

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Consultancy on Africa Information Highway: Senior Expert for Statistical Strategic Planning and Support in Field Work

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A. Background

The AfDB launched the African Information Highway (AIH) initiative in 2012 (www.afdb.org/statistics) with the objective of increasing public access to official statistics in Africa. Under the program, Open Data Portals with common IT Platforms have been installed in all 54 African countries and 16 African sub-regional and regional organizations. The initiative aims at positioning AfDB as the hub for development data on RMCs by establishing live data links between AfDB, National Statistical Agencies, Central Banks and Line Ministries, on one hand; and RMCs with each other and with other external development partners, on the other.

B. Objectives of the Assignment

Besides its other functionalities, the Open Data Portal (ODP) also incorporates a data submission tool that facilitates reporting of country data to the AfDB or any other organization, via the application of Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX) standards. The Bank has been partnering with the IMF to install this system in all African countries. The institutions have carried out joint missions to more than 30 countries so far. The objective of these missions has been to train/assist these countries to use the ODP as a means for the submission of data to the IMF and AfDB.

C. Main activities and deliverables

The consultant is expected to travel extensively within the region, and will be primarily involved in supporting the AIH work in the field.

Activities:

The consultant will be recruited to complete the following activities:

1. Coordinate the development of an integrated statistics and technology strategy focused on the role of the Africa Information Highway (AIH) in data collection, processing and dissemination
2. Under the overall supervision of the division manager and the direct supervision of the task manager and in close collaboration with the AIH team, supervise and guide the work of the consultants involved in the development and implementation of the strategy
3. Develop a road map for the development and implementation of the AIH integrated statistics and technology strategy for data collection, processing and dissemination
4. Align the AIH's integrated strategy for data collection processing and dissemination with the African Development Bank's strategic vision- to inform its data needs
5. Conduct a comprehensive diagnostic of the AIH platform and its use by all partners including the Regional Member Countries (RMCs) and propose solutions to expand its use beyond data dissemination and reporting
6. Evaluate the role the Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX) standard is playing within the AIH platform and propose practical steps to expand its use to other data domains
7. Assess the role the AIH should be playing in reporting under the Sustainable Development Goals at country and regional levels, and recommend actions to strengthen it
8. Investigate which platforms other International Organizations are using to collect, process and disseminate data and statistics, and undertake visits to discuss ways of collaboration and re-use
9. Assess the role new sources of data may play to complement official statistics and propose strategic actions the Department and the AIH should take to benefit from the data revolution
10. Coordinate the implementation of the developed strategy, derive annual action plans and monitor their progress through regular reporting to the task manager
11. Promote the use of the Africa Information Highway (AIH) platform at the highest level in RMCs as well as at regional and international events
12. Undertake missions to RMCs to train and/or support the implementation and management of the AIH.
13. Undertake any other tasks assigned by the Task Manager

D. The Statistics Department (ECST) 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.).

E. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank's Procurement Policy for Recruitment of Corporate 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.

F. The estimated duration of services is twelve Months (12) and the estimated starting date is 15th October 2018.

G. Interested Individual Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank's working hours: from 08:00 to 17:00 Hours, Abidjan Local Time.

Expression of interest must be received at address not later than 10th October 2018 at 15:00 hours Abidjan local time, and specifically mentioning: **Consultancy on Africa Information Highway: Senior Expert for Statistical Strategic Planning and Support in Field Work**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHORT LIST

- H.** 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 in general	20%
Educational level compared to the field of mission	20%
Years of experience in general	20%
Number of years of experience relevant to the mission	40%

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Deliverables:

The consultant will be required to submit a written report after each visit to a country implementation outlining key recommendations.

D. Administration and Reporting

Under the overall guidance of the Division Managers of ECST.1 and ECST.2 and the general supervision of project's Task Manager.

E. Duration of the Assignment

The duration of this contract is twelve (12) months renewable based on performance.

F. Qualifications and Experience Required

The successful candidate should have demonstrated superior skills in working effectively with a wide variety of Statistical platforms. He/she needs to be able to provide training to counterparts in RMCs, and build capacity on management of the AIH.

In addition, the successful candidate should have:

- A University Degree in Database Management, IT, Statistics or related field
- A minimum of five (5) years working experience working on the field in RMCs
- Excellent knowledge of Information and Technology Systems especially as used in developing countries for statistical purposes.
- Familiarity with and a supportive attitude towards processes of strengthening local capacities and Statistical agencies.
- Expertise in field data collection, statistical analysis, data dissemination.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills;
- Ability and willingness to travel regularly within Africa.

