



INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

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**INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CONSULTANT
CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENT: ITS COSTS AND BENEFITS TO TANZANIA ECONOMY**

Date: 13 July 2021

Procurement Notice No.: IC/TZA/2021/UNDP- 024

Duty Station: Dar es Salaam

Eligibility: National Consultant (Female Candidates are highly encouraged to apply)

Description of the assignment

- AfCFTA benefits to sectors of the economy, costs and adjustments that are necessary to be undertaken to offset the negative effects on each sector.
- Highlight the strength, weakness, opportunities, and challenges that are likely to be faced by all sectors of economy.
- Providing recommendations aligned to strategies towards fruitful changes in-terms of supportive policies and legal framework, enabling environment to support value addition and competitiveness
- Addressing the roles of Women and Youths in cross-border trade and facilitating needed to be part of the mainstream continental free trade area benefits
- Articulating roles of Informal sectors in cross-border trade and facilitating needed to participate in mainstream benefits of largest free trade

Project name: "CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENT: ITS COSTS AND BENEFITS TO TANZANIA ECONOMY"

Period of Assignment/Services: 4 Months

Separate technical and financial proposals detailing understanding of the TOR, Assignment methodology and work plan should be submitted through; icprocurement.tz@undp.org **not later than Tuesday 26 July 2021 at 10:00 hrs. (Local time)**;

IMPORTANT NOTE: The reference of the IC Procurement Notice No. **IC/TZA/2020/UNDP-024** ("CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENT: ITS COSTS AND BENEFITS TO TANZANIA ECONOMY").

Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic communication to the e-mail address: tenders.tz@undp.org. UNDP Tanzania will respond in writing or by standard electronic mail to the requestor and share the answer with all invited offerors without identifying the source of inquiry. Please Quote/Ref/: **IC/TZA/2020/UNDP-024 ("CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENT: ITS COSTS AND BENEFITS TO TANZANIA ECONOMY")** in all inquiries;

1. BACKGROUND

The African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA) entered into force on 30 May 2019 following 54 out of 54 Member States signing the Agreement on 21 March 2018. The AfCFTA which effectively commenced on 1 January 2021, is based on, among other principles, the principle of *acquis*; which means the existing regional economic groupings including the East African Community (EAC) and Southern African Development Community (SADC) are the building blocks for this Agreement. The AfCFTA among other things aims to achieve: a single continent-wide market for goods and services and to promote the movement of capital and natural persons; redress trade imbalances amongst the Member States in the course of implementation; including establishing formidable presence in international markets. On the other hand, this Agreement also introduces a detailed legal framework that defined roles and responsibility and governs implementation. This initiative is therefore expected to support strengthening industrial sector; diversify production; and job creation.

It is in this regard, the AfCFTA is considered as a game changer in terms of fast tracking the pursuit of integration at regional and continental level. This is due to the fact that, the continental free trade area has been acknowledged as a key driver in realizing the following: the ambition of politically, economically, socially and culturally integrated African continent with the resulting developmental gains; and the structural transformation and industrialization of Africa as envisaged in AU Agenda 2063. It is envisioned that the AfCFTA brings varied opportunities in transforming the continent by alleviating poverty through boosting economic growth by supporting strengthening industrial sector, diversify production, availing job opportunities for millions of Africans, including informal cross border traders and accelerate the development of the continent in general.....Etc.....

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

For detailed information on the tasks to be performed and expected deliverables, please refer to the Terms of Reference (TOR) attached.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Academic Qualifications:

Profile of the National Consultant

Education:

- Advanced degree in trade development; preferably a Doctorate, in economics or development economics with an emphasis on international trade, trade law and trade facilitation issues, macroeconomics or closely related areas.

Experience:

- The Consultant must be Tanzanian with more than 10 years of progressive responsible practical and research experience in regional integration and economic cooperation; domestic and international trade in the African and other developing countries context. Additionally, the Consultant is expected to possess experience in trade

policy; trade negotiations and; economic analysis

- Knowledge of the Sustainable Development Goals and of different approaches driven by the UN development system (UNDS) to accelerate private sector participation in the 2030 Agenda.
- Strong knowledge of market context, of national development needs, and economic/political priorities.
- Familiarity with mixed methods research, particularly the navigation of statistical databases, stakeholder interviews and the navigation of statistical databases.
- Fluency in English and Kiswahili.
- Ability to facilitate multi-stakeholder sessions.

4. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS:

NOTE: Technical and Financial Proposals must be submitted separately. The two must NOT be combined.

i. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Interested Individual Consultants must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications:

- (i) Explanation on why they are the most suitable for the work.
- (ii) Provide a brief methodology on how they will approach and conduct the work.
1. **Personal CV** including past experience in similar projects and at least 3 references with valid contact details (Please clearly indicate names, valid telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of referees).

ii. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The financial proposal shall specify a **total lump sum amount**, and payment terms around specific and measurable (qualitative and quantitative) deliverables (i.e. whether payments fall in installments or upon completion of the entire contract). Payments are based upon output (For detailed payment schedule, please refer to the TOR attached). In order to assist the Requesting Unit in the comparison of financial proposals, **the financial proposal will include a breakdown of this lump sum amount.**

Travel:

In the case of unforeseeable travel, payment of travel costs including tickets, lodging and terminal expense should be agreed upon, between the respective Business Unit and individual Consultant, prior to travel and will be reimbursed.

Proposed format for submission of Financial Proposal:

S/N°	Item/Description	Amount (TZS)
1.	Professional Fee (number of working day x Daily Rate)	
2.	Other expenses (please specify if any)	

5. EVALUATION METHOD

Individual Consultants will be evaluated based on the following methodology:

Cumulative Analysis:

The contract will therefore be awarded to the Individual Consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as both:

- a) Responsive/compliant/acceptable, and
- b) Having received the highest score out of the pre-determined set of weighted technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation:

* Technical Criteria weight: 70%

* Financial Criteria weight: 30%

Only candidates obtaining a minimum of 49% points in the technical evaluation will be considered for the Financial Evaluation.

Criteria	Weight	Max. Point
<u>Technical :</u>	<u>70%</u>	<u>70</u>
• Relevance of education	10	
• Language skills	05	
• Knowledge of the area of work and expectation from the activities being covered	15	
• Relevance of professional experience in conducting assignments of similar nature and scope-	25	
• Experience in writing/publication-	15	
<u>Financial:</u>	<u>30%</u>	<u>30</u>

ANNEX 1 - TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

ANNEX 2 - INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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