
 <b>ECOWAS COMMISSION</b> <b>COMMISSION DE LA CEDEAO</b> <b>COMISSÃO DA CEDEAO</b>	<b>HARMONIZING AND IMPROVING STATISTICS IN WEST AFRICA PROJECT (HISWA)</b>	 <b>THE WORLD BANK</b> <small>INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT</small>
	<b>PROJET D'HARMONISATION ET D'AMELIORATION DES STATISTIQUES EN AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST (PHASAO) - (P169265)</b>	

**HARMONIZING AND IMPROVING STATISTICS  
IN WEST AFRICA PROJECT (HISWA) - (P169265)**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTICE No. 01/ECOWAS/DRS/HISWA/2024**

**Start date: 02 February, 2024**

**End date: 15 February, 2024**

**Title: Recruitment of an Individual Consultant for the development of a common methodology for compiling the harmonized Industrial Production Index (IPI)**

**I. BACKGROUND**

The ECOWAS Commission has embarked on an “ex-ante” and “ex-post or product harmonization” statistical harmonization process, with a view to having reliable and comparable statistical data within the community. In this process, the ECOWAS Commission has received a financial Grant from the World Bank as part of the implementation of the Harmonizing and Improving Statistics in West Africa Project (HISWA). A workshop for sharing experiences on the production of the Industrial Production Index (IPI) was held in Accra from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. It emerged that the nomenclatures used by countries to produce the IPI are NAEMA rev. 1, CPC V2, CA-E rev.1, NTA or ISIC rev4. All countries producing the IPI use cut-off as their sampling method. Production frequency varies from one country to another (quarterly or monthly). Similarly, some countries use fixed weights, while others use dynamic weights. There are countries which do not even produce the IPI.

Also, the material resources devoted to the production of the IPI (means of transport, printers, computers, telephone lines, internet, etc.) are judged insufficient by country representatives.

Countries expressed the wish to have a harmonized IPI, as well as a computer application for IPI production. Moreover, the experts from ECOWAS Member States called for the speeding up of the implementation of the Project’s activities in order to achieve its objectives and for providing countries with technical support to implement the IPI overhaul in line with the new international recommendations.

To meet this strong demand from experts, the ECOWAS Commission has launched a project for producing an Industrial Production Index (IPI) at community level. Within this framework, it intends to develop a methodological guide for the comparability of indicators produced within the region.

To carry out this activity, the ECOWAS Commission's Directorate of Research and Statistics would like to recruit an expert meant to develop a common methodological guide for compiling the harmonized Industrial Production Index (IPI).

The consultancy services include the elements listed below for a duration of sixty (60) days. The consultant shall work in close collaboration with the officials of the ECOWAS Commission's Directorate of Research and Statistics, as well as with the members of the Regional Technical Committee.

The activities to be carried out by the recruited expert are as follows:

- Take stock of the compilation of the Industrial Production Indexes in ECOWAS Member States;
- Collect the methodologies used, if any, by countries producing this indicator;
- Perform a desk review on IPI production, in particular documents from the IMF, Afristat, the African Union, the United Nations (UNSD), EUROSTAT, etc.;
- Draft a methodological note on the production of IPIs within the ECOWAS region;
- Propose data collection tools and aids;
- Work in close collaboration with the IPI Technical Working Group;
- Present the results at a workshop to review and validate the proposed methodology, and;
- Develop a regional model for compiling the IPI.

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

Due to the nature of the assignment, the consultant must:

- Hold a Master's degree in economic statistical engineering, an MSC in Economics or any other equivalent degree;
- Have at least ten (10) years of professional experience in the field of statistics and at least five (5) years of practical experience in IPI production and dissemination. Experience in the production and editing of the Industrial Production Index in a Member State would be a great asset;
- Have experience in drafting methodological notes;
- Demonstrate knowledge of the IPI production system and the production of business statistics in ECOWAS countries;
- Be able to lead meetings and to facilitate training workshops and seminars, and;
- Have knowledge of the ECOWAS Commission's harmonized statistical methods.

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

No.	Evaluation criteria	Rating scale
<b>I</b>	<b>Qualification and skills (training)</b>	<b>15 points</b>
I-1	Hold a Master's degree in economic statistical engineering, an MSC in Economics or any other equivalent degree	5
I-2	Have at least ten (10) years of professional experience in the field of statistics	10
<b>II</b>	<b>Specific experience relevant to the assignment</b>	<b>70 points</b>



II-1	Contribute to the development of ECOWAS's harmonised statistical tools and methods as regards the IPI	20
II-2	Have five (5) years' practical experience in IPI production and distribution	20
II-3	Have a knowledge of the IPI production system and the production of business statistics in ECOWAS countries for at least 4 years	30
II-4	Have written IPI methodology note(s) for a country or a group of countries (5 points per drafted note)	10
<b>III</b>	<b>IT and language skills</b>	<b>15 points</b>
III-1	Have IT skills (Microsoft Office: Word, PowerPoint, Excel)	5
III-3	Be proficient in a second ECOWAS official language	10
<b>TOTAL SCORES</b>		<b>100 Points</b>

**The minimum qualifying score is 70 points out of 100.**

**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 Consultant Selection method in accordance with the procurement regulations for borrowers seeking investment project finance (IPF), revised version November 2023.

### **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](mailto:cedeaophasao.ugp@gmail.com), with a copy to **Mahamadou YAHAYA**, Director, Research and Statistics (HISWA Project Coordinator): [mnyahaya65@gmail.com](mailto:mnyahaya65@gmail.com); [myahaya@ecowas.int](mailto:myahaya@ecowas.int) no later than **15 February, 2024 at 4:00 pm GMT.**



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