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**HARMONIZING AND IMPROVING STATISTICS IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTICE NO. 01/ECOWAS/DRS/ HISWACA/2024

Start date: 02 February, 2023

End date: 15 February, 2024

Title: Recruitment of a Specialist in National Accounts Statistics

I. OBJECTIVES

As part of the harmonization and development of regional statistics, the ECOWAS Commission has received a grant from the World Bank for the “Harmonising and Improving Statistics in West and Central Africa (HISWACA)” Project, which is also a support for the 2017-2026 Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA2). The aim of the project is to strengthen the statistical systems of participating countries and West African regional organisations in order to harmonize, produce, disseminate and improve the use of basic economic and social statistics.

The ECOWAS Commission’s Directorate of Research and Statistics is seeking the services of a National Accounts Statistics Specialist.

The consultancy services include the elements listed below for a one (1) year initial contract period renewable based on satisfactory performance. The consultant will be based full-time at the Project Management Unit (PMU) in the office of the Directorate of Research and Statistics of the ECOWAS Commission in Abuja.

The activities to be carried out by the National Accounts Expert are as follows:

- Coordinate and plan national accounts activities in accordance with the ECOWAS Regional Statistical Programme, statistical policy and HISWA/HISWACA;
- Contribute to economic studies conducted by the ECOWAS Commission and implement macro-economic analysis tools;
- Support Member States in the field of national accounts;
- Collect data and produce regional publications;
- Coordinate the harmonization of national accounts in the ECOWAS region, taking into account the latest international manuals and best practices;
- Coordinate the adaptation of the common tool for compiling national accounts in the ECOWAS region;
- Develop a framework for the generation of quarterly and annual regional National Accounts Statistics (NAS) aggregates;
- Help Member States to adopt the implementation of SNA2008 and QNA;
- Develop an exhaustive NAS database;

- Provide technical support to Member States at various stages of the NAS compilation process;
- Identify challenges to the harmonization process and suggest options for overcoming them, and;
- Regularly report on the progress made in fulfilling his/her mission.

The National Accounts Statistics Specialist, in collaboration with other ECOWAS professionals, will support the strengthening of national statistical systems by providing modern tools relevant to economic management.

The ECOWAS Commission is, through the Directorate of Research and Statistics, inviting interested, eligible and qualified applicants (Individual Consultants) to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested consultants must provide information (*documentation in English, French or Portuguese in Word and PDF format*) demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to deliver the services (references relating to the execution of similar contracts, copies of diplomas/degrees, attestations, certifications, etc.).

II. PROFILE OF THE CONSULTANT

Applicants to this position must have the following qualifications:

- Hold a Master's Degree in economics, statistics or an engineering degree in statistics and economics, or any other equivalent degree in a related field;
- Have at least 8 years of practical experience in national accounts and other relevant experience in compiling complementary statistics such as price statistics, establishment and household surveys, agricultural surveys, business registers and statistical classifications, which are an additional asset;
- Have skills in teamwork, communication, leading meetings, and facilitating training workshops and seminars;
- Be fluent in one of the official ECOWAS languages, with the knowledge of a second language being an asset;
- Proficiency in computer tools and national accounts data processing software;
- Be able to work under pressure, and;
- Perform any other tasks assigned by the ECOWAS Commission hierarchy.

Applications will be assessed based on the following evaluation criteria and rating scales:

No.	Evaluation criteria	Grading scale
I	General qualifications (education and experience)	20 points
I-1	Hold a Master's Degree in economics, statistics or an engineering degree in statistics and economics, or any other equivalent degree in a related field	5
I-2	General experience in national accounts and in compiling complementary statistics.	15
II	Specific experience in link with the assignment	60 points
II-1	Support to ECOWAS countries in compiling their accounts (attach supporting documents) - 4 points per country	20
II-2	Have at least 8 years of practical experience in national accounts and other relevant experience in compiling complementary statistics such as price statistics, establishment and household surveys, agricultural surveys, business registers and statistical classifications, which are an additional asset	40

III	IT and language skills	20 points
III-1	Good command of national accounts processing applications	10
III-2	Proficiency in a second language of ECOWAS	10
TOTAL SCORES		100 Points

Remark: Compulsory prerequisites to be met include the presentation of attestations of service rendered as regards the execution of contracts for similar missions, studies and/or activities in connection with the assignment. Similar services that are not backed with legible cover sheet copies and signatures for contracts performed and certificates of successful completion will not be taken into consideration in the evaluation.

III. SELECTION METHOD

The consultant will be recruited using the Individual Consultants' Selection method, and in accordance with the Procurement Regulations for Borrowers applying for Investment Project Financing (IPF), November 2023 revised version.

The selection procedure will be based on a competitive call for applicants and will comprise two phases:

- A pre-selection phase, in which a shortlist of the best-qualified candidates for the assignment is drawn up based on an analysis of received applications, and;
- An interview phase with shortlisted candidates with the highest scores, following which the successful candidate will be invited to negotiations for awarding the contract.

IV. COMPOSITION AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Interested candidates must submit a file comprising:

- A cover letter;
- An updated Curriculum Vitae;
- Copies of diplomas/degrees and certificates, and;
- Copies of contracts or certificates for previous services.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below, during office opening hours, **Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.**

Applications can be submitted by e-mail at the following address: cedeaophasao.ugp@gmail.com, with a copy to **Mahamadou YAHAYA**, Director, Research and Statistics (HISWA Project Coordinator): mnyahaya65@gmail.com; myahaya@ecowas.int no later than **15 February, 2024 at 4:00 pm GMT.**



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