

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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1. The African Development Bank hereby invites Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: **Design and Management of the African Development Bank's Africa Resilience Forum** (planned for November 2016)

1.1. Background of AfDB Resilience Forum:

One of the outcomes of the AfDB's Seminar on SDG 16 and High Fives in Fragile Situations on March 16, 2016, was the underscoring of the need to leverage the respective comparative advantages of a spectrum of agencies and organizations that will need to partner in more effective ways in order to work creatively and responsively with countries. In this regard, the necessity of recognizing and effectively exploiting the opportunities that the nexus of development, security and the humanitarian was all too evident.

The justification for the AfDB Africa Resilience Forum stems from the foregoing. A better understanding of the different facets of fragility and their related enabling conditions is quite crucial. Addressing the drivers of fragility and adopting strategies and measures to transition to peace, stability, growth, cohesion, inclusive political settlements will always be among the ultimate objectives. These factors and outcomes are also vital to resilience. But even where such characteristics and achievements are in place, the new paradigm of "fragile situations" requires that due cognizance be taken of possible threats and countervailing forces. This effectively means that just as resilience is the ultimate target of 'transitioning' from 'fragility', so-called 'stable countries' need to work towards preserving and sustaining their resilience through consolidation measures as well as appropriate awareness of likely threats and necessary preventive measures.

1.2. Objectives and Organisation of the Forum

1.2.1. Seek to promote a broader, deeper and widely-shared understanding of the varying linkages between development work and the humanitarian responses and security challenges that need to be taken into account. The program of the forum would allow for the presentation and discussion of country case-studies, research work, the policies and practices of different organizations and agencies, the experience of civil society and advocacy groups, etc.

1.2.2. Discuss the various dimensions of resilience, whilst linking them to the multi-dimensional approach to presenting and understanding the concept of 'fragile situations'. This would also involve a revisiting of the PSGs under the

New Deal (which has just run its pilot course, and is being reviewed to determine its continued effectiveness), as well as the opportunities and challenges of working on the nexus within the framework of the SDGs.

1.2.3. Share the Bank's achievements in addressing fragility and building resilience; examine the implications of the Bank's High Fives in terms of enhancing the resilience of countries in transition; provide for a broad-based discussion of evolving opportunities and challenges in working on fragile situations and with transition countries.

1.2.4. Identify and promote effective partnership opportunities through the demonstration of the respective entry points and the related strategies, resources and instruments that could be leveraged by the respective stakeholders.

1.2.5. In terms of the overall structuring and organization of the forum, therefore, four work streams or clusters of panel discussions/roundtables, etc. could be designed. (In the eventual report on the forum, practical and concrete recommendations on the three areas will be provided)

2. The services to be provided under the assignment include:
 - a) In line with the rationale and objectives of the forum, develop a comprehensive and convincing concept note;
 - b) Draft and progressively update the program of the forum up to the final version;
 - c) Ensure that all potential key partners and stakeholders like the African Union, selected RECS, UNPB Office, UNDP and the World Bank are contacted to solicit their interest in proposing and hosting thematic sessions;
 - d) In consultation with key partners, identify key guest speakers for the opening plenary session and other plenaries;
 - e) Make proposals regarding the panellists for the various sessions and endeavour to secure their agreement to participate;
 - f) Provide weekly updates and briefings on the status of preparations and providing information to potential participants;
 - g) Ensure that all documentation relating to the issues and themes of the forum are made available to participants during the event;
 - h) In consultation with the Bank's CERD, ensure that an appropriate multi-media communication strategy is developed and effectively implemented.
 - i) With the assistance of an ad hoc task team, coordinate the effective planning and scheduling and holding of all the sessions during the forum;
 - j) Submit a report on the proceedings and outcome of the forum, including key recommendations and takeaways, no later than 3 weeks after the forum.

3. The Transition Support Department (ORTS) invites Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. Interested Consultants shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to undertake this assignment (documents, reference to similar services, experience in similar assignments, etc).

4. 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**. Please, note that interest expressed by a Consultant does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include him/her in the shortlist.
5. The estimated duration of services is **six (5) months** and the estimated starting date is **25th July 2016**.
6. Interested Individual Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank's working hours: **09:00 to 17:00 hours, Abidjan local time**.
7. Expressions of interest must be received at the address below no later than **8 June 2016 at 15:00 hours Abidjan local time** and specifically mentioning **Consultancy for the Design and Management of the African Development Bank's Africa Resilience Forum**.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHORT LIST

8. A shortlist of three to six individual consultants will be established at the end the request of expressions of interest. The consultants on the shortlist will be judged on the following criteria on the basis of their updated resume.

Level of education	20%
Relevance of educational qualifications to the assignment	30%
Years of experience in general	10%
Degree of Relevance of experience to the assignment	40%