

SELECTION OF TWO (2) INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS ON THE STUDY FOR THE REVIEW OF THE ECOWAS SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION POLICY (ECOPOST) AND ITS ACTION PLAN

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Science, technology and innovation (STI) are key to achieving Sustainable Development Goals. They are driving forces for improved productivity and economic growth. They promote social inclusion and foster environmental sustainability¹.

In developed countries, STI are the engine that drives human and social development through the provision of new results and products. They promote competitiveness, stimulate growth, and create jobs.

The review of ECOPOST is intended to be in line with the new ECOWAS Vision 2050 currently being developed, the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals 2030. Furthermore, while considering the specific characteristics (strengths and weaknesses) of ECOWAS Member States, the new Policy intends to integrate the strategies developed in all related areas of STI at the continental and regional levels and by international governmental organisations.

2. With due consideration to the various efforts made by the Education Department of ECOWAS and Member States, The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) represented by the ECOWAS Commission intends to carry out a consultancy on the **review of the ECOWAS Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (ECOPOST) and its action plan**

3. Duties and responsibilities of the consultants:

The study will be carried out by a team of two (2) consultants. One will cover the Anglophone countries and the second will cover the francophone and Lusophony countries. The Consultants shall:

1. collect country information and data on the result indicators of the actions implemented by stakeholders (Member States, ECOWAS Commission and the Financial and Technical partners) within the framework of the implementation of the action plan (2012-2017),
2. analyse the data collected and the results obtained and compare them with the challenges identified within the framework of the development of ECOPOST in 2012,

¹ UNCTAD, 2017: Session of the Trade and Development Board

3. prepare an evaluation report of the ECOPOST Action Plan,
4. identify the emerging development challenges of ECOWAS Member States and propose actions to address these challenges,
5. identify the vision, missions, guiding principles, objectives and strategic outcomes to be achieved,
6. prepare the draft revised STI Policy and Action Plan (2023-2033),
7. Propose an overall cost for the implementation of the Action Plan (2023-2033) and possible sources of funding for the Action Plan.

4. The qualifications of the Consultants should include, among others

The study will be carried out by two (2) independent consultants with proven skills and experience in the development of policies and strategies in the area of Science, Technology and Innovation. They shall be Senior Consultants. The more experienced of the two (2) Consultants will coordinate the study. He/she should be fluently bilingual. One of the consultants will cover the five (5) Anglophone countries and the other consultant will cover the ten (10) francophone and Lusophone countries. Other requirements include:

- i. Ph.D. in Natural/Social Sciences or other related fields,
- ii. Minimum of ten (10) years of experience in the area of sectoral/public policy development, strategies at the national level,
- iii. broad background in science, technology and innovation
- iv. completion of at least one successful assignment in public policy development at the national level,
- v. completion of at least one similar assignment with ECOWAS or another international organisation,
- vi. writing skills and the ability to summarise information (study reports and scientific books),
- vii. experience in public policy evaluation or strategic planning,
- viii. good knowledge of the procedures of International Organisations and ECOWAS in particular,
- ix. must be bilingual (English, French, Portuguese) with an excellent command of one of the two languages; Knowledge of a third language would be an advantage
- x. Mastery of basic computer tools (Microsoft Office, etc.).

5. The ECOWAS Commission now invites eligible Consultants (Individual) to indicate their interests in providing these services. The interested Consultants must provide all information supporting their qualification to perform the services (Kindly attach detailed Curriculum Vitae that highlights the following: Curriculum and Certificates; Past Experiences of similar jobs over the past ten (10) years; Computer knowledge; knowledge of the area; language and any other information useful for the accomplishment of this project). **Please note that if individual consultants are proposed by firms, only the experience and qualifications of the individuals shall be used in the selection process, their corporate experience shall not be taken into account, and the contract, if given, will be signed with the proposed individual.**

6. The selection will be done on the basis of a comparison of curricula vitae and interviews and the selected Consultant will be invited for negotiation prior to the conclusion and signing of the Contract Agreement. **(Selection method: Individual Consultant)**. **Please note that the selected consultant will be expected to submit all required reports in English or French or Portuguese.**

7. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours: **Monday to Friday from 9.00 am GMT+1 to 5.00 pm GMT+1.**
Procurement Division, Directorate of General Administration, ECOWAS Commission, Plot 101, Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District, P. M. B. 401 Abuja Nigeria or by E-mail to the following addresses: sbangoura@ecowas.int, copy: cdeh@ecowas.int rkouakou@ecowas.int, procurement@ecowas.int
NB: The attention of interested Consultants is particularly drawn to **Article 117 of the ECOWAS Procurement Code (“Infringements by Candidates, Bidders and Awardees”)**, providing information on corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or executing a contract. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per **“Article 118 of the ECOWAS Procurement Code.**

8. Expression of Interest **(1 original and 3 copies)** must be delivered in sealed envelopes and clearly marked **“SELECTION OF TWO (2) INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS ON THE STUDY FOR THE REVIEW OF THE ECOWAS SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION POLICY (ECOPOST) AND ITS ACTION PLAN”**, to the address below latest by **February 22, 2022 at 11.00 am (GMT+1).**

The ECOWAS Tender Box is located in the Directorate of General Administration, Procurement Division, 1st Floor ECOWAS Commission, 101 Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District, P. M. B. 401 Abuja Nigeria.

9. **Please note that electronic submissions are accepted and will be evaluated.**

10. **This EOI is also published on the ECOWAS website <http://www.ecowas.int/doing-business-in-ecowas/ecowas-procurement>**

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