



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 Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Expert
Type of Contract:	Individual Consultant Selection
Project ID:	180117
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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 **Consulting Services for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Expert**. The expert will be responsible for facilitating and providing support to the day-to-day activities of the IPR Division of the AfCFTA Secretariat. The specific purpose of the consultant’s work is to: support the smooth execution of the Division’s activities, provide appropriate support to delegations from State Parties, Non-State Parties, partners and other stakeholders; develop concept notes for IPR activities and ensure the provision of supporting documentation and the required logistics for the AfCFTA meetings and conferences/seminars/fora/webinars.
3. The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment found at the following website: <https://au-afcfcta.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) Master’s degree in International Trade, Economics, International Relations, Policy and Development, International Law and any other relevant areas from an internationally recognized University,
 - b) Eight (8) years of professional work experience with continental, regional, and/or national level, focusing on trade and/or IPR issues;
 - c) Understanding of Africa's regional integration agenda and key AfCFTA issues.
 - d) Knowledge of trade and/or IPR;
 - e) Good interpersonal/teamwork skills;



- f) Computer literacy with a working knowledge of common computer applications and systems;
 - g) Good drafting, reporting, communication and presentation skills;
 - h) Ability to liaise with a diverse range of people and stakeholders; and
 - i) Proficiency in one of the African Union working languages (Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Spanish or Swahili). Knowledge of one or several other working languages would 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 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" Sixth Edition of February 2025 ("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 **15th August 2025 at 5.00 pm GMT**.