REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(SHORT TERM INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
Statistics department

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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: Consultancy services for Statistical Research and Data collection.

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. The department collaborates with other departments of the Bank to develop specific tools and indices to track development on the continent such as the Infrastructure Development Index, the Regional Integration Index, and the Africa Gender Equality Index.

In line with its mission, the Statistics Department will need the services of a consultant for to support the workflow.

2. Objectives and Assignment

The services to be provided under the Assignment primarily will be to provide support to the Statistics Department’s activities related to data collection and analysis from various international, national and other relevant sources on African countries to produce flagship publications.

The activities of the consultant will be as follows:

- Collect relevant data from various international and national sources and update the Department databases;
- Assess data quality, coherence, consistency, coverage and timeliness and fill data gaps;
- Check overall consistency of datasets, and ensure that quality and standards are met before dissemination;
- Contribute to statistical research and the preparation of the Department’s publications;
- Contribute to the development of specific tools and indices to track development on the continent;
- Support and follow up the Department’s collaboration with other departments of the Bank;
- Ensure proper and timely execution of the assignment as per agreed workplan; and
- Carry out other related tasks as required.

3. Qualifications

3.1 The Statistics Department (ECST) invite 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; the estimated starting date is 15th April 2020.

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: badingra@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 31th March 2020 at 24h00 local time and specifically mentioning: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, Consultancy services for Statistical Research and Data collection.

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
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(2) Or by E-mail

E-mail: bADINGRA@AFDB.ORG ; M.MZID@AFDB.ORG ; A.CHAOUCH@AFDB.ORG

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: 50%
- Experience with international donor agencies: 10%
- Knowledge of the region: 5%
- Language proficiency: 5%
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE “Consultancy services for Statistical Research and Data collection.”

I. Overview

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II. Tasks and responsibilities the Consultant

The consultant will be required to collect and analyze data from various international, national and other relevant sources on African countries and produce flagship publication with credible data.

The main tasks of the consultant under this assignment will be:

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III. Required Skills

➢ Professional competence and at least 5 years’ experience, preferably in a regional/international institution, working on socioeconomic data on Africa;
➢ Possess a thorough knowledge of statistical analyses and 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 15th April 2020. The total remuneration will be consistent with the Bank’s approved rates for international consultants.