

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

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Title of Assignment: Consultancy Services for MSCD compilation and Agricultural Data Reconciliation.

Brief description of the Assignment: The assignment involves the compilation, review, validation and publication of the MSCD reported by countries, as well as TA delivery to countries on data reconciliation.

In order to inform the “Agricultural Transformation Agenda (ATA)” known as “Feeding Africa” initiative, AfDB has developed a system for compiling the Minimum Set of agricultural Core Data (MSCD) produced by African countries, and monitoring the capacity of Regional Member Countries (RMCs) to produce such data, while assisting them to ensure that such data as well as their sources are reconciled, consistent and coherent.

Department/Division issuing the request: ECST.2

Place of assignment: Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

Duration of the assignment: 6 months, renewable

Tentative Date of commencement: February 01, 2019

Deadline for applications: January 18, 2019

The Statistics Department now 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.

Applications to be submitted to: Ms Fetema DEME (F.Deme@afdb.org) and Ms. Nejma LAZLEM (L.Nejma@afdb.org) with copy to: Mr. Ben Paul MUNGYEREZA (B.Mungyereza@afdb.org) and Mr. Vincent NGENDAKUMANA (V.Ngendakumana@afdb.org)

Any questions and requests for clarifications may be sent to: Mr. Vincent NGENDAKUMANA (V.Ngendakumana@afdb.org).

Expression of interest must be received no later than January 18, 2019 at 17:00 hours Abidjan local time, and specifically mentioning: **Consultancy Services for MSCD and Agricultural Data Reconciliation.**

Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference for Recruitment of a Consultant in Agricultural Statistics to assist for the compilation, review, validation and publication of the Minimum Set of agricultural Core Data (MSCD), and TA delivery on data reconciliation

1. Introduction, background and objectives

Agriculture plays a central and strategic role for Africa development in terms of economic growth, enhanced living standards, poverty reduction, and increased food security. Indeed, all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have direct or indirect linkages to agriculture. Therefore, the importance of agricultural sector requires that its planning, management, and monitoring be based on sound incidence. In turn, this requires the availability of comprehensive, reliable, consistent and timely statistical data in a form that is usable to a variety of users at both national, regional and international levels.

In October 2015, the Bank developed a strategy for long-term agricultural transformation in Africa, entitled “Agricultural Transformation Agenda (ATA)” known as “Feeding Africa” initiative, in order to map out how to unlock Africa’s agricultural potential and boost job creation in view of diversifying economies. As such, ATA supports the realization of key SDGs through the development of an inclusive and competitive African agribusiness sector. Underpinning this vision the ATA are four specific goals: (i) contribute to the end of poverty; (ii) end hunger and malnutrition; (iii) make Africa a net food exporter; and (iv) move Africa to the top of export-orientated value chains where it has comparative advantage.

In order to inform the ATA, AfDB has developed a system for compiling the Minimum Set of agricultural Core Data (MSCD) produced by African countries, and monitoring the capacity of Regional Member Countries (RMCs) to produce such data, while assisting them to ensure that such for data as well as their sources are reconciled, consistent and coherent. MSCD are published on the AfDB’s Africa Information Highway Data Portal and can be accessed on the following links:

- (i) <http://dataportal.opendataforafrica.org/data#topic=MSCD> (for your own data search), and
- (ii) <http://dataportal.opendataforafrica.org/agriculture> (for pre-selected data tables and charts).

The dataset covers crop production, core agricultural inputs, land cover & use, livestock production, aquaculture & fisheries, forestry production, food consumption, trade data, consumer & producer food prices, etc. The information is collected from African countries (& is regularly updated every year) by AfDB, as part of the AfDB activities on agricultural activities in order to inform agricultural & rural development policies in Africa, as well as the Feed Africa agenda of the Bank, and SDGs.

On the other hand, AfDB is delivering Technical Assistance (TA) to countries on agricultural data reconciliation, and regularly assess their capacity to produce required MSCD.

AfDB is therefore looking for a consultant to assist with the compilation, review, validation and publication of the MSCD reported by countries, as well as with TA delivery to countries on agricultural data reconciliation, and assessment of country capacity to produce required agricultural statistics.

2. Activities to be undertaken by the Consultants in Agricultural Statistics

Under the overall direction of the Division Manager, ECST2, and direct technical supervision of the Principal Agricultural Statistician, the Consultant in Agricultural Statistics will assist the Statistics Department in the following activities:

- Contribution to the compilation, review, validation and publication of reported/collected MSCD time series;
- Follow-up with countries to ensure that all countries report on the MSCD and establish an updated reporting status;
- Identification of missing data and follow-up with countries to fill the data gaps, and/or look for alternative semi-official data sources to get supplementary data;
- Identification of inconsistent data and, together with countries to make the needed adjustments;
- Work with the AIH to keep updated and maintained the MSCD webpage data;
- Responding to enquiries of data users on MSCD;
- Mapping MSCD with CAADP M&E indicators, as well as SDGs;
- Identify supplementary data needs to comprehensively inform the Feed Africa agenda;
- Where needed, contribution to data reconciliation between country agricultural censuses/surveys data and routine data, through related TA delivery;
- Conduct assessments of country capacity to produce MSCD; checking, processing, validating and analyzing obtained data, and preparing the result report (on Agricultural Statistics Capacity Indicators -ASCI-);
- Undertake any other activity as requested by the Management.

3. Expected Outcomes

The main expected outcomes of the consultancy is: (i) to establish, for each country, the most updated and validated MSCD time series which inform adequately the Feed Africa agenda, (ii) Reconciled agricultural data (where needed), and (iii) Report on ASCI.

4. Duration and duty station of the assignment

The assignment is proposed for a duration of 6 months on a continuous basis, renewable based on need and subject to satisfactory performance.

The duty station should be AfDB HQs based in Abidjan.

5. Required qualifications of the candidates

The candidates shall have the following qualifications:

- At least a Master's degree in Statistics and/or economics, with a very good quantitative statistical and IT background;
- A minimum of 5 years relevant experience in the field of Agricultural Statistics at national and/or international levels;
- Proven experience in data compilation, review and validation, as well as in data processing, and analysis;
- Proven experience in database management;

- Professional experience in agricultural statistics undertakings would be an advantage;
- Ability to interpret and relate statistical data to socioeconomic developments;
- Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office Package, and reputable statistical software's for data processing, analysis and management;
- Ability to complete tasks on a timely basis;
- Excellent knowledge of one of the two languages (English or French), and average knowledge of the other;
- Excellent interpersonal skills in liaising with colleagues; and
- Openness to sharing information and keeping people informed; strong communications skills, both oral and written, especially ability to draft/edit a variety of written reports and studies in a clear, concise style, and to make presentations.

6. Reporting

The Consultant will be required to prepare and submit activity progress reports as appropriate and a final Consultancy Report for the period of the consultancy which should exhibit achievements and recommendations.

7. Missions/Travels

The Consultant would be entitled to any travel/mission needed for his/her fulfilment of the duties, particularly to countries for the delivery of Technical Assistance, and attending meetings/workshops as needed.

Please attach an updated Curriculum Vitae on the basis of the template below:

MODEL CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Title of the Assignment:

Department:

Surname:

Birth Date:

Address:

Telephone:

First Name:

Nationality:

Country:

E-mail:

Are any of your family members (spouse/partner, father/mother, Brother/sister, Son/daughter, etc.) employed in the African Development Bank?			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:

