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**The International Growth Centre**

**Country Platforms Advisor (based at the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Zambia)**

**Fixed-term Consultancy**

The International Growth Centre (IGC) aims to promote sustainable growth in developing countries by providing demand-led policy advice based on frontier research. The IGC directs a global network of world-leading researchers and in-country teams in Africa and South Asia, and works closely with partner governments to generate high-quality research and policy advice on key growth challenges. The IGC is based at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), in partnership with the University of Oxford, Addis Ababa University and LUMS, and is majority funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO).

The IGC is seeking a **Country Platforms Advisor**, based at the Ministry of Finance and National Planning in Zambia, on a fixed-term consultancy contract.

The Government of the Republic of Zambia, through the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, is in the process of establishing an Agribusiness Country Platform to strengthen coordination among public, private and development partner stakeholders in the agribusiness sector. The Platform is intended to provide a structured mechanism for policy dialogue, investment facilitation and the alignment of interventions across the agribusiness value chain.

To support this vision, the IGC and the Ministry of Finance and National Planning wish to engage an Advisor to lead and coordinate the technical and administrative work required to establish and operationalise the Platform within a defined timeframe.

The Advisor will undertake, but not be limited to, the following tasks:

i. Review existing country platform models (regional and international) and recommend a fit-for-purpose institutional and governance structure for the Zambia Agribusiness Country Platform.
ii. Develop a roadmap and workplan, with clear milestones, for the establishment and operationalisation of the Platform.
iii. Conduct stakeholder mapping and consultations with relevant government ministries and agencies, private sector actors, farmer organisations and development partners.
iv. Facilitate the design of the Platform's governance framework, including terms of reference for its secretariat, steering committee and technical working groups.
v. Support the drafting of founding and operational documents, including a charter, membership criteria and operating procedures.
vi. Coordinate closely with the IGC and other supporting partners to align technical assistance with Government priorities and timelines.
vii. Organise and provide technical support for stakeholder workshops, consultative meetings and the official launch of the Platform.
viii. Support the identification of resourcing and sustainability options for the Platform's ongoing operations.
ix. Prepare periodic progress reports and a final report documenting the establishment process and recommendations for operationalisation.

x. Synthesise and produce evidence on key issues relevant to the Platform, such as climate adaptation and impacts, clean energy and the green transition, natural capital, pollution, carbon markets and climate finance, environmental regulation and innovation policy.

**Deliverables**

i. Inception report with a detailed workplan and timeline.
ii. Stakeholder mapping and consultation report.
iii. Draft institutional and governance framework for the Platform.
iv. Draft charter or founding document and operating procedures.
v. Workshop or consultation reports.
vi. Final report on the establishment and operationalisation of the Platform, including recommendations for sustainability.

**Duration and Timeline**

The assignment is expected to run for a maximum of 12 months, commencing on 4th January 2027, subject to review based on progress against milestones.

**Qualifications and Experience**

i. A minimum of a Master's degree in Economics, Public Policy, Development Studies, Climate Studies or a related field.
ii. At least [5] years of relevant professional experience in public-private coordination platforms, climate finance, policy facilitation, or institutional development.
iii. Demonstrated experience of working with government ministries, development partners and private sector stakeholders in Zambia or the region.
iv. Strong facilitation, stakeholder engagement and report-writing skills.
v. Familiarity with agribusiness country platforms or similar multi-stakeholder coordination mechanisms is an added advantage.
vi. Excellent written and spoken English.

**Reporting Arrangements**

The Advisor will report to the Director, Development Cooperation Department, Ministry of Finance and National Planning, and will work in close coordination with designated focal points from the IGC and other relevant stakeholders.

**Remuneration**

Remuneration will be commensurate with the Advisor's qualifications and experience.

**Submission of Applications**

Interested and qualified candidates should submit a CV and cover letter to tax4growth@theigc.org by 6th December 2026. **Regrettably, we are unable to accept late applications.**