REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(SHORT TERM INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)
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1. Introduction/Background

The African Development Bank hereby invites Individual Short-Term Consultants to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: **Consultation on the "Tracking Africa's Progress in Figures" Publication**.

The Statistics Department of the African Development Bank (AfDB) aims to contribute to the development of statistical systems that respond to the data needs of the AfDB and its Regional Member Countries (RMCs) on the African continent by generating the highest quality data possible and developing and maintaining quality data bases to support sound decision-making in AfDB operations as well as in RMCs' development policies, strategies and programs. As such, the AfDB has now become one of the lead sources of socio-economic data on Africa. The Statistics Department of the Bank is responsible for managing and analyzing these data, which are then published in the flagship publications of the Bank, such as the Annual Report, the African Economic Outlook, and various other statistical publications and briefs.

One of such publications, the *Tracking Progress in Africa* report, aims to identify the "megatrends" which, together with other drivers of change, will shape Africa's future. This report also plays a key role in informing the long-term strategic thinking of the Bank, as these megatrends help to determine the areas of focus for Bank projects. Topics and trends covered in previous editions of the report include human development; regional integration, trade, and investment; infrastructure development; agriculture and food security; and economic performance, inclusiveness, and structural transformation. The 2019 edition of the report will be focused on trends that are in line with the Bank's five priority areas, known as the "High 5s." The Statistics Department is therefore recruiting an international consultant to prepare this publication.

2. Objectives and Assignment

The services to be provided under the Assignment primarily include collecting and analyzing data from existing Bank reports on the High 5s as well as other relevant statistical sources to draft the above-mentioned publication.

The activities of the consultant will be as follows:

- Analyze relevant data and draft concise reports on various topics within each High 5;

- Review assumptions and ensure that the datasets and macroeconomic projections are validated and consistent;
- Consolidate and analyze the macroeconomic projections at the regional level and for sub-regional and economic groupings;
- Check overall consistency of the datasets, and ensure that quality and standards are met before dissemination; and
- Liaise with the printers for timely delivery of the publication.

3. Qualifications

3.1 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.).

3.2 **The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedures shall be in conformity with the Bank's procedures for the acquisition of consulting services.** 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.

3.3 The estimated duration of services is 6 months and may be renewed on the basis of satisfactory performance; the estimated starting date is 01st April 2019.

3.4 Interested Individual Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank's working hours: **+225 20 26 4634 / +225 2026 3120 from 08:00 AM to 05:00 PM** or by mail to: b.adingra@afdb.org ; m.mzid@afdb.org

4. Submission of Application

4.1 Expressions of interest must be received at the address below no later **than 21 March 2019 at 24h00** local time and specifically mentioning: **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, Consultation on the "Tracking Africa's Progress in Figures" Publication**

4.2 Please send your application to the attention of:

(1) By mail :
   Mrs. ADINGRA Bossoma Rose Marie
   African Development Bank
   Statistics Department (ECST)
   Avenue Joseph Anoma 01 B.P. 1387 Abidjan 01
   Côte d'Ivoire
   Country: COTE D'IVOIRE
   Tel: +225 20 26 4634

(2) Or By E-mail

5. Establishment of the Short list

A shortlist of individual applicants 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:

General qualifications and suitability for the tasks to be performed	30%
Experience in the specific assignment and issues described in the TORs	30%
Experience with international donor agencies	30%
Knowledge of the region	10%

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

MODEL CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Title of the Assignment:
Department:
Surname: First Name:
Birth Date: Nationality:
Address: Country:
Telephone: E-mail:

Are any of your family members (spouse/partner, father/mother, Brother/sister, Son/daughter, etc.° employed in the African Development Bank?		Yes ☐ No ☐ If « Yes », the following data must be provided	
Name	Relationship	Organization Unit	Place of Assignment

Language Level	Read	Written	Spoken
English	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent
French	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent
Other	☐ Fair	☐ Fair	☐ Fair

(specify)	☐ Good ☐ Excellent	☐ Good ☐ Excellent	☐ Good ☐ 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:

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTATION
DEVELOPMENT OF THE "TRACKING AFRICA'S PROGRESS IN FIGURES" PUBLICATION

I. Overview

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II. Tasks and responsibilities the Consultant

The consultant will be required to collect and analyze data from existing Bank reports on the High 5s as well as other relevant statistical sources to draft the above-mentioned publication.

The main tasks of the consultant under this assignment will be:
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III. Required Skills

- Professional competence and at least 15 years' experience, preferably in a regional/international institution, working on socioeconomic data on Africa
- Possess a thorough knowledge of macroeconomic modeling
- Proven ability in oral and written communication
- Ability to work independently under tight deadlines
- Excellent oral and written skills in English or French is essential. The ability to work in both languages is an asset.
- Great ability to provide timely results and the ability to use software (particularly Excel and other Microsoft Office applications)

IV. Duration and remuneration

The consultant will be hired on a temporary basis for a period of six months from 01st April 2019. The total remuneration will be consistent with the Bank's approved rates for international consultants.