REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Title of the assignment: Senior Consultant

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

Place of assignment: Abidjan

Period of assignment: July 13th, 2020 to January 12th, 2021

Expected start date of the assignment: July 13th, 2020

Last date for expressing interest: June 24th, 2020

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 on the basis of their updated resume.

- Level of education in general: 20%
- Educational level compared to the field of mission: 20%
- Years of experience in general: 20%
- Number of years of experience relevant to the mission: 40%

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) 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 works to inform operational policy; (ii)
systematically emphasize the critical role of knowledge, experience, lessons learnt and their tangible impact on sustainable, 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 2 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 Results 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 first 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 recruit a seasoned economist to assist in the implementation and delivery of its non ADOA work.

3. Objective and activities of the assignment

The Consultants’ primary responsibilities will be related to (i) assisting in the delivery of ECMR’s research activities, including quality control; and (ii) providing support requested from ECMR to other departments or senior management. Specifically, the consultant will be required to:

1. Lead on drafting terms of references, concept notes, research and funding proposals to kick start selected research projects;
2. Contribute to quality control of research deliverables;
3. Review internal documents such as corporate strategies, thematic analytical work and working papers/briefs;
4. Assist in drafting speeches, talking points, Op-Eds, and briefs for senior management
5. Assist in any relevant task requested by the division manager or ECMR director

4. Management and supervision of the consultancy

The Consultant will work independently, under the overall guidance of the research department director (ECMR) and the division manager (ECMR.2).

5. Duration and location of the assignment

The Consultant will work on a full-time basis for a period of six months, starting from July
13th, 2020. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the assignment will be home-based with potential missions to Abidjan or to other relevant countries depending on the Bank’s business needs and the lifting of travel restrictions.

6. Required qualifications and experience

- A PhD in economics, international trade, finance, or related field.
- A minimum of 10 years of professional experience including both research and proven operational experience in High five-relevant topics, investment analysis. Experience related to results measurement, producing and disseminating high quality analytical work as well as speech-writing would be a strong advantage.
- Excellent communication and writing skills in English. Similar capacity in French would be a strong advantage.
- Proven capacity to work in a team and deliver outputs in a timely manner.
- Ability to use standard office software packages (e.g. Microsoft Office).
- Be a national of one of the member countries of the Bank (nationality should be explicitly stated on the application).

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 to join its headquarters, in line with its rules as authorized by the Bank in connection with the contract.
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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.

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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: