

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
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1. The African Development Bank hereby invites individual consultants to indicate their interest in the following assignment: **Research officer.**

2. Background

The African Development Bank (the Bank) desires to develop deep and liquid financial markets in Africa for effective mobilization of financial resources towards the continents' key sectors, including infrastructure. Effective capital markets play an important intermediary role in the mobilization and deployment of long term savings and investments for the financing of the continent's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as the Bank's High 5 priorities.

In 2014, the Bank scaled-up its role in Africa's capital markets by establishing the Capital Markets Division (PIFD2) to specifically spearhead innovative operations which develop deeper and more effective capital markets in Africa.

The Bank's approach tackles the challenges under 3 Pillars to assist in building effective capital markets within RMCs. The Pillars are designed to (i) create an enabling regulatory environment and stronger capital markets institutions by strengthening the financial markets regulatory framework and architecture in each RMC; (ii) broaden market participants through sponsoring or investing in operations designed to increase the number of issuers, broaden the investor base and improve product offerings; and (iii) collect, manage and disseminate capital markets data to assist in the development of transparent capital markets pricing mechanisms as well assist in capacity building within capital markets stakeholders in RMC.

The African Financial Markets Initiative (AFMI) leads activities related to local currency bond markets development.

3. Purpose of the Consultancy

The Bank, through the AFMI, publishes analysis on African debt markets, and manages the platform www.africanbondmarkets.org. For this purpose, AFMI intends to recruit one research officer within the team.

As part of its regular activities, AFMI also plays an important role in the Debt Management and Capital Markets Development through capacity building and project origination with Capital Markets Division (PIFD.2). The successful applicant will help the team in this area.

4. Tasks and deliverables

The consultant will be responsible for the following:

- Assisting the team to prepare Research Analysis on Africa's fixed income markets for dissemination to internal and external stakeholders via the AFMI bond market website and data portal.

- Identifying knowledge contributors on Africa's local bond and money markets for publication on the AFMI platform.
- Assisting the team to collect information and update the platform;www.africanbondmarkets.org;
- Assisting the team to prepare local currency bond markets analysis
- Preparing training schedule and complete set of training materials and documentation when required
- Participating in webinars (both internal and external) addressing debt management related topic

5. Consultant duration

The consultancy will be required for 6 months.

6. Consultant qualifications and requirements

The consultant should possess the following qualification and requirements:

- A Masters degree in Finance, Economic, Business or any related discipline.
- Proven experience in managing and contributing to financial publications.
- Excellent knowledge of the Fixed Income market in Africa.
- Excellent knowledge and experience in sovereign Debt Management practices.
- Demonstrated ability to work well both independently and within a multicultural team.
- Strong skills in writing communications content for large events and international summits.
- Familiarity with social media, technology and communication technologies required.
- Language: Proficiency in English and/or French (spoken and written) is essential including the ability to draft at a professional level in this language.
- Minimum of 5 years of experiences
- Any other business.

7. Interested Applicants may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank's working hours: 09:00 AM – 17.00 PM

8. Expressions of interest must be received at the address below no later than 29th March 2019 at 17:00 pm local time and specifically mentioning: **Research Officer - Capital Markets Development (AFMI)**.

For the attention of:

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