

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
**Consultancy on Africa Information Highway: Expert to Support Field Work in Data  
and Statistics in Regional Member Countries**

**AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK**  
**Statistics Department (ECST)**  
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**A. Background**

The African Development Bank Group (AfDB) holds that if the fight against poverty has to be won, there must be improvements in the quality and quantity of statistical data on all components of development. Reliable data is critical to setting goals and targets as well as evaluating project impact. Reliable data constitutes the single most convincing way of getting the people involved in what their leaders and institutions are doing. It also helps them to get involved in the development process, thus giving them a sense of ownership of the entire development process.

Through its Statistics Department, the AfDB is contributing to the effective development of the statistical capacity and systems of its regional member countries for the provision of timely and reliable data for policy formulation.

The individual consultant will be recruited to serve the Statistics Department through its Africa Information Highway (AIH) initiative.

The Africa Information Highway (AIH) initiative was launched by the Bank in 2012 with the primary objective of improving statistical data access in Africa by providing all African countries with an Open Data Platform (ODP).

**B. Objectives of the Assignment**

The main objective of this assignment will be to support countries to continue improving their data dissemination practices.

The consultant will be part of the core team working on the implementation of the project jointly funded by the Bank and the Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation to support AfDB's effort in implementing the Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA).

His/her responsibilities will include supporting all administrative tasks associated with the joint AfDB\_BMGF project and coordinating with countries to execute all planned activities for the year 2024.

### **C. Main activities**

#### **Activities:**

The consultant will be recruited to complete the following activities:

1. Support the implementation of the AfDB\_BMGF joint project.
2. Oversee all administrative tasks related to the activities outlined in the project countries' action plans.
3. Support the draft of the project progress report.
4. Ensure that all portals falling under his responsibility contain up to date content.
5. Actively participate in research activities under the Innovation Lab for the use of new sources of data to complement official statistics.
6. Assist RMCs in establishing the governance structures necessary to enable a coordinated update of the portal with a special focus on SDGs.
7. Assist RMCs in enhancing data use for evidence-based policy and decision making by capitalizing on the AIH.
8. Regularly prepare a storyline for the ECST newsletter after conducting missions.
9. Undertake any other tasks assigned by the Task Manager.

**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 **twelve months (12)** and the estimated starting date is **22 January 2024**.

**G.** Expressions of interest must be received at the following email addresses **[A.AIH@AFDB.ORG](mailto:A.AIH@AFDB.ORG)** no later than **29 November 2023** at 15:00 hours Abidjan local time.

Requests for clarifications may be sent to: **[A.AIH@AFDB.ORG](mailto:A.AIH@AFDB.ORG)**

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHORT LIST**

**H.** 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.

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%

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### **Deliverables:**

The consultant will be required to submit a written report after each country implementation mission outlining key recommendations.

## **D. Administration and Reporting**

Under the overall guidance of the Division Managers of ECST.1 and ECST.2, with the general supervision of the project's Task Manager.

## **E. Duration of the Assignment**

The duration of this contract is **twelve months (12)** renewable based on performance.

## **F. Qualifications and Experience Required**

The successful candidate should have demonstrated superior skills in working effectively with a wide variety of Statistical platforms. He/she needs to be able to provide training to counterparts in RMCs and build capacity on management of the AIH.

In addition, the successful candidate should have:

- A University Degree in Statistics, Economics or related field
- A minimum of five (5) years working experience
- Familiarity with technical assistance to countries in the area of statistics
- Excellent drafting skills in English

- Familiarity with and a supportive attitude towards processes of strengthening local capacities and Statistical agencies
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability and willingness to travel regularly within Africa

**Other Competencies:**

- Demonstrated ability to work in a multicultural environment and establish harmonious and effective relationships with national partners