

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

TRIPARTITE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME (TCBP)

Individual Consultant – Trade Expert

The **Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)** has received financing from the **African Development Bank** toward the cost of the Tripartite Capacity Building Programme (TCBP), and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for Consultancy for the services of a **Trade Expert** based at COMESA Secretariat, Lusaka, Zambia.

The consultant shall collate trade data, undertake research and analysis; undertake studies and prepare reports relevant to the Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA) negotiations.

The Specific objectives of the consultant are:

- (a) Analysis of trends and forecasts for the TFTA international trade statistics and relevant regional and international environment to identify key industries/sectors that can be promoted within the TFTA;
- (b) Contribute to the development of trade negotiations position papers to assist Tripartite Member/Partner States in the negotiations;
- (c) Conduct research that will assist in the ongoing TFTA negotiations in areas such as Trade in services, Rules of Origin, Trade remedies and Dispute Settlement;
- (d) Review comments and make recommendations on proposed texts from member/Partner States and provide guidance to the TFTA negotiations process;
- (e) Provide technical inputs to the TFTA negotiations;
- (f) Conduct capacity building in trade policy to member/Partner States of the TFTA;
- (g) Service Tripartite Trade Negotiating Forum and Technical Working Groups meeting;
- (h) Generally support and promote the work of the TFTA by providing economic analysis necessary to validate the negotiations; and
- (i) Undertake any other assignments relevant to the TFTA negotiations as may be assigned by the Director for Trade and Customs at the COMESA Secretariat.

The candidate should have:

- Competences: The successful candidate will be a specialist in international trade with excellent research and analytical skills. The candidate must have strong writing and presentation skills and proficient in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Education: The candidate must have a post graduate degree in Economics with specialisation in international trade.
- Experience: The successful candidate shall have at least 10 years trade related work experience in the Tripartite region and must be a national of the Tripartite Member States.

The Bank, in collaboration with the **Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)** now invites eligible Individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services for duration of **six (6) months** with a possibility of extension subject to performance and need. Interested consultants must provide information through their Curriculum Vitae indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, etc.).

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's ***"Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants" May 2008, Revised July 2012***, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from Monday to Friday, 08:00 hours to 17:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **12th September 2014 at 15:00hrs** and mention **"Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for a Trade Expert"**.

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