REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Title of the assignment: Senior consultant to support ECMR.2 ADOA and Non-ADOA activities

Department making the request: Microeconomic, Institutional and Development Impact Division (ECMR.2)

Place of assignment: Abidjan

Period of assignment: January 9th to July 8th, 2022

Expected start date of the assignment: January 9th, 2022

Last date for expressing interest: November 26th, 2021

Expression of interest to be submitted to: Lucette ALESSE (a.alesse@afdb.org)

Any questions/clarifications needed to be addressed to: Lucette ALESSE (a.alesse@afdb.org)

1. Establishment of the short list

A shortlist of three to six individual consultants will be established at the end of the request of expressions of interest. The consultants on the shortlist will be judged on the following criteria based on their updated resume.

- General qualifications and relevance for the assignment to be undertaken: 35%
- Similar experience in the area of expertise of the assignment: 45%
- Experience with the Bank and/or multilateral donors: 5%
- Language proficiency: 5%
- Knowledge of the region (assignment environment): 10%

2. Introduction and background

The African Development Bank is the premier pan-African development institution, promoting economic growth and social progress across the continent. The Bank’s development agenda entails delivering financial and technical support to transformative projects that will significantly reduce poverty through inclusive and sustainable economic growth. In order to sharply focus the objectives of the Ten Year Strategy (2013 – 2022) and ensure greater developmental impact, five major areas of focus (High 5), all of which will accelerate our delivery for Africa, have been identified for scaling up, namely: light up and power Africa (energy), feed Africa (agriculture and nutrition), industrialize Africa (industrialization), integrate Africa (regional integration and intra-regional trade) and improve the quality of life for Africans (sustainable socio-economic development).

The Chief Economist/Vice-President for Economic Governance and Knowledge
Management (ECVP) Complex is responsible for (i) providing leadership and visibility for the Bank on economic, finance, financial governance and socio economic development issues; and coordinate the generation of analytical work to inform operational policy; and (ii) systematically emphasize the critical role of knowledge, experience, lessons learnt and their tangible impact on sustainable and inclusive transformation of African economies.

The Macroeconomics Policy, Forecasting and Research Department (ECMR) is dedicated to the generation of high-quality knowledge in the area of development in Africa. ECMR comprises of two divisions, one of which is the Microeconomics, Institutional and Development Impact Division (ECMR.2) which focuses on microeconomic issues related to development finance, infrastructure development, private sector development, industrial organizations, governance, competitiveness & investment climate, agriculture, institutions, and regional integration to support the High 5s. In addition, the Microeconomic, Institutional and Development Impact Division is the institutional anchor of the ex-ante Additionality and Development Outcome Assessment (ADOA) of the Bank’s operations. As such, it is a key element of the Bank’s Results Measurement Framework and the primary tool for mainstreaming Development Outcomes.

ECMR.2 also undertakes research and knowledge generation activities to inform its additionality and development outcomes assessments and more broadly the Bank’s operations. These activities cover a wide range of areas that are relevant to the Bank’s High 5 priorities: light up and power Africa (energy), feed Africa (agriculture and nutrition), industrialize Africa (industrialization), integrate Africa (regional integration and intra-regional trade) and improve the quality of life for Africans (sustainable socio-economic development). For instance, ECMR.2 has initiated the survey of the trade finance market in Africa, and two rounds of this survey were released in the format of a report that summarizes main findings and trends.

ECMR.2 is currently seeking to hire a senior consultant with strong research and analytical skills to support both its ADOA and non-ADOA work program.

3. Objective and Activities of the Assignment

The consultant’s primary responsibilities will be to provide research support to the Division’s ongoing projects in areas that are relevant to the Bank’s “High 5s”.

Specifically, she/he will be requested to complete the following tasks:

- Undertake literature review on relevant topics to the Division’s work program;
- Conduct background research and summarize data in user friendly formats (charts, tables, etc.) for the preparation of reports, economic intelligence, and statements for Senior Management;
- Perform econometric and statistical analysis in connection with the various research projects, using relevant statistical and econometric packages such as Stata;
- Assist with the preparation and organization of dissemination events (including research seminars and conferences within and outside the Bank) as well as with the preparation of presentation materials, flagship publications, and any other reports the Division might be called upon to produce;
- Back-stop the Division’s staff in their other research activities planned under the department work program;
- Undertake ADOA tasks, including drafting and reviewing ADOA notes;
- Harmonize documents translated from English to French, and vice-versa.
The consultant will also be required to perform any other duties including administrative tasks required to facilitate research projects, as may be assigned by the division manager or the task manager for this undertaking.

4. Management and Supervision of the Consultancy

The consultant will work independently, under the overall guidance of the division manager (ECMR.2) and under the immediate supervision of the task manager for this undertaking.

5. Duration and Location of the Assignment

The consultant will work on a full-time basis for a period of six months, starting from January 9th to July 8th, 2022. The present contract could be renewed upon satisfactory performance and depending on the needs of the Division. The consultant will be based in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire and require fulltime presence in the Bank’s offices.

6. Required qualifications and experience

- PhD in development economics, econometrics, finance or a related field.
- Be a national of one of the member countries of the Bank.
- Have a minimum of 5 years working experience with an international organization, in Africa or other low-income countries.
- Proven experience working on financial-sector (financial inclusion, capital market development, banking, private equity, etc.) related projects.
- Excellent research, writing and reporting skills, with strong attention to detail.
- Publication record on peer-reviewed international journal in any field related to development economics will be an added advantage.
- Good knowledge of development issues in Africa and solid understanding of economic concepts.
- Ability to design and conduct research projects/programs with limited supervision.
- The Bank’s working languages are French and English. For this assignment, strong writing and editing skills in French are required, knowledge of English will be an added advantage.
- Proven capacity to work in a team, to deliver outputs in a timely manner and under tight deadlines.
- Proficiency in conventional econometrics and statistical packages (EViews, Matlab, Stata, etc.), and ability to work with and manipulate large and complex datasets.

7. Remuneration for the assignment

The consultant will be paid a competitive monthly lump sum for the entire period in accordance with Bank’s scale set for consultants and commensurate with the number of years of relevant experience. The Bank will cover travel costs in line with its rules and as authorized by the Bank in connection with the contract.
MODEL CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Title of the Assignment:
Department:
Surname: First Name:
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Are any of your family members (spouse/partner, father/mother, Brother/sister, Son/daughter, etc.) employed in the African Development Bank?

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Key Qualifications:
Please provide (i) a summary of your experience and training highlighting the most relevant for the proposed assignment, and (ii) the responsibilities that you exercised. Utilise one half-page maximum.

Education (University Level and above only):

Name of University - City - Country
From To Diploma obtained Major topic/Major

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**Employment Record:**
Begin with your most recent employment. For each job since your Master Degree achievement, please indicate:
- Name of the Employer
- Type of Activity/Business of the Employer
- Title / Function
- Place of Employment
- Brief Description (three lines maximum) of main accomplishments and responsibilities

**Reference:**