



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 Two (2No.) Implementation Review Mechanism Experts
Type of Contract:	Individual Consultant Selection
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”) is for the **Two (2No.) Implementation Review Mechanism Experts**. The experts will be responsible in supporting the effective implementation of the AfCFTA and to facilitate the rollout of the preliminary implementation programmes, all of which will further support to the creation of a single continental Free Trade Area and contribute to Africa’s socioeconomic transformation. The consultant will contribute to the operationalization of AfCFTA Implementation Review Mechanism (AFIRM).
3. The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment found at the following website: <https://au-afecta.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 consultants must meet the minimum qualification and selection criteria indicated below:
 - a. Master’s degree in International Trade, Environmental Policy, Business Management, Economics, or a related field from a recognized University Institution;
 - b. A minimum of Five (5) years of professional experience, at least one (3) of them within an international organization working on trade policy and law, or a related area, will be an advantage;
 - c. Demonstrated experience in drafting Concept Notes, Ministerial Decision(s) and other instruments including tracking tools for monitoring and reporting;
 - d. Demonstrated experience in developing data sources for implementation review reports;
 - e. Demonstrated experience in conducting the assessment studies of implementation across the continent;



- f. Experience working with international organisations comparable the African Union and the regional economic communities (RECs) is desirable; and
 - g. Fluency in English is required, and working knowledge of French is desirable.
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- 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 **11th July, 2025 at 5.00 pm GMT**.