

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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1. The African Development Bank (AfDB, through the Development Research Department has received financing to undertake policy relevant research under the following theme: **African Agriculture and Structural Transformation and Rural Spaces (STAARS)**. The STAARS project is premised on rigorous, policy-oriented research, focusing on the causal determinants of productivity, income growth, asset accumulation, and effective risk management in African agriculture and rural spaces. The project builds on earlier collaborative work between the AfDB and the World Bank on “**Agriculture in Africa: Myths and Facts**”.
2. The study covers the following four thematic areas, with up to four papers in each category:
 - Dynamics of agriculture inputs use, technological change, and productivity growth
 - Rural factor market performance, labor exits and productivity
 - Food security, nutrition, and health linkages
 - Poverty dynamics and resilience against shocks
3. The services to be provided under the Assignment include:
 - Prepare quality background papers in each of the thematic areas in (2) above.
 - Assure that results for the studies are published as working papers and as articles in peer-reviewed internationally recognized journal(s) and ultimately in a book publication.
 - Organize and provide the intellectual leadership for a conference on STAARS .This involves developing and disseminating a call for papers, reviewing proposed papers and compiling the program
 - Review selected papers for publication in AfDB working papers series.
 - Oversee editorial process to get selected papers published in peer-reviewed international journal(s).
 - Jointly with the Bank, lead the discussion and dissemination of the results with national policymakers, through AfDB’s country offices and its research network.
 - Assure capacity building and knowledge transfer for AfDB research staff as well as a pool of young African researchers to help strengthen their analytical capacity.

In particular, the consultant will:

- Prepare 5 peer-reviewed publications for the research community but also generate 5 non-technical policy briefs that distill the core findings for the policy audience based on thematic areas in (2) above.
- Publish research findings in one or more special issues of an international peer-reviewed journal or in an edited book volume with a major international press.
- Participate in project workshop during the course of the project and dissemination event.

The Consultant will work independently, under the overall guidance of the Manager – Networking and Research Partnerships Division (EDRE.2), Development Research Department

and the immediate supervision of the Task Manager for this undertaking.

The consultant will be contracted for 280 working days during April 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016 and must deliver the above requirement during the contract period.

4. The Development Research Department invites consulting firms/reputable research institutions to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. Interested Consultants must submit in writing, a detailed **technical proposal**, providing information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to undertake this Assignment (documents, reference to similar services, experience in similar assignments, etc.). Where the Consulting firm assembles a team of researchers to undertake the Assignment, detailed curriculum vitae of each member outlining their qualifications and experience must be provided as proof of their ability to conduct rigorous research. The technical proposal must explicitly state the Team Leader of the research group and their curriculum vitae (CV) as well as CVs of all members of the research team. Apart from the technical proposal, interested Consultants must also submit a **financial proposal** indicating costs for this undertaking. **Each proposal MUST be enclosed in a SEPARATE envelope and CLEARLY marked as such.**
5. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank's **Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants** under projects financed by the Bank Group, May 2008 edition, revised in July 2012. This document is available on the Bank Website at <http://www.afdb.org/en/projects-and-operations/procurement/consultancy-services-dacon/> . Please note that expression of interest by a Consultant does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include him/her in the shortlist. Please be informed that the Bank is also under no obligation to inform applicants of the outcome of the selection process.
6. Interested Consulting Firms may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank's working hours: 8:00am to 12:00pm/2:00pm to 5:00pm, from Monday to Friday.
7. Expressions of interest, sent by POST or Courier, must be received at the physical address below no later than **13th April, 2015** at 5:00pm Abidjan time (GMT) specifically mentioning: **African Agriculture and Structural Transformation (STAARS) Project**

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