

Draft Terms of Reference

Overview of competences and research within Urban environmental management in South Africa, Mozambique and Zambia in relation to the Danish Support to the Environment sector in Southern Africa

1. Background

Danish development assistance to Urban Environmental Management in South Africa (2006 – 2010), Environmental Management in Mozambique (2006 – 2010) and Waste Management in Zambia (2003 - 2006) provides support to the three partner countries' priorities in environmental management and development derived from national development policies. The programmes aim to promote a sustainable development path that contributes to poverty reduction, economic growth and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Development and sharing of knowledge and engagement in research aimed at developing locally relevant responses to UEM challenges are crucial elements in addressing the problems and negative effects of environmental degradation on poor urban communities. Against this background DDRN aims at producing an overview of competences and research within UEM in Southern Africa. The overview will be used as a basis for sharing of information and dialogue among researchers, development practitioners and policy makers within UEM. The overview will focus on South Africa, Mozambique and Zambia where Denmark has strong environmental programme support. In Zambia a new environmental sector programme is currently under formulation starting in 2008. Furthermore, the socio-economic setting in the three countries is very different (this goes for both the socio-economic frame for the research and for the focus issues and areas for the research). Finally, the political history of SA is very unique and SA is an emerging economy while Mozambique and Zambia are developing countries. There seems to be little history of collaboration between the Danish environmental programmes in the three countries.

2. Objectives of the consultancy

Based on relevant documents and previous research overviews and competence profiles produced by the ReNED (2006) and DDRN (2007) and relevant Danish documents on programme support within the field of UEM, the main purpose of the consultancy is to provide

- a) a profile of individual Danish, South African, Mozambiquan, and Zambian competences within UEM; and
- b) an overview of the results from ongoing and recently completed collaboration research projects on UEM in relation to Danish support to UEM in South Africa, Mozambique and Zambia.

3. Outputs

- *An updated and extended version of the "Profiles of Danish Researchers with expertise within the focus areas of the UEM programme in South Africa" (DDRN, May 2007) to include new contributions on research collaboration projects with Danish involvement in South Africa, Mozambique and Zambia.*
- *A report containing:*

- A summary of existing knowledge and outcome of research projects regarding UEM in South Africa, Mozambique and Zambia
- An annotated list of research projects within the UEM sector (Danida supported ENRECA and other research projects with Danish involvement and funding).
- A presentation of relevant aspects of the Danish UEM support programmes in South Africa, Mozambique and Zambia, including key focal areas and knowledge & research related elements.
- Identification of research and knowledge areas of common interest to researchers and development practitioners
- Recommendations on 'gaps' and perspectives on future research collaboration areas.

NOTE: The objectives of the research programmes will probably not be compatible and the findings from SA, Mozambique and Zambia should be kept and presented separately, to avoid the danger of perceiving this mapping of relevant UEM research as a partly comparative mapping (output 2 above).

4. Scope of Work

The scope of work should include but not necessarily be limited to the following activities:

- Study and collect relevant information using DDRN and other relevant Danish networks' files, Danish institutions' databases, web pages and libraries, Danida documents etc.
- Identification of 'gaps' and perspectives on future research areas
- Make recommendations on how the competence profile and the overview of research can be used and disseminated

5. Method of work and staffing

It is proposed that the overview is compiled by a person specialised in UEM knowledge and development in developing countries. Knowledge of and work experience from Southern Africa is an advantage, but not a necessary requirement. The work will be carried out in close collaboration with the DDRN secretariat and using previous formats and reports on competence profiles and research overviews as a background and starting point for the assignment.

6. Timing and Reporting

It is suggested that the main part of the work related to the overview (profiles and report on research projects) is carried out prior to the planned DDRN workshop on UEM research and development in South Africa 5 December 2007. Within three days after starting on the assignment the consultant will present a tentative list of content for the report with the main headings of the report (output 2) and a tentative standard format for the annotated list of research projects. Each research project should be described in this standard format. One entry (or in an annex) should include contact details for all contacts made by the consultant, so DDRN and others will be able to follow up and update also in the future. A draft competence profile (output 1) and a draft report of results from research collaboration projects (output 2) should be submitted to DDRN in English no later than Wednesday 28 November 2007.

Estimated duration of consultancy: 1 month.

Starting time: ASAP

Salary: According to qualifications