REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
RESEARCH ASSISTANT

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Expressions of interest are being requested for a Consultant

Brief description of the Assignment : Chapter 7 of the African Development Report (ADR) 2017
Department issuing the request : Macroeconomics Policy, Forecasting and Research Development Department (EDRE)
Place of assignment : Consultant Home
Duration of the assignment : five (5) months
Tentative Date of commencement : 15th November 2016
Detailed Terms of reference for the assignment : [kindly refer below]
Deadline for applications : 7th November 2016 at 5:00pm Abidjan time
Applications and financial proposal to be submitted to

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Any questions and requests for clarifications may be sent to: the address above during the Bank’s working hours: 8:00am to 12:00pm/1:00pm to 5:00pm GMT

Terms of Reference for: Consultant “Chapter 7 of the African Development Report (ADR) 2017”

1. Background
The African Development Report (ADR) is the AfDB’s flagship publication, which focuses each year on a central theme that addresses development challenges in Africa. The theme of the 2017 edition of the Report is ‘Feeding Africa through Agricultural Transformation’, which is an area of central strategic importance to the Bank. In spite of Africa’s vast expanse of arable land, the declining contribution of agriculture to national economies across the continent is a sign of low productivity and limited value addition of the agricultural production. The poor performance of agriculture undermines food security, with Africa recording high poverty rates and the highest incidence of undernourishment in the World, while significant food imports put additional strain on scarce foreign exchange reserves. African countries need to revisit their agricultural policies and practices. Paving the way for an agro-allied
industrial development will enhance agriculture productivity and bring a sustainable structure change, including job creation.

The objective of the ADR 2017 is to promote agriculture transformation and the development of agro-allied industrialization in Africa. The Report is organized around eight chapters, which will enable a broad range of discussions on the current state and prospects of Africa’s agricultural transformation and will generate valuable insights for improved policy making. The ADR 2017 will explore the imperative of transforming the agriculture sector to feed Africa. It will analyze the enablers of such transformation, specifically research, development and innovation, financing, investment in agro-allied industrialization to strengthen Africa’s agriculture value chains, trade and competitiveness, as well as infrastructure and rural development. The Report will have an emphasis on the youth and gender to foster inclusiveness and reduce inequality in Africa’s agriculture sector, as well as on the reduction of environmental risks and the building of a resilient agriculture to climate change. The ADR 2017 will also discuss the role of the African Development Bank in transforming Africa’s agriculture (see the outline of the Report in annex).

2. Duties and responsibilities
This consultancy fits within the preparation of chapter 7 of the ADR 2017, of which the theme is “Reducing environmental risks and building a resilient agriculture to climate change”. This chapter will acknowledge the rapid population growth and the increasing effects of climate change on weather patterns and explore how it is possible to increase agriculture productivity and address food security in Africa without damaging neither the environment nor human health and livelihood, while promoting inclusive growth and strengthening resilience to climate change.

The consultant will be required to perform the following tasks:
- Draft one-page detailed outline that will be approved by the Task Managers
- Provide comments on background notes and ADR-related documents.
- Contribute to chapter 7 through:
  - The drafting of a background note as an input following the agreed outline. The background note should be approximately 15,000 words including figures and tables.
  - Undertake research on the adverse effects of agriculture productivity improvement on the environment and the impact of climate change on livelihoods in Africa. This will include a thorough discussion of the benefits and safety of high yield Genetically Modified crops for human health.
  - Conduct analytical work, including on:
    - The historical account, current status and salient issues on the topic;
    - The adverse effects of agriculture productivity improvement on the environment faced by African countries, including the use of insecticide, emissions of greenhouse gas, soil-damaging tillage, increasing cultivated area;
    - How a green agriculture could ensure the sustainability of the sector in Africa and avoid long run stagnation in crop production and rising cost of inputs;
    - The best instruments for promoting a green agriculture sector in Africa, including a sound regulatory and institutional framework to take advantage of green technology, risk management policies to enhance resilience to climate change, development of skills in biotechnology to improve yields and improvement of water management;
    - The collection and analysis of up-to-date data on related key indicators as well as the review of best practices and relevant success stories that could be applied to Africa; and
    - How to best endorse an inclusive green agriculture, by reducing food price volatility and diversifying farmers’ income.
- Provide input on how Chapter 7 should relate to the other ADR chapters and the overall theoretical framework.
- Assist with drafting relevant sections of the final version of Chapter 7.
- Follow the Style guide in annex 2 for the drafting and review of Chapter 7.
- Attend meetings related to the ADR 2017 and provide presentation of Chapter 7 when requested.

In addition to drafting and revising the chapter on “Accelerating agricultural production in Africa through research, development and innovation”, the consultant will review another chapter in the African Development Report (see Annex 1 for the list of chapters).

3. Deliverables
- Outline of chapter 7 by December 5, 2016 for approval by the task manager
- 1st draft of chapter 7 by January 9, 2017
- Revised draft after Internal/external review, including policy seminars by March 6, 2017
- Provision of assistance in editing / inputs into the final version of chapter 7 by May 8, 2017

4. Management/supervision of the consultancy
The Consultant will work independently, under the overall guidance of the Manager of EDRE.1 (Research Division in the Development Research Department), the immediate supervision of the task managers for the ADR 2017, and in close collaboration with Bank staff responsible for the chapter on the theme of “Reducing environmental risks and building a resilient agriculture to climate change”.

5. Duration of the assignment
The Consultant will work for period of 5 months starting from November 1st, 2016. The consultant will not need to be based at the Bank’s Agency in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire. The work can be carried out long distance.

6. Required profile, qualifications and Experience
- At least a Master’s degree or its equivalent in Development Studies, Agricultural Economics, Quantitative Methods, or a related field; PhD is an advantage.
- Excellent report-writing skills;
- Ability to think critically and to analyze complex issues;
- Ability to undertake rigorous statistical analysis;
- Minimum of 10 years of relevant quantitative and qualitative research experience and report writing on policy-making in the agriculture sector, with a focus on the environment and climate change;
- Proven capacity to work in a team or independently, and to deliver outputs in a timely manner;
- Competence in the use of Bank’s standard software (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, and web tools);
- English is required; knowledge of French is an advantage.

7. Remuneration
The consultant will be paid a monthly fee in accordance with the guidelines for remuneration of Consultants. The Bank will cover travel costs in line with its rules and as authorized by the Bank in connection with the contract. The consultant is expected to work from home.
Annex 1: Outline of the ADR 2017

The outline of the report in eight chapters is as follows:

- Chapter 1: Introduction - Feeding Africa: The imperative of transforming Africa’s agriculture sector
- Chapter 2: Accelerating agricultural production in Africa through research and development and innovation
- Chapter 3: Financing the transformation of African agriculture
- Chapter 4: Investing in an agro-allied industrialization: Strengthening Africa’s agriculture value chains, trade and competitiveness
- Chapter 5: Infrastructure and rural development
- Chapter 6: Fostering inclusiveness and reducing inequality in Africa’s agriculture sector - Emphasis on the youth and women
- Chapter 7: Reducing environmental risks and building a resilient agriculture to climate change
- Chapter 8: The role of the African Development Bank in transforming Africa’s agriculture
Annex 2: Style guide for the ADR 2017 chapters

The following writing conventions are meant to support a smooth production process. In particular, they will help to reduce the amount of editorial work at the end of the production process and make the tasks of reviewers of intermediate drafts much easier.

Language:
- The report draft will be written in English (US) to ensure a common style.
- Avoid very technical language. The report is meant for an audience of policy makers / generalists.
- Messages need to be punchy and visible.

Messages:
- Starting point of each chapter will need to be a main message, substantiated by supporting messages.
- Each supporting message builds on an argument contained in a set of paragraphs and is summarized in the first sentences of the paragraphs.
- Each supporting paragraph starts with the message/idea described in it. Each paragraph only has one such message/idea.

Tables and graphs:
- All tables and graphs should have a title, sometimes complemented by a subtitle giving the units of reference and the period described.
- Each table or graph has an explicit source. Should there be explanatory remarks needed, they are contained in a note below the source(s).
- Authors should keep in mind that the whole manuscript will be translated into French including figures and tables. All tables and figures should be supplied on separate sheets (Excel file) as high quality. Tints and complex shading should be avoided.

Referencing in the text:
- Within the text body, quotations should be in brackets, including Author’s name, year and sometimes, page number, e.g. “… (Lucas, 1988:4)”. Quotations should ideally include pages numbers.
- Two authors are still referred to with a mention of all authors’ names, e.g. “… (Bourguignon and Pereira da Silva, 2003)”. For three or more authors only the name of the first authors plus “et al.” is mentioned in the text.
- The report includes footnotes (not endnotes) AFTER punctuation for each chapter, then a section ‘References’ at the end.
Style of references (in list of references)

The reference style needs to follow the following examples:

• References to journal articles:

• References to articles in books:

• References to monographs/books:

• References to unpublished items:

Note: if possible, include website where the paper is available.

Please attach an updated Curriculum Vitae on the basis of the template below together with your financial proposal.
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Begin with your most recent employment. For each job since your Master Degree achievement, please indicate:
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- 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 :