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CALL FOR PROPOSALS: INNOVATIVE FOREIGN CURRENCY FINANCING SOLUTIONS FOR 2025/26

1. Background

The Republic of South Africa, through the National Treasury, is seeking to supplement its foreign currency borrowing programme for the 2025/26 fiscal year by exploring innovative and cost-effective financing mechanisms and hereby invites eligible market participants to submit proposals for such solutions.

2. Objective

This funding initiative aims to:

- diversify the sovereign's hard currency funding toolkit beyond a traditional Eurobond;
- reduce execution risk and minimise the all-in cost of funds; and
- maintain flexibility for future liability management actions aligned with evolving market conditions.

3. Target size and currency

Proposals should raise, on a stand-alone or combined basis, a minimum amount of US\$ 500 million. If funding is offered in another hard currency, the counterparty must commit to swapping the proceeds into US dollars at closing.

4. Eligible counterparties

Responses are invited from:

- primary dealers in South African government securities;
- internationally active arranging banks;
- multilateral institutions;
- institutional investors; and
- other regulated financial entities with capacity to fund at scale, either directly or through an arranging bank.

5. Acceptable instruments and structures



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The National Treasury will consider a range of instruments, including but not limited to:

- bilateral term loans;
- private placements of floating rate notes;
- repurchase agreements against sovereign collateral;
- cross-currency or total return swaps with funding legs in US dollars; and
- other structured note formats.

Proposals incorporating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) or sustainability-linked features are encouraged, particularly if aligned with the National Treasury's ESG framework.

6. Evaluation criteria

Proposals will be assessed on the basis of:

- overall cost of funds (spread over the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) or equivalent benchmark);
- speed and certainty of execution;
- compatibility with the sovereign's maturity profile and debt service peaks;
- operational simplicity; and
- resilience to market shocks, including currency volatility and rate spikes.

7. Submission requirements

Please submit a **PDF term sheet** including:

- proposed amount, tenor, pricing and indicative spread;
- settlement date;
- key covenants or conditions precedent;
- collateral requirements (if any);
- governing law and documentation platform; and
- any relevant ESG characteristics.

8. Indicative timeline

- Proposal deadline: **Wednesday, 6 August 2025, 12:00 South African Standard Time (SAST).**
- Evaluation window: **Thursday, 7 August 2025 – Friday, 29 August 2025.**

9. Compliance and confidentiality



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This request contains **no material, non-public information** and may be shared with public-side desks. All proposals and follow-up discussions will be treated **confidentially** and will comply with all applicable South African public finance regulations.

10. Submission channel and contacts

Please email proposals to:  debtissuanceandmanagement@treasury.gov.za

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