

Terms of References

Consultancy to provide advisory support to the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform in the development and finalizing the Regulation of Land Holding Bill and Operation Phakisa.

BACKGROUND

Under the project titled “**Support the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform in Developing a Comprehensive Rural Development Strategy**” the UNDP is providing both technical and policy advisory support to the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform to achieve the objectives of the South African Land Reform Programme and Rural Development Goals.

This support is in line with the National Development Plan’s Vision 2030 of an inclusive rural economy wherein: rural communities should have greater opportunities to participate fully in the economic, social and political life of the country. The 2030 vision speaks of the inclusivity and integration of rural areas, through successful land reform, job creation and poverty alleviation, and places agriculture as the driving force behind this vision.

As part of land reform activities undertaken by this project, UNDP provided policy advisory support to the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform on the regulation of land holding a policy which is intended to set up land ceilings.

It is in this connection that UNDP has been invited by the DRDLR and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) to participate in the Phakisa process which will focus on Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development. Operation Phakisa is an adaptation of the Big Fast Results methodology that was first applied by the Malaysian Government in the delivery of its economic transformation programme. The operation focuses on addressing key challenges such as poverty, inequality and unemployment. Practically, a Phakisa involves three phases, **the pre-laboratory preparation phase** (involving extensive stakeholder consultations and research to develop a clear scope for the laboratory), **a laboratory phase** (involving an extended multi stakeholder workshop of four to six weeks to develop reasonably detailed implementation plans) and **the post laboratory phase** (which involves the implementation and, where required, the modification of the plans and monitoring, reporting and evaluation).

The broad aim of the Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform Phakisa is to stimulate growth, foster job creation and instil transformation along the agriculture and rural development value chain.

OBJECTIVES

Main objective of the consultancy is provide technical support to the Department of Rural Development Land Reform on the Regulation of Land Holding Bill and Operation Phakisa Project

ACTIVITIES

Engage the Agriculture, Land and Rural Development “Operations Phakisa” initiative on Big and Fast Results (Malaysia Example) focusing on:

- a. The Phakisa on inclusive rural development and its economics (including the Family Farming Theory).
 - b. The Land Reform Work-stream of Phakisa on Land Reform, land reform beneficiary categorization considerations (drawing from Statistics South Africa 2016 Community Survey data analysis report).
- i. Engage the DRDLR on progress with the RALHB and accordingly advise on:
 - a. Its latest form;
 - b. Information assembled;
 - c. The matters related to what ought to be compulsory disclosure;
 - d. Approaches to agro-ecological studies for ceilings (including engagements with relevant institutions in DAFF (Institute and Directorate for Soils Water and Climate));
 - e. Advise on risks and mitigation measures for administrator’s discretions
 - f. Advise on performance on land ceilings
 - ii. Engage a local team of experts towards a draft project plan for the land size and efficiency study and simulations. The assumption is that with this project plan will enable:
 - a. Additional Resources to be secured in any given financial year:
 - December/January to March 2016/2017 – Project Information availability and location Scan an project Inception Report;
 - April – September 2017: Information gathering/mining, analysis and assembly into a pilot site;
 - April 2017 to March 2018, determination of roll-out and further roll-out;
 - April 2018 to March 2019 – finalize roll out, analysis and systems, module and guides development plus overall advisory.
 - b. An international team work closely with the SA Team

DELIVARABLES

- Preparatory report
- Report on engagement with the DRDLR on progress with regard to the Regulation of Agriculture Land Holding Bill
- Draft project plan for the land size and efficiency study and simulations

DURATION OF THE CONTRACT

The proposed contract will be for 18 days from running from 24 October to 31 November 2016

- i. Four days preparations from home
- ii. Six days of interaction with stakeholders in South Africa
- iii. Six days of collating reports and advisories
- iv. Two days of travel

REQUIRED PROFILE

Experience in consultancy:	15 years
Language:	English
Willingness to Travel	Yes
School Degree:	PhD
Specialty:	Development Economics, Economics, Agricultural Economics.
Knowledge required:	20 years research experience in issues of land reform and land economy, published at least 10 peer reviewed papers in journals.
Skills required:	Research, report writing and advisory