1. The African Development Bank hereby invites Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: **Promoting Intra-African Investment, Regional Investment Policy Framework and SMEs Policies Consultancy**.

2. The services to be provided under the Assignment include:

The Bank’s new Ten Years Strategy which envisions “a stable, integrated and prosperous continent with competitive, diversified and growing economies participating fully in global trade and investment” and the strategic trajectory to improve the operating environment for private sector growth through the support to regional enterprises, home-grown enterprises and SMEs, local suppliers of goods and services in the regional productive/value chains. The assignment also aligns with the Bank’s various sector strategies aimed at the promotion of regional integration, private sector development, the development of micro, small and medium scale enterprises at the national and regional levels, and the promoting of regional investment policy frameworks.

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has unveiled a landmark initiative (The High 5s, within the context of the Bank’s Ten-Year Strategy) to accelerate Africa's development over the next 10 years. Under this initiative, the High-Five priority areas of focus in Africa—to light up and power Africa, feed Africa, integrate Africa, industrialize Africa, and improve the quality of life for the people of Africa—form a blueprint for African countries to embark on a course of sustainable transformation.

The objective of this assignment is to assist the Task Manager and the team on the “Promoting Intra-African Investments and Support to Regional Investment Policy Framework project” financed by the Fund for African Private Sector Assistance (FAPA).

3. The specific duties and responsibilities of the consultant will include:

   (i) Provide support to three selected regional economic communities (RECs), namely the Economic Commission of West African States (ECOWAS), the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) and the Central Africa Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) in designing or reviewing their Regional Investment Policy Framework (RIPF) or regional investment agreements (RIA) and SMEs policies to address the misalignment between the regional policy and the national policies.
(ii) Help the above-mentioned RECs and regional member countries (RMCs) to review these frameworks, agreements and policies; update, harmonize and implement them.

(iii) Develop and recommend SMEs policies to promote SMEs integration in the regional productive/value chains and access to intra-regional/African investments and markets.

(iv) Undertake any other tasks as assigned by the Task Manager and OIC Manager ONRI.2

4. The Regional Integration and Trade Division (ONRI.2) 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.).

5. 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 under projects financed by the Bank Group, May 2008 Edition, revised on July 2012, available on the Bank Website at http://www.afdb.org. 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.

6. The estimated duration of services is six (6) months and the estimated starting date is September 26, 2016. The consultant shall be based at the Headquarters of the African Development Bank in Abidjan (Côte d’Ivoire).

7. Interested Individual Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank’s working hours: 8:00 hrs – 17:00 hrs.

8. Expressions of interest must be received at the address below no later than September 9, 2016 at 17:00 hrs local time and specifically mentioning Promoting Intra-African Investment, Regional Investment Policy Framework and SMEs Policies Consultancy.

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9. Interested Individual Consultants are encouraged to send any questions and requests for clarifications and apply via email to the above mentioned email address with a copy to Mrs. Ekua Baiden (e.baiden@afdb.org).