



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)

COUNTRY: NIGERIA NAME OF PROJECT: WESTERN AFRICA REGIONAL DIGITAL INTEGRATION PROGRAM (WARDIP) Grant No.: E264-3W

Assignment Title: Recruitment of Social and Environmental Specialist.

Reference No. NG-WARDIP-ECOWAS-471716-CS-INDV

The Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS Commission) has received financing from the World Bank toward the implementation of the **Western Africa Regional Digital Integration Program (WARDIP)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include the support of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) in all environmental and social issues within the framework of the WARDIP Project. The Consultant will work on a part-time basis during the project period.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <u>https://www.ecowas.int/procurement/procurement_m/intellectual-services/</u>

The ECOWAS Commission now invites eligible Individual Consultants ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The qualifications and relevant experience of the consultants must be supported by documents such as **signed Curricula Vitae (with references)**, **degrees**, **training certificates**, **contracts**, **certificates of performance**, **etc. The ECOWAS Commission reserves the right to reject any application that is not accompanied by the required supporting documents**.

The evaluation criteria are:

Qualifications and skills (support with evidence):

- Have a University Degree in environmental or social sciences (Sociology, Development Studies, Geography, Economics, Planning) or any other certificate deemed equivalent.
- Having a postgraduate degree would be a particular advantage.
- Have received additional training in Social and environmental assessment.

Experience (support with evidence):

- Have at least five (5) years of experience in Social and environmental risk management of development projects,
- Including two (2) years in the development, implementation and assessment of Social Management and Environmental Frameworks, ESMPs, etc. in development projects.

- Having experience as a Social and Environmental Specialist for a project financed by the World Bank would be a major asset.
- Having experience working with one of the ECOWAS institutions or agencies is a major asset.

Skills:

- World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF)
- Good knowledge of national, regional and international legislation on Social and environmental management.
- Very good command of office tools (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.)
- Multicultural work environment.
- Fluency in English and French.

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" September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Individual Consultant selection method** set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the email addresses below during office hours **0900 to 1700 hours**, *Nigerian Time (GMT* + 1).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the addresses below by e-mail by **June 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Nigerian Time (GMT + 1).**

ECOWAS Commission Attention: Commissioner Infrastructure, Energy and Digitalization Abuja, Nigeria E-mail: <u>wardiprecruitment@ecowas.int</u> and copy <u>pbessi@ecowas.int</u>; <u>abah@ecowas.int</u>; <u>mamoa@ecowas.int</u>; <u>folagunju@ecowas.int</u>; <u>msene@ecowas.int</u>; <u>ikkamara@ecowas.int</u>; <u>sbangoura@ecowas.int</u>.

<u>Note</u>: The ECOWAS Commission will only notify the shortlisted candidates of the results of the evaluation.

Date: May 27, 2025

Mr. Sédiko DOUKA Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy and Digitalization

Attachment: ToR of the assignment