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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES):**

Selection of an Individual Consultant to support the Early Warning Directorate (EWD) to develop and integrate an Electronic Web Media scanning System into the existing ECOWARN Reporter

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)

PROJECT NAME: Strengthening ECOWAS Early Warning and Response capacity for improved regional stability and crisis prevention funded by Transition Support Facility (TSF) of the African Development Bank (AfDB)

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The Early Warning System (EWS) was established under Chapter IV of the 1999 ECOWAS Protocol Relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping, and Security. The Early Warning Directorate (EWD) coordinates the EWS formally known as the ECOWAS Warning and Response Network (ECOWARN). The ECOWARN Reporter, a web-based interactive analysis system and visualization tool, customized for the ECOWAS region, is upheld by a network of field monitors collecting early warning data for baseline reporting from the Situation Room in Abuja, the headquarters of the system. The ECOWARN Reporter, implemented in 2006, became fully operational in 2008.

ECOWARN has in its database over one hundred thousand (100,000) entries of incident and situation data related to human security. An average of four thousand (4,000) entries of data is added every year. ECOWAS, through its Early Warning Directorate (EWD) and the National Early Warning Centres for the Coordination of the Response Mechanism (NCCRMs), monitors these threats and applies a human security lens to enhance the well-being of the population using data from multiple sources, including the ECOWAS Warning and Response Network (ECOWARN).

EWD provides qualitative and quantitative analysis by submitting timely reports with recommendations to ECOWAS management, through the Office of the Vice President, for information and early response, based on five (5) thematic sectors:

- Security

- Governance and Human Rights
- Environment
- Crime and Criminality
- Health.

The data collected and filled into the Reporter 2 by the ECOWARN Field Monitors is streamlined within fifty-five (55) pre-defined early warning regional peace and security indicators, and forty-two (42) types of events. The EWD Analysis Division has the lead responsibility for ECOWARN and open-source information analyses, including tracking the trends manifested in field and media reports, all integrated with regular assessments of their structural contexts. These analyses are conducted at multiple levels as dictated by the conflicts from local to national and regional.

The manual data collection methodology and the recently reduced number of Field Monitors present a risk in the effective data access and thus data collection in the Member States. As such, to ensure credible reporting, there is a need to complement the manual data collected and analyzed from the ECOWARN Reporter 2 with consistent data from the ECOWAS region using new technology such as “data mining”.

The ECOWAS Commission now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services: CV, Diploma, Certifications, brochures, description and proof of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability , etc..

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank’s Procurement Framework dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank’s website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested Individual consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours i.e. Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (GMT +1). Email: sbangoura@ecowas.int, with copies to: ikkamara@ecowas.int; mbossou@ecowas.int; yderra@ecowas.int.

Expressions of interest must be sent no later than **Wednesday, 30th July 2025 at 11:00 am, (Nigeria time, GMT+1)** and mention **"Expression of interest for the selection of an Individual Consultant to support the Early Warning Directorate (EWD) to develop and integrate an Electronic Web Media scanning System into the existing ECOWARN Reporter"** and addressed to the ECOWAS Procurement Division at the following address:

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