



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 Investment 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 engagement of an Individual Investment Expert under the auspices of the World Bank Group’s technical assistance grant for the Institutional Strengthening Project (ISP) for the AfCFTA Secretariat, to support the effective implementation of the AfCFTA Agreement and the rollout of related implementation programmes. The primary scope of work is to contribute to the development and negotiation process of the Annexes to the Protocol on Investment. The specific aim of the consultant’s work is to provide technical support to State Parties on Investment and related issues through research, drafting inputs for technical documents, and compiling background materials; contribute to the development of concept notes, briefs, and technical papers; and assist in the preparation and coordination of documentation and logistics for AfCFTA meetings, conferences, seminars, fora, and webinars, in alignment with the broader objectives and activities of the Investment work programme.
3. The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment (also containing evaluation and qualification criteria) is 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) A Master's degree in International Trade, Economics, International Relations, Policy and Development, International Law, or any other relevant fields is required, along with two years of professional work experience; OR
 - b) A Bachelor’s degree specialising in International Trade, Economics, International Relations, Policy and Development, International Law, or any other relevant areas is required.
 - c) Specific Professional Experience should be at least five (5) years with a strong demonstration in the following:



- An understanding of Africa's regional integration agenda and the key issues related to the AfCFTA is essential;
 - Experience in continental and regional policymaking on relevant trade and/or investment issues is desirable;
 - Knowledge of trade and/or investment negotiations is an asset;
 - Good interpersonal and teamwork skills;
 - Must possess computer literacy along with a knowledge of common computer applications and systems;
 - Good drafting, reporting, communication and presentation skills;
 - Ability to engage with a diverse range of individuals and stakeholders; and
 - Proficiency in one of the African Union's working languages (Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Spanish, or Swahili) is essential. Knowledge of one or more additional working languages would be an 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 **23rd September 2025 at 5.00 pm GMT**.

Note: Consultants are advised to obtain a copy of the detailed TOR and make EOI submissions reflecting the requirements for evaluation and qualification criteria in paragraph 10.2.