



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Name of Project:	Building Institutions and Systems to Harness and Realize Agenda (BIASHARA) 2063
Contract Title:	Consulting Services for Programme Assistant - Private Sector Engagement
Project ID:	180117
Grant No.:	E2020
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1. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Building Institutions and Systems to Harness and Realize Agenda (BIASHARA) 2063**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
2. The consulting services (“the Services”) include engaging a junior expertise for Programme Assistant - Private Sector Engagement. The expert will be responsible for providing technical support in (i) the implementation and smooth functioning of the AfCFTA Private Sector Engagement, and (ii) development of a database of SMEs and AfCFTA Trading Companies participating in the Private Sector Engagement and any other related activities.
3. The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment found at the following website: <https://au-afcfta.org/bids/>
4. The AfCFTA Secretariat now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interests in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information, as stipulated in the TOR, demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The consultant must meet the minimum qualification and selection criteria indicated below:
 - a) A Master’s degree (or equivalent experience) in International Trade, Business and Administration, Economics or any other related fields;
 - b) Five (5) years of relevant professional experience in regional trade agreements, business development, private sector engagement, entrepreneurship and related issues;
 - c) Five (5) years of professional experience in drafting reports, technical notes, and conducting analyses preferably on private sector related issues;
 - d) Three (3) years of professional experience in working on AU, RECs and other multilateral institutions, especially in Africa.
 - e) Proficiency in one of the African Union working languages (Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Spanish or Swahili). Knowledge of one or several other working languages would be an added advantage.
 - f) Five (5) years of professional experience on regional integration, trade and economic growth within the context of the continent;



- g) Experience and knowledge of the AfCFTA Agreement;
 - h) Experience in research and analysis in areas of concern to private sector participating in the Private Sector Engagement and to the Initiative itself;
5. The Consultant(s) will be selected in accordance with the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, dated July 2016 and revised 6th Edition of February 2025 which can be found at the following website: www.worldbank.org/procurement.
6. The duration of the consultancy services is One (1) year.
7. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Fifth Edition of September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
8. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
9. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [**weekdays Monday to Friday 0800hrs to 1700hrs local time excluding public holidays**]. Interested Consultants are required to constantly and continually check the AfCFTA website: <https://au-afcfta.org/bids/> for any additional information or clarification that may arise before the submission date.

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10. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address above (in person, or by e-mail) by **17th June, 2025 at 5.00 pm GMT**.