



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 Trade Specialist for HS 2017 Tariff Migration
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 conducting the **Study and to Formulate Recommendations Regarding the Impact of the Migration by AfCFTA State Parties to the Harmonized System 2022 (HS 2022) Nomenclature on the existing AfCFTA Tariff Offers**. The expert will be responsible for the technical verification of the draft tariff offers submitted by State Parties that have not yet provided full tariff schedule, including Categories B and C, in accordance with the established tariff modalities. These modalities stipulate that State Parties are required to submit their tariff offers using the HS 2017 nomenclature. To date, forty-six (46) State Parties have submitted their tariff offers to the Secretariat in this format. The expert will undertake an analysis to assess the implications of the migration to HS2022 on these submitted tariff offers.
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) Must hold a minimum of a University Master’s degree from an internationally reorganized institution in one of the following fields: International Trade, Economics, Business Administration or International Economic Relations.
 - b) Additional qualifications or certifications in customs or international trade matters will be an advantage.
 - c) A minimum of Ten (10) years of relevant professional experience in trade policy and or customs administration.
 - d) Demonstrated experience in dealing with tariff data and HS transposition, as well as in managing projects with multiple institutions/teams.



- e) Knowledge and demonstrated experience conducting trade policy research and international trade analysis, developing of regional value chains and analysis of value chains.
 - f) Demonstrated knowledge of African regional economic integration and recent developments in the area.
 - g) Demonstrate good networking skills, judgment and ability to work in multi-cultural and multi - disciplinary project team.
 - h) Proficiency in English and/or French. 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 One Hundred and Twenty (120) 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 **10th June, 2025 at 5.00 pm GMT**.