

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

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### **Expressions of interest are being requested for a Consultant Position**

**Title of assignment:** “Africa in the Next 50 Years - Revisiting Africa’s Economic Planning”.

**Brief description of assignment:** The Consultant is expected to prepare a conceptual paper on economic planning in Africa under conditions of market economic principles.

**Department issuing the request:** Development Research Division (EDRE.2)

**Place of assignment:** Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

**Duration of the assignment:** Five (05) Months

**Tentative Date of commencement:** 25 July 2016

**Deadline for applications:** 15 July 2016

#### **Applications to be submitted to:**

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# **Terms of Reference for an Individual Consultant**

## **1. Introduction / Background**

Since the early 1990s, African countries have embraced market economic principles. This shift effectively relegated planning as a model of economic development to the backstage of policy making. Some countries abandoned it completely. However, in recent years, and largely due to realisation that development cannot take place without a blueprint to guide policy making and resource allocation, some countries have been rethinking their economic strategies. A number of them have since developed long-term development strategies. However in some countries, policy making has been disjointed and characterised by uncoordinated sector and economy wide interventions. To accelerate economic development, African countries need a framework that maps different sectors of the economic to policy strategies and available resources.

In light of the above, the Development Research department seeks to develop a prototype economic planning model that establishes the linkages among different sectors of the economy and how they interact to foster structural transformation for inclusive growth. This proposal, under the working title of “Africa in the Next 50 Years - Revisiting Africa’s Economic Planning” aims at better anchoring planning in economic policy making in order to consolidate Africa’s recent growth gains. In particular, it seeks to draw out the missing link in Africa’s policy making and development by focusing on economic planning in a market economic environment.

To gain deeper insight into the relevance of economic planning as a model of policy making and development in Africa, the Development Research Department seeks to undertake a series of studies on economic planning in Africa, drawing lessons from countries that have successfully used this type of model to accelerate economic transformation and development. One such country is South Korea. Experience from other East Asian countries and those in South Asia and Latin America, as well as African countries with successful planning experiences will also be used as examples. Drawing lessons from South Korea and other countries would therefore provide African policy makers with requisite knowledge to stir their economies onto a sustainable growth path for accelerated poverty reduction and inclusion.

In view of the foregoing, the Development Research Department seeks to recruit a highly qualified consultant to undertake this assignment. ***Expression of interest can be made by teams but we will correspond and contract with the team leader only.***

## **2. Objectives of the assignment**

The main deliverable of this consultancy will be a conceptual paper on economic planning in Africa under conditions of market economic principles; reflecting all the points and duties listed below (section 3). The paper should not be longer than 100 pages with references and annexes.

The paper will serve as background document for subsequent country case studies (to be determined) that will be used to better understand and illustrate development planning at country level.

## **3. Main activities and deliverables**

The specific roles and contributions of the consultant will cover the following tasks:

- i. Start with an analysis of the theoretical literature on the role of development planning in promoting economic development. Discuss the way forward and relevance of economic planning in Africa and the world, in an environment characterised by shifting global and regional perspectives;
- ii. Analyse briefly the history, process and characteristics of long-term development planning in Africa; with possible comparison to selected benchmark countries in the world. Key success or failure factors as well as long-term planning methods typically used (such as futures thinking or foresight) should also be discussed;
- iii. Analyse the main features of master plans and development strategies of countries where planning led to effective socioeconomic development (e.g. South Korea and others). This should include institutional and political processes, in addition to resources allocated;
- iv. Then, propose a template for master plans as well as a framework for economic planning processes suitable for African countries. Taking into account the heterogeneity of African countries in terms of economic conditions, quality of institutions and other structural factors, discuss the ability of the proposed template to foster structural transformation and inclusive development;
- v. Propose a mapping (compendium) of typical sectoral policies of a country's economy and how they could interact to drive economic growth and structural transformation in Africa. Additionally propose a mapping (compendium) of typical stakeholders in a country, along with concrete institutional arrangements for successful coordination and implementation of sectoral policies;
- vi. Perform other tasks as requested by the Task Manager/Division Manager.

## **4. Administration/reporting**

The consultant will work under the overall guidance of the Director of Development Research Department and the Manager of Networking and Research Partnerships Division (EDRE.2); and the immediate supervision of the Task Manager assigned for this project.

## **5. Duration of the assignment**

The consultant will work on a fulltime basis for a period of five (05) months; from 25 July 2016 (tentatively) to 24 December 2016.

## **6. Qualifications and experience required**

The consultant will be required to meet the following criteria:

- Advanced university degree (preferably PhD level) in economics, development economics, political economy and/or public policy with strong demonstrated quantitative background;
- Relevant work experience in conducting analytical research in emerging economies and developing countries. Work experience in development planning is an asset;
- A good understanding of the African socio-economic context is highly desirable;
- Demonstrated experience working with donor organizations and multilateral agencies;
- Ability to write and communicate in English and/or French effectively.

## **7. Remuneration**

The Consultant will be hired for a period of five (5) months and paid a lump sum following the Bank's procurement guidelines and a schedule and conditions to be negotiated with the recruiting unit. The Consultant will operate from his/her place of residence with possibility of travel to Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, the Headquarters of the African Development Bank.

Please attach an updated Curriculum Vitae on the basis of the template below (see next page):

## MODEL CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Title of the Assignment:

Department:

Surname:

First Name:

Birth Date:

Nationality:

Address:

Country:

Telephone:

E-mail:

<b>Are any of your family members (spouse/partner, father/mother, Brother/sister, Son/daughter, etc.) employed in the African Development Bank?</b>			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If « Yes », the following data must be provided
Name	Relationship	Organization Unit	Place of Assignment

Language Level	Read	Written	Spoken
English	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent
French	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent

### Key Qualifications:

Please provide (i) a summary of your experience and training highlighting the most relevant for the proposed assignment, and (ii) the responsibilities which you exercised. Utilize one half-page maximum.

### Education (University Level and above only):

Name of University - City - Country	Period		Diploma Obtained	Main Topic / Major
	From	To		

**Professional Training:**

Name of Training Institution- City - Country	Type of Training	Period		Certificates or Diploma Obtained
		From	From	

**Employment Record:**

Begin with your most recent employment. For each job since your Master Degree achievement, please indicate:

- Name of the Employer
- Type of Activity/Business of the Employer
- Title / Function
- Place of Employment
- Brief Description (three lines maximum) of main accomplishments and responsibilities

**Reference:**

Please indicate the name and address of three persons with no family relationship with yourself, familiar with your character and titles.

I hereby certify that the responses which I provided above are all, to the best of my knowledge, true, complete and accurate. I acknowledge that an inaccurate statement or essential omission in a personal declaration or another document required by the African Development Bank might result in the rejection of my application, termination of my Contract or any other administrative sanction by the Bank. The African Development Bank may verify any statements which I made in this application.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature:*