A. Background

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B. **Objectives of the Assignment**

The consultant will primarily be tasked with monitoring the budget of the division and ensuring all funds are properly utilized in accordance with Bank rules and regulations. S/He will also be responsible for organizing several training workshops for country statisticians and government officials hosted by the division in RMCs. The Consultant will report to the Manager of the Economic and the Social Statistics Division.

C. **Main Activities and Deliverables**

The consultant will be responsible for completing the following activities:

1. Closely monitor the division’s budgets to ensure the funds are appropriately utilized, and assist in the budget preparation process;

2. Ensure that all financial and administrative transactions are carried out according to Bank requirements;

3. Serve as the principal liaison between ECST1 and the Disbursement division;

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5. Produce articles for various mediums (intranet, newsletters, etc.) that showcase the outcomes of the training workshops and other work of the division;

6. Fulfill any other duties as requested by the Division Manager or Director.

D. 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.).

E. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank’s Procurement Policy for Recruitment of Corporate Consultants. 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.

F. The estimated duration of services is six (06) months and the estimated starting date is 4 May 2020.

G. Interested Individual Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank’s working hours: from 08:00 to 17:00 Hours, Abidjan Local Time.
H. Expression of interest must be received at address not later than 24th April 2020 at 23:00 hours Abidjan local time, and specifically mentioning: Finance and Training Coordinator Consultancy

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHORT LIST

A shortlist of three to six individual consultants 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%
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IV GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS AND SUITABILITY FOR THE TASK

1. At least a Master’s/post graduate degree in a finance or economic discipline.

2. Minimum of 5 years relevant professional experience.

3. Competence in the use of standard software and finance packages used in the Bank (Microsoft Office packages, knowledge of SAP an advantage).

4. Ability to communicate effectively in English, with a good working knowledge of French.

5. Ability to write reports and complete tasks on a timely basis.

6. Excellent interpersonal and coordination skills in liaising with colleagues.

7. Ability to work in both a team environment and, in specific areas, with a considerable degree of independence.

8. Experience of working in a developing country environment, preferably in Africa.

V DURATION OF CONSULTATION

The consultant will be recruited for a period of six (06) months.