



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

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| Name of Project: | Building Institutions and Systems to Harness and Realize Agenda (BIASHARA) 2063 |
| Contract Title: | Consulting Services for Two (2No.) Dispute Settlement Experts |
| Type of Contract: | Individual Consultant Selection |
| Project ID: | 180117 |
| Grant No.: | E2020 |
| RFB Reference No.: | ET-AFCFTA-484152-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 **Two (2No.) Dispute Settlement Experts**. The experts will be responsible in supporting the work of the Dispute Settlement Division, whose mandate is to coordinate the implementation of the Protocol on Rules and Procedures on the Settlement of Disputes. Some of the activities to be supported shall include: to assist in the drafting and/or reviewing of legal texts relevant to the Protocol on Rules and Procedures on the Settlement of Disputes; to assist in the drafting of background papers, working documents, studies, reports, and legal texts; and to assist in the drafting of legal opinions or advice on dispute settlement.
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 consultants must meet the minimum qualification and selection criteria indicated below:
 - a. A minimum Master of Laws degree (LLM) in International Law (Public International Law, International Organisations Law, and International Trade Law) from a recognised University. A first-level University degree in law [Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or its equivalent] is desirable.
 - b. The candidates must have at least five (5) years of professional experience in the following:
 - Experience in law, including legal analysis, research and writing, is required.
 - Experience as a lawyer in a legal office of the secretariat of an intergovernmental organisation, or of a government ministry or department is required.



- Experience in professional legal work related to international law, especially international trade and regional integration, is desirable.
 - Experience in professional legal work relating to dispute settlement law is desirable.
 - Experience working with an international organisation is desirable.
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**.