

 <b>ECOWAS COMMISSION</b> <b>COMMISSION DE LA CEDEAO</b> <b>COMISSÃO DA CEDEAO</b>	<b>HARMONIZING AND IMPROVING STATISTICS IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA PROJECT (HISWACA -SOP1)" (P178497)</b>	 <b>THE WORLD BANK</b> <small>IBRD • IDA</small>
	<b>PROJET D'HARMONISATION ET D'AMELIORATION DES STATISTIQUES EN AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST ET DU CENTRE (PHASAOC-SOP1) (P178497)</b>	

**HARMONIZING AND IMPROVING STATISTICS  
IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA PROJECT  
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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTICE No. 03/ECOWAS/DRS/PHASAOC/2024**

**Start date: 02 February, 2024**

**End date: 15 February, 2024**

**Titre: Recruitment of a Sectoral Statistics Expert (Agriculture, Environment, Energy, Industry, Infrastructure, etc. ...)**

**I. OBJECTIVES**

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. Within the framework of this process, the ECOWAS Commission has received a financial Grant from the World Bank under the implementation of the Harmonizing and Improving Statistics in West Africa Project (HISWA). This Project, which also falls in line with the implementation of the 2017-2026 Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA2) adopted by the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the African Union (Decision EX.CL/Dec.987(XXXII) of January 2018, aims at strengthening the statistical systems of participating countries and regional organisations in West Africa for harmonizing, producing, disseminating and improving the use of basic economic and social statistics.

To implement this activity, the ECOWAS Commission’s Directorate of Research and Statistics is recruiting a Programme Manager specialized in sectoral statistics (agriculture, environment, energy, industry, infrastructure, etc.).

The consultancy services include the elements listed below for an initial contract period of one (1) year 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 Sector Statistics Expert are as follows:

- Define a framework for collecting sectoral statistics at community level;
- Support countries in calculating environmental indicators;
- Support countries in calculating agricultural indicators;
- Support countries in calculating health and education indicators;
- Draft community notes by sector;
- Develop community survey methodologies by sector for having comparable data;
- Strengthen national statistical systems by supporting countries in agricultural and rural development statistics;
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- Strengthen national statistical systems by supporting countries in the field of environmental statistics;
- Strengthen national statistical systems by supporting countries in the field of education and health statistics;
- Propose harmonized methods for processing sectoral statistics;
- Propose harmonized methodologies for monographic surveys and studies on statistical sectors, and;
- Perform any other tasks assigned by the hierarchy.

The Sectoral Statistics Expert, in collaboration with other ECOWAS professionals, will support the strengthening of sectoral statistics (agriculture, environment, energy, industry, infrastructure, etc.) by providing relevant modern tools.

The ECOWAS Commission is, through the Directorate of Research and Statistics, inviting interested, eligible and qualified candidates (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 perform the services (references concerning the execution of similar contracts, copies of diplomas, attestations, certifications, etc.).

## II. PROFILE OF THE CONSULTANT

The candidate for this position must have the following qualifications:

- Hold a Master's degree in statistics, economics, or a degree in statistical engineering, or any other equivalent degree/diploma;
- Have at least 5 years' practical experience in sectoral statistics (agriculture, environment, energy, industry, infrastructure, etc.);
- Be able to work in a team, to communicate, to lead meetings and to facilitate training workshops and seminars;
- Have a perfect command of one of ECOWAS's official languages, with the knowledge of a second language being an asset;
- Have a good mastery of computer tools and statistical data processing software;
- Having participated in the design of sector surveys;
- Be able to work under pressure, and;
- Perform any other tasks assigned by the hierarchy.

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

No.	Evaluation criteria	Rating scale
<b>I</b>	<b>General qualifications (education and experience)</b>	<b>20 points</b>
I-1	Hold a Master's degree in statistics, economics, or a degree in statistical engineering, or any other equivalent degree/diploma	5
I-2	Have at least 5 years' practical experience in sectoral statistics (agriculture, environment, energy, industry, infrastructure, etc.)	15
<b>II</b>	<b>Specific experience relevant to the assignment</b>	<b>60 points</b>
II-1	Having participated in the design of sector surveys, (attach supporting documents) - 20 points per participation	40
II-2	Have at least eight (8) years of practical experience in sectoral survey design	20
<b>III</b>	<b>IT and language skills</b>	<b>20 points</b>



III-1	Be proficient in IT applications and statistical data processing software	10
III-2	Be proficient in a second ECOWAS language	10
<b>TOTAL SCORES</b>		<b>100 Points</b>

**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 a review 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](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 **13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at 4:00 pm GMT.**



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