



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Name of Project:	Building Institutions and Systems to Harness and Realize Agenda (BIASHARA) 2063
Contract Title:	Consultancy for Conducting the Baseline Study on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import and Export Procedures and Inspection Fees Applied on Agricultural Commodities and Agro-processed Products at Selected Borders
Type of Contract:	Individual Consultant Selection
Project ID:	180117
Grant No.:	E2020
RFB Reference No.:	ET-AFCFTA-484478-CS-INDV

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 conducting the **Baseline Study on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import and Export Procedures and Inspection Fees Applied on Agricultural Commodities and Agro-processed Products at Selected Borders**. The expert will be responsible compiling a report detailing all the existing Sanitary and Phytosanitary import, export and transit procedures and inspection fees from two countries in each of the Regions (East, West, North, South and Central) on agricultural commodities and Agro-processed products at selected borders. The Consultant should propose recommendations for implementing best practices in harmonized approaches in import, export and transit procedures and fees based on the analysis. The consultancy is aimed at implementing best practices in harmonization including reducing duplicative procedures in cross border trade, implementing mutual recognition agreements, implementing equivalence (unilateral recognition of pre-exit measures), reducing testing where businesses implement internationally recognized standards
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. At least a Master’s degree in Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, Food Safety, International Law, or Trade from internationally recognized University institution.



- b. At least eight (8) years' work experience in carrying out baseline or scoping studies and evaluation studies.
 - c. Extensive knowledge and demonstrated experience in non-tariff measures (sanitary and phytosanitary standards, non-tariff barriers, technical barriers to trade) added value
 - d. Knowledge of the WTO SPS and TBT Agreements and in Codex activities
 - e. Experience in implementing the WTO TFA
 - f. Extensive experience in the area of Quality Infrastructure development, standards, quality, and conformity assessment
 - g. Experience working with International Organizations and government projects, and in the area of trade information will be an added advantage
 - h. Proficiency in any AU working language. A working knowledge of the other language will be an added advantage.
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 Sixty (60) Calendar Days.
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**.