/university or other specialized education, giving names of educational institutions, dates attended, degree(s)/diploma(s) obtained **attach valid copies of the certificates and testimonials**}

Employment record relevant to the assignment: {Starting with present position, list in reverse order. Please provide dates, name of employing organization, titles of positions held, types of activities performed and location of the assignment, and contact information of previous clients and employing organization(s) who can be contacted for references. Past employment that is not relevant to the assignment does not need to be included.}

Period	Employing organization and your title/position. Contact info for references	Country	Summary of activities performed relevant to the Assignment
[e.g., May 2005-present]	[e.g., Ministry of, advisor/consultant to... For references: Tel...../e-mail.....; Mr. Hebb, deputy minister]		

Membership in Professional Associations and Publications:

Language Skills (indicate only languages in which you can work ranking from 1 to 5 for speaking, writing and reading where 1 is poor and 5 is excellent):

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking

Adequacy for the Assignment:

Detailed Tasks Assigned on Consultant’s Team of Experts (insert the time period)	Reference to Prior Work/Assignments that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Assigned Tasks
{List all deliverables/tasks in which the Expert will be involved}	

Experts contact information : (e-mail..... Phone.....)

Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience, and I am available to undertake the assignment in case of an award. I understand that any misstatement or misrepresentation described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal by the Client, and/or sanctions by the Client.

{Day/month/year}

Name of Expert	Signature	Date
		{Day/month/year}

Name of authorized representative of the consultant (<i>the same one who signs the Proposal</i>)	Signature	Date
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Note:

1. Failure by the consultant to sign the CV (physically or electronically), may lead to the CV not being considered altogether.
2. Failure to submit copies of certificates and/or accreditation may lead to the CV being invalidated.

ANNEX 4 – FIRM EXPERIENCE

[Using the format below, provide information on each assignment for which your firm, and each associate for this assignment, was legally contracted either individually as a corporate entity or as one of the major companies within an association, for carrying out consulting services similar to the ones requested under this assignment.]

Assignment name:	Approx. value of the contract (in current US\$ or Euro):
Country: Location within country:	Duration of assignment (months):
Name of Client:	Total N° of staff-months of the assignment:
Address:	Approx. value of the services provided by your firm under the contract (in US\$ currency equivalent):
Start date (month/year): Completion date (month/year):	N° of professional staff-months provided by associated Consultants:
Name of associated Consultants, if any:	Name of senior professional staff of your firm involved and functions performed (indicate most significant profiles such as Project Director/Coordinator, Team Leader):
Narrative description of Project:	
Description of actual services provided by your staff within the assignment:	

Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment

Technical approach, methodology and work plan are key components of the Technical Proposal. You are suggested to present your Technical Proposal divided into the following three chapters:

- a) Technical Approach and Methodology,
- b) Work Plan, and
- c) Organization and Staffing,

- a) **Technical Approach and Methodology.**

In this chapter you should explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment, approach to the services, methodology for carrying out the activities and obtaining the expected output, and the degree of detail of such output. You should highlight the problems being addressed and their importance and explain the technical approach you would adopt to address them. You should also explain the methodologies you propose to adopt and highlight the compatibility of those methodologies with the proposed approach.

- b) **Work Plan.**

In this chapter you should propose the main activities of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents, including reports, drawings, and tables to be delivered as final output, should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule of Form

- c) **Organization and Staffing.**

In this chapter you should propose the structure and composition of your team. You should list the main disciplines of the assignment, the key expert responsible, and proposed technical and support staff.

STAFFING SCHEDULE¹

N°	Name of Staff	Staff input (in the form of a bar chart) ²														Total staff-month input			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	n	Home	Field ³	Total		
Foreign																			
1		[Home]																	
		[Field]																	
2																			
3																			
N																			
Subtotal																			
Local																			
1		[Home]																	
		[Field]																	
2																			
N																			
Subtotal																			
Total																			

- 1 For Professional Staff the input should be indicated individually; for Support Staff it should be indicated by category (e.g.: draftsmen, clerical staff, etc.).
- 2 Months are counted from the start of the assignment. For each staff indicate separately staff input for home and field work.
- 3 Field work means work carried out at a place other than the Consultant's home office.

 Full time input
  Part time input

ANNEX 6: FINANCIAL BID SUBMISSION FORM

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for [Insert title of assignment] in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [Insert Date] and our Technical Proposal.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the amount of _____ ***(indicate the corresponding amount(s) in words and figures and the currency (ies))***, including all applicable taxes in line provided clauses in this tender document.

This financial bid submission/ proposal is in line with this RFP tender document.

Our Financial Proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from any contract negotiations, up to expiration of the validity period of the Proposal, up to a period of **120 days** after bid submission deadline date.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Yours Sincerely,

Authorized Signature ***(In full and initials)***: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

In the capacity of: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

(For a joint venture, either all members shall sign or only the lead member/ consultant, in which case the power of attorney to sign on behalf of all members shall be attached)

ANNEX 7: FINANCIAL PROPOSAL PRO - FORMA TEMPLATES

Pro- forma 1

TENDER FOR: _____ *(Insert tender title)*

TENDER NUMBER: _____ *(Insert tender reference number)*

MILESTONE PAYMENTS PROPOSAL

The amount to be paid for the completion of the services is fixed at USD

Payment will be made either:

- a) as a lump sum on completion of the services or
- b) at relevant points throughout the contract period as detailed below

CRITERIA FOR PAYMENT	AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
TOTAL	\$

Pro forma 2

TENDER FOR: _____ *(Insert tender title)*

TENDER NUMBER: _____ *(Insert tender reference number)*

PROPOSAL BREAKDOWN - PERSONNEL INPUTS AND FEE RATES

NAME	COUNTRY <i>(PLEASE SPECIFY)</i>	NO DAYS	DAILY FEE RATE (\$)	COST (\$)
Long Term*				
Short Term				
TOTAL FEES				\$

*** Long Term is in excess of 4 months**

Guidance on Fees and Expenses can be found in Section 2 of the contract - the General Conditions.

Pro- forma 3

TENDER FOR: _____ *(Insert tender title)*

TENDER NUMBER: _____ *(Insert tender reference number)*

PROPOSAL BREAKDOWN – PROJECT EXPENSES

Costs should be shown separately in the format set out below using separate sheets to provide full details under each heading. Fees proposed by tenderers should be inclusive of all taxes.

TRAVEL (PLEASE STATE COUNTRY OF TRAVEL)	NO.	RATE	COST (\$)
FARES	International		
	Domestic		
	Other Travel Costs		
	Sub Total		\$
DAILY LIVING COSTS (state country) *Long Term			
	*Short Term		
	Sub Total		\$
EQUIPMENT* Items Purchased/Rented (Including vehicles)			
	Sub Total		\$
Any other expenses (please list)			
	Sub Total		\$
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES: (B)			\$

*TMA will not reimburse costs for normal tools of trade (e.g., portable personal computers)

* Long Term consultants are expected to utilise rented accommodation. No per diem is payable.

*Short Term expectation is either rented accommodation or a hotel.

Pro- forma 4

TENDER FOR: _____ *(Insert tender title)*

TENDER NUMBER: _____ *(Insert tender reference number)*

PROPOSAL BREAKDOWN - SUMMARY OF PAYMENT

PROPOSED PAYMENT BREAKDOWN	AMOUNT (USD \$)
Sub-total (exclusive of taxes)	\$
Taxation amount <i>(include all applicable taxes (e.g., Value Added Tax, Withholding Tax etc) in separate rows)</i>	\$
TOTAL (inclusive of taxes)	\$

ANNEX 8: DRAFT CONTRACT TEMPLATE

CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Section 1 – Form of Contract

CONTRACT FOR: [Insert Title here]

CONTRACT REFERENCE: [Insert Number here]

THIS CONTRACT dated [Insert date here] is made.

BETWEEN:

TradeMark Africa (“TMA”) having its principal place of business at (insert office details).

AND

[Insert Consultant Name] (“The Consultant”) having its principal office located in [Insert Contact Details].

WHEREAS:

TMA has requested the Consultant to provide certain consulting services as defined in the detailed terms of reference and scope of services attached to this Contract (hereinafter called the “Services”); the Consultant, having represented to TMA that they have the required professional skills, and personnel and technical resources, have agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. Documents

This Contract from page [Insert page no] to page [Insert page no.] shall comprise the following documents:

Section 1 Form of Contract

Section 2 General Conditions

Section 3 The Services

Section 4 Special Conditions and Key Personnel

Section 5 Fees

This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in respect of the Consultant’s obligations and supersedes all previous communications between the Parties, other than as expressly provided for in Section 3 and/or Section 4.

2. Contract Signature

If the original Contract is not returned to - TMA duly completed, signed and dated on behalf of the Consultant within 15 days of the date of signature on behalf of TMA, TMA will be entitled, at its sole discretion, to declare this Contract void. No payment will be made to the Consultant under this Contract until a copy of the Contract, signed on behalf of the Consultant is returned to TMA.

3. Commencement and Duration of the Services

- a. The contract shall be effective on the date both parties sign, and the services shall be completed by **[Insert end date]** (End Date") or any other period as may be subsequently agreed by the parties in writing unless this Contract is terminated earlier in accordance with its terms and conditions.
- b. If the services have not commenced in accordance with clause 3a above, TMA will within not less than 30 days notify the consultant in writing, declaring the contract to be null and void, and in the event of such declaration, the consultant shall have no claim against TMA with respect thereto.

4. Financial Limit

Payments under this Contract shall not, in any circumstances, exceed **[XXX]** for fees and **[XXX]** for expenses within a total limit of **[XXX]** inclusive of all taxes applicable ("the Financial Limit").

5. Time of the Essence

Time shall be of the essence as regards the performance by the Consultant of its obligations under this Contract.

For and on behalf of TMA

Name: **Josepha Ndamira**
Position: **Senior Director Corporate Resources**
Signature:
Date:

For and on behalf of the consultant

Name:
Position:
Signature:
Date:

CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Section 2 – General Conditions

1. Definitions

“The Contract” means the agreement entered between TMA and the consultant, as recorded in this Contract Document signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.

“TMA Project Manager” means the person nominated by TMA who is responsible for the management of the Project.

"The Equipment" means any equipment, computer hardware or software, materials, goods and vehicles and associated services necessarily required for the implementation of the Services which are financed or provided by TMA for use by the Consultant.

"The Financial Limit" means the amount specified in Section 1 and which represents the maximum amount payable by TMA under this Contract.

“Fees” means the fees payable for the Services as set out in Section 5.

"The Services" means the services to be provided by the Consultant as set out in Section 3.

“The Consultant” means the natural person(s), partnership(s), or company (ies) whose bid to perform this contract has been accepted by TMA and is named as such in this contract and includes the legal successors or permitted assigns of the Consultant.

"The Consultant’s Personnel" means any person instructed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract to undertake any of the Consultant’s obligations under this Contract, including the Consultant’s employees, agents, and sub-contractors.

“Subcontractor” means any natural person(s), partnership(s), or company (ies), including its legal successors or permitted assigns, to whom any part of the services to be provided is subcontracted by the Consultant.

2. Interpretation

In the event of any inconsistency between the Form of Contract (Section 1), these General Conditions (Section 2) and the Special Conditions (Section 4), the Special Conditions shall prevail.

3. Project management

TMA designates the TMA Project Manager as being responsible for the coordination of activities under this Contract, for the acceptance and approval on behalf of TMA of the reports and of other deliverables produced by the Consultant, and for receiving and approving invoices for payment.

4. Obligations

- a. TMA and the Consultant each warrant that it has all the requisite corporate power and authority to enter this Contract and is fully capable of performing its obligations under this Contract on the terms provided for in this Contract.
- b. The Consultant shall perform the Services and all other obligations under this Contract with all necessary skill, diligence, efficiency, and economy to satisfy generally accepted professional standards expected from experts.

- c. The Services shall be provided at the location set out in Section 3. Notwithstanding this, the Consultant may be required to travel to other locations from time to time in carrying out the Services.

5. Indemnification

At its own expense, the Consultant shall indemnify, protect, and defend, TMA, its agents and employees, from and against all actions, claims, losses or damage arising from any act or omission by the Consultant in the performance of the services, including any violation of any legal provisions, or rights of third parties, in respect of patents, trademarks and other forms of intellectual property such as copyrights. Should the act or omission originate from TMA, then TMA will indemnify the consultant.

The Consultant hereby indemnifies TMA, its agents, and employees against any legal cost, including attorney/own client costs incurred by TMA in defending any complaints, disputes or claims lodged by any party as a result of the actions or omissions of the Consultant.

6. Consultant's Personnel

- a. The Consultant acknowledges that it and the Consultant's Personnel have no authority to create or incur any liability or obligation on behalf of TMA, including but not limited to any liability or obligation to expend or incur capital expenditure and not to recruit, employ or dismiss any member of staff employed by TMA.
- b. The Consultant shall not at any time, either personally or by an agent, directly or indirectly represent itself as being in any way connected with or interested in TMA save as being engaged to perform the Services.
- c. Save for the Services agreed and set out at Section 3, TMA is under no obligation to offer work to the Consultant and the Consultant is under no obligation to accept any work, which may be offered by TMA.
- d. No changes or substitutions may be made to members of the Consultant's Personnel identified in Section 4, if any, of this Contract without TMA's prior written consent.
- e. If TMA considers any member of the Consultant's Personnel unsuitable, the Consultant shall substitute such member as quickly as reasonably possible without direct or indirect charge to TMA with a replacement acceptable to TMA.
- f. The Consultant is responsible for all acts and omissions of the Consultant's Personnel and for the health, safety and security of such persons and their property.
- g. TMA is dedicated to gender equality and ensuring equitable and sustainable human development.

7. Fees

- a. Subject as follows, payments shall be due to the Consultant in accordance with the Fee payment schedule set out in Section 5. In the case of Fees that are payable upon the completion of milestones as may be set out in Section 4, such fees shall not become due and payable until the completion, to TMA's satisfaction, of the relevant milestone event or the delivery of the deliverables to TMA's satisfaction required for the achievement of the relevant milestone satisfactorily.
- b. Payment of the Fees shall be subject to TMA being satisfied that the Consultant is or has been carrying out its duties, obligations, and responsibilities under this Contract.
- c. If for any reason TMA is dissatisfied with performance of this Contract, an appropriate sum may be withheld from payments that would otherwise be due under this Contract. In such event TMA shall identify the particular Services with which it is dissatisfied together with the reasons for such dissatisfaction, and payment of the amount outstanding will be made upon remedy of any unsatisfactory work or resolution of outstanding queries.

- d. Fees charged and expenses incurred shall not, in aggregate, exceed the Financial Limit without the prior written consent of TMA.
- e. No payments shall be made in respect of days not worked due to sickness or holiday or otherwise.
- f. Only the fee rates listed in Section 5 of this Contract will apply to any Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract.

8. Expenses

The Consultant shall be entitled to be reimbursed only for those expenses which have been approved and are set out in Section 5.

9. Invoicing Instructions

- a. Invoices should particularise the contract to which they relate and should be sent to the address referenced in Section 5.
- b. All invoices should contain details of the Services provided, milestones achieved, and deliverables provided to which the invoice relates. Where expenses are payable, invoices should be accompanied by proof of the expense. Any invoice not presented in accordance with the above may be rejected and in any event shall be liable to query and delay in payment.
- c. TMA may request proof of payment in respect of any item and shall be entitled to refuse to meet a claim if this cannot be provided.
- d. TMA reserves the right to audit, or to nominate a reputable accounting firm to audit the Consultant's records relating to amounts claimed under this Contract during its term and any extension, and for a period of three months thereafter.
- e. TMA reserves the right not to pay any amount due in respect of an invoice received by TMA more than 60 days after the day of the Consultant becoming entitled to invoice for the payment to which it relates.
- f. TMA will deduct all applicable taxes from the consultant's invoiced amounts as per Government of **Kenya** regulations. Consultants from countries with double tax agreements will be provided with withholding tax certificates. It is the consultant's responsibility to establish their tax status in the country where the Services will be delivered.

10. Payments

Subject to TMA being satisfied that the Consultant is or has been carrying out their duties, obligations, and responsibilities under this Contract, sums duly approved shall be paid within 30 days of receipt of a valid invoice.

11. Nature of relationship

TMA and the Consultant agree and intend that this relationship is one of undertaking independent services and specifically is not a relationship of employer or employee agency, joint venture, or partnership.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relation of master and servant or of principal and agent between TMA and the Consultant and the Consultant will be solely responsible for the tax status, tax, and any statutory contributions payable of and for the

Consultant's Personnel and for all or any of its or the Consultant's Personnel's taxes payable in respect of Fees and reimbursements received in connection with this Contract.

12. Performance Standards

The Consultant undertakes to perform the Services with the highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity.

13. Termination and Suspension

TMA or the Consultant may terminate the Contract by giving not less than 30 days written notice. In such cases, TMA shall be liable to make payments only for work completed and delivered, of acceptable standard. Specifically, TMA reserves the right to terminate this Contract if the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations or to comply with the conditions and requirements set out in this Contract.

Without prejudice to the above paragraph, TMA reserves the right to withdraw or suspend payments to the Consultant immediately under the following circumstances:

- i. The Consultant has engaged in illegal, corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, collusive or conflict of interest practices in connection with the Contract, without the Consultant having taken timely and satisfactory action to the satisfaction of TMA to address such practices when they occur.
- ii. The Consultant fails to comply with its obligations in the fields of environmental, social, or labour regulations, including sexual harassment and any form of abuse, including but not limited to failure by a supplier to take preventative measures, investigate allegations or to take corrective action against sexual exploitation or abuse incidences.
- iii. The Consultant fails to comply with its obligations under Anti-Terrorism and Organised Crime requirements of TMA.
- iv. A representation or statement made by the Consultant in or pursuant to the Contract intended to be relied upon by TMA in making the Contract, which was incorrect in any material aspect.

A full accounting of all payments made under this contract will be required prior to the conclusion of the notice period, in addition to full reimbursement of any unspent advance payments to the Consultant.

For any of the above, any unspent or inconsistently spent payments must be returned to TMA within 30 days of the termination notice.

14. Confidentiality

- a. The Consultant shall not, during the term of this Contract and within two years after its expiration or termination, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Services, this Contract or TMA's business or operations without the prior written consent of TMA.
- b. Notwithstanding the above, the consultant may furnish to its subcontractor such documents, data, and other information it receives from TMA to the extent required for the subcontractor to perform its work under the contract, in which event the consultant shall obtain an undertaking of confidentiality similar to that imposed on the consultant under this contract.

15. Ownership of Material

- a. Any studies, reports, or other material, graphic, software or otherwise, prepared by the Consultant for TMA under the Contract shall belong to and remain the property of TMA.
- b. Where intellectual property rights in all material produced by the Consultant or the Consultant's Personnel pursuant to the performance of the Services ("the Material") are the property of the Consultant, the Consultant hereby grants to TMA a worldwide, nonexclusive, irrevocable, royalty free licence to use all the Material.

- c. "use" shall mean, without limitation, the reproduction, publication, and sub-licence of all the Material and the intellectual property rights therein, including the reproduction and sale of the Material and products incorporating the same for use by any person or for sale or other dealing anywhere in the world.

16. Bribery, Conflict of Interest, Corruption and Fraud

The Consultant shall not, and shall ensure that any person affiliated with the Consultant shall not:

- i. Participate in the selection, award or administration of a contract, grant or other benefit or transaction funded by the Contract, in which the person, members of the person's immediate family or his or her business partners, or organisations controlled by or substantially involving such person, has or have any financial interest.
- ii. Participate in transactions involving organisations or entities with which or whom that person is negotiating or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment.
- iii. Offer, give, solicit, or receive, directly or indirectly, gratuities, favours, gifts or anything else of value to influence the action of any person involved in the procurement process or contract execution.
- iv. Misrepresent or omit facts to influence the procurement process or execution of the contract.
- v. Engage in a scheme or arrangement between two or more bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Consultant designed to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels; or
- vi. Participate in any other practice that is or could be construed as an illegal, corrupt or a conflict of interest in the country of operation.

Disclosure: If the Consultant has knowledge or becomes aware of any:

- i. Actual, apparent or potential conflict between financial interests of any person affiliated with the Contract and/or TMA; or
- ii. Any of the practices listed under (i) to (vi) above,

the Consultant shall immediately disclose the same directly to the Head of Procurement, TMA.

TMA reserves the right to terminate this Contract if the Consultant or any person affiliated with the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations or to comply with the conditions and requirements listed under (i) to (vi) above.

Further details can be found in the Code of Ethics under Clause 4 (Fraud and Corruption) and to report such activities, the Consultant will follow the steps provided in Clause 8 of the same document.

17. Anti-terrorism and Organised Crime

The Contract funds shall not be used to finance terrorism and other criminal activities. The Consultant shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the Contract payments are not used for unintended purposes including but not limited to money laundering and exploitation by terrorist organisations and/or their support networks.

The Consultant shall verify to the maximum extent reasonably possible that any parties associated with the Contract shall substantially protect TMA's resources from diversion to unintended purposes including but not limited to exploitation by terrorist organisations and/or their support networks.

TMA reserves the right to terminate this Contract if the Consultant or any person affiliated with the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations or to comply with the conditions and requirements listed under this clause.

18. Safeguarding

The Consultant shall ensure that the Contract is implemented with strict adherence to TMA's Supplier Environmental and Social Standards document that includes adherence to policies against bullying, sexual exploitation, harassment, and abuse. The Consultant shall ensure that all steps are taken to mitigate against any identified environmental, social, and safeguarding risks that may arise because of the Contract.

TMA reserves the right to terminate this Contract if the Consultant or any person affiliated with the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations or to comply with the conditions and requirements contained in the Supplier Environmental and Social Standards document.

19. Code of Ethics

The Consultant shall comply with TMA's Code of Ethics which forms part of this Agreement as amended from time to time, which must be signed off and adopted prior to TMA making payments on the Contract.

The Consultant shall always act loyally and impartially and as a faithful advisor to TMA in accordance with the rules and/or codes of conducts governing its profession.

The Consultant shall refrain from making any public statements concerning the services without prior written approval of TMA, and from engaging in any activity which conflicts with its obligations towards TMA under this contract.

The Consultant shall not commit TMA in any way whatsoever without TMA's prior written consent, and shall, where appropriate, extend this obligation to third parties.

TMA reserves the right to terminate this Contract if the Consultant or any person affiliated with the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations or to comply with the conditions and requirements contained in the Code of Ethics.

20. Subcontracting

The consultant shall request approval in writing from TMA for all subcontracts awarded under this contract that are not included in the contract. Subcontracting shall in no event relieve the consultant of any of its obligations, duties, responsibilities, or liability under this contract.

21. Law Governing Contract and Language

The Contract shall be governed by the laws of **Kenya** but in the event of a conflict between Kenya laws and any other Law, then the laws of **Kenya** prevail. The language of the Contract shall be English.

22. Dispute Resolution

TMA and the Consultant agree to seek to resolve any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, by amicable settlement. Where it is not possible to reach an amicable settlement, any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act of 1995 or any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.

Notwithstanding any adjudication or arbitration proceedings no party shall commit an anticipatory breach of contract.

23. Liability

Except where there has been misconduct, gross negligence, dishonesty, or fraud on behalf of the Consultant or the Consultant's Personnel, the Consultant's aggregate liability arising out of or in connection with this Contract shall be limited to the amount of the Financial Limit.

The Consultant shall not be liable for any failure to perform or delay in performance of any of its obligations arising out of or in connection with this Contract where such failure or delay is caused by TMA or any of TMA's agents, employees, or contractors.

24. Force Majeure

- a. The failure of the Consultant to fulfil any of its obligations under the Contract shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an act, event, omission or accident beyond its reasonable control ("Force Majeure Event"), provided that the Consultant (i) has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures in order to carry out the terms and conditions of this Contract, and (ii) has informed TMA as soon as possible about the occurrence of such an event and in any event not later than 14 days after the occurrence of such event.
- b. Any period within which the Consultant shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which the Consultant was unable to perform such action because of the Force Majeure Event.
- c. During the period of their inability to perform the Services because of a Force Majeure Event, the Consultant shall be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred by it during such period for the purposes of the Services and in reactivating the Services after the end of such period.

Force Majeure shall not include:

Any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of the consultant, or such consultant's subcontractors or agents or employees; nor Any event which a diligent party could reasonably have been expected to both: Take into account from the effective date of the contract; and avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations.

25. Joint venture, consortium, or association

Unless otherwise specified in this contract, if the Consultant is a joint venture, consortium, or association, all of the parties shall be jointly and severally liable to TMA for the fulfilment of the provisions of this contract.

The composition or constitution of the joint venture, consortium or association shall not be altered without the prior written consent of TMA. Any alteration of the composition of the joint venture, consortium, or association without prior written consent of TMA shall be considered to be a breach of contract.

26. Travel

All authorized air travel must be economy class through the most direct and economical route.

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Section 3 – The Services

TERMS OF REFERENCE

[Insert]

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Section 4 – Special Conditions and Consultant’s Key Personnel

1. Special conditions

The proposal-both technical and financial-submitted for these tender forms an integral part of this contract.

2. Key Personnel

The following of the Consultant's Personnel cannot be substituted by the Consultant without TMA's prior written consent:

[Insert]

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Section 5 – Fees

1. Payment Schedule

Deliverable	%tage of Deliverable to be Paid (USD)	Total Contract Amount (USD)
TOTAL		

2. Invoicing instructions

After approval by the recipient, invoices should be sent to invoices@trademarkafrica.com. Invoices should clearly list the Contract Number (POxxxx) and the details of the Consultant’s bank account to which TMA shall transfer payments.

ANNEX 9: EMAIL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Guidelines for Bidders for Bid Submissions via Email

1.1 Bidder Guidance for Emailed Submissions

- a) TradeMark Africa (TMA) will automatically send an email acknowledgment for all applications, bids, proposals and/or submissions received via the email addresses stipulated/specified in the bidding document. If a bidder does not receive an email acknowledgement **IMMEDIATELY** after submitting their applications, bids, proposals and/or submissions, via the email address stipulated in the bidding document, **IMMEDIATELY** contact TMA's Procurement unit using the mobile phone number, **+254 731 884 428**, to confirm whether the applications, bids, proposals and/or submissions were received.
- b) Bidders must not ignore any bounce back email received regarding rejection of an emailed application, bid, proposal and/or submission. If such an email is received, contact TMA's Procurement unit **IMMEDIATELY**.

1.2 Possible Reasons for Emailed Submission Rejection

- a) The email submission exceeded the maximum size of 5 MB.
- b) The subject line matched a known phishing subject line.
- c) The email contained a known phishing Uniform Resource Locator (URL), or the email originated from a server associated with phishing.
- d) The outbound mail server was present on a subscribed blacklist; or
- e) The email contained a virus or malware.

1.3 Remedial Action for Rejected Email Submission Prior to Tender Closing Date & Time

Prior to the tender closing date and time, if a bidder's submission is rejected, the following remedial action should be explored prior to re-submission.

- a) If the collective size of the emailed attachments **exceeds 5 MB**, the bidders should resubmit through multiple emails or may use other modes such **WeTransfer, Dropbox, or Google drive**. The bidder shall be required to clearly identify how many emails constitute the full submission. e.g., email **1 of XX**.
- b) If the emailed submission included zipped or executable files, unzip or remove the executable files then resubmit through one or more emails (refer to point 1.3a) above if the files collectively exceed 5 MB).
- c) If the email submission is rejected because of a blacklisted domain, the bidder is required to resend the submission from a different email account from a different domain that is not blacklisted, e.g., Gmail. Please note, this should be done before the stipulated tender submission deadline; and
- d) If the email submission is rejected because of a virus/malware in the email or any of the email attachments, ensure that the virus/malware is removed/cleaned prior to resubmission.

TMA's Procurement unit shall only consider and review cases of undelivered applications, bids, proposals and/or submissions, when it is brought to our attention by the affected bidder/s prior to the tender submission deadline.

Automatic Email Acknowledgement sent from the Procurement and Framework Mailboxes

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to TradeMark Africa's Procurement mailbox.

Your email will be reviewed, and a response will be provided at the earliest opportunity. We encourage you to visit our website www.trademarkafrica.com/procurement-faqs/ for our procurement guidelines and answers to FAQs.

If you have submitted a bid for an open procurement process, it may take several weeks before you receive any further communication from us.

*The maximum size of each email with attachments should not exceed **5 MB**.*

*Please get in touch with us via the mobile number, **+254 731 884 428**, in case you do not receive an automatic acknowledgement email immediately after submission of your bid.*

For and on behalf of:

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