



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BID

1. Background

Alliance Microfinance AS, in partnership with Norwegian Church Aid, Bakken & Bæck, and East African Holding SC (collectively, the “**Consortium Partners**”), wishes to establish Ethiopia’s first digital Agri microfinance institution (“**MFI**”). The MFI is a key component in a project called “Ethiopia Connect”, and will offer financial services to smallholder farmers, SMEs, and rural households.

2. Objective

The Consortium Partners have recently completed a commercial and project due-diligence report led by an international consultant to establish the MFI. They would now like to appoint a qualified and experienced legal firm (the “**Consultant**”) in Ethiopia to undertake:

- Drafting and agreeing Heads of Terms amongst Consortium Partners for this transaction
- Managing and handling the pre-application and application process with the National Bank of Ethiopia
- Drafting and agreeing to Definitive Documents amongst Consortium Partners for this transaction

3. Eligibility

The Terms of Reference (“**TOR**”) for the bid will be sent only to those who shall fulfill and provide evidence of the following requirements:

- Currently renewed relevant trade license and Certificate of registration
- Experience of at least 10 years in legal consultancy in Ethiopia

4. Closing Date

All interested parties shall submit their Expression of Interest (“**EOI**”) on or before July 04, 2022, at 5:00 PM, East Africa time via yesu.girma@amas.as. Late submission will not be considered. The Consortium Partners reserves the right to cancel the bid fully or partially anytime.

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