



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 Cybersecurity and Network Security Expert to Conduct AfCFTA Cybersecurity Assessment
Type of Contract:	Individual Consultant Selection
Project ID:	180117
Grant No.:	E2020
RFB Reference No.:	ET-AFCFTA-485255-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”) is for the **Cybersecurity and Network Security Expert to Conduct AfCFTA Cybersecurity Assessment**. The expert will be responsible for conducting a thorough and comprehensive cybersecurity risk assessment and network security assessment for the AfCFTA’s digital infrastructure, network environment, IT systems, and policies. The goal is to identify vulnerabilities and weaknesses in the current technical infrastructure, policies and practices and provide prioritized recommendations for improvement.
3. The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment found at the following website: <https://au-afcfta.org/bids/> (home page).
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:
 - The consultant must have a minimum degree in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Software Engineering or Information Technology. Professional certification in any of the following is desirable.
 - a. Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
 - b. Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
 - c. Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)
 - d. Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH)
 - e. ISO/IEC 27001 Lead Auditor/Implementor
 - f. Cisco Certified Network Professional Security (CCNP Security)



- This consultancy is open to experts who meet the following working experience:
 - a) Experience in leading cybersecurity projects and possess knowledge of global best practices in cybersecurity policy development.
 - b) Held position of cyber security expert in a private / public organization or acted in capacity as Cybersecurity consultant on separate projects like this one.
 - c) Demonstrated implementation of projects similar to this assignment.
 - d) Excellent communication skills, and experience in managing projects in this context. Fluency in English is mandatory, with recognized second language of the African Union preferred.
- 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 Twelve (12) Months.
- 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. Consultants 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 **18th July, 2025 at 5.00 pm GMT**.