



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

TRIPARTITE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME (TCBP)

Individual Consultant – Movement of Business Persons 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 Movement of Business Persons Expert.

The Movement of Business Persons Expert will work under the supervision of each REC Business Council Chief Executive Officer / Coordinator, and the overall supervision of the Tripartite Capacity Building Programme Coordinator, the Consultant will hereby undertake a consultative exercise in the respective REC member states.

The Specific objectives of the consultant are:

- Collect and collate input for the development of private sector positions for the TFTA Movement of Business person's negotiations; with focus on Annex 12 covering issues including; the categories of business persons, time validity, cost of visa, model of the visa, number of entries and the conditions of entry.
- To review the current status of application on the protocols on the movement of persons within the Tripartite FTA countries, with a focus on protocols, signed, ratified and implemented and; where they aren't being applied to propose recommendations on the implementation of these protocols;
- Based on the decision adopted, analyze the applicability of a common travel document for business persons, as priority phase which will gradually ascend into the long term approach of having a Common Business Visa;

- Propose an approach for business facilitation at the tripartite level with a focus on the movement of business persons. Following extensive consultations with relevant stakeholders, propose at least three approaches from the private sector from each REC, that can be used as immediate, short-term or long term solutions- to support the movement of business persons in the region;
- Propose the agreed criterion that will support the approaches - with a focus on two categories of business persons-namely, Businesses flying into a country; and Cross Border Traders. It should be noted that Cross Border traders have sub-categories. The paper should advise whether it is necessary to have an approach subjected to all or some sub categories of CBTs.
- Analyze the impact of establishing a mechanism for the facilitation of the movements of business persons within the Tripartite FTA, using best practice in Africa and internationally;
- To review a framework for the existing National Monitoring Committees in Tripartite FTA countries, to establish sub-committees which will monitor the progress on the ratification and application of the protocols of movement of business persons and gradual elimination of Visa fees and requirements at a Tripartite level.
- Consult with respective REC expertise on the findings of your study, for consensus prior to hosting the first private sector Movement of Business Persons meeting at REC and Inter- REC level;
- Present the Study at the Private sector dialogue at REC level and Tripartite Private sector platform for validation and adoption.

The Expert shall be a national of the Tripartite Member/Partner States with at least 5 years' experience in trade policy, regional integration and private sector development.

- **Education:** The candidate should preferably have an advanced degree in law, economics, development studies, international trade policy or in a related field.
- **Experience:** The successful candidate must have technical background and experience in the regional migration policy and the movement of persons in regional integration and must have undertaken similar studies in the area of focus at regional or international level.

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 **two (2)** 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 **19th September 2014 at 15:00hrs** and mention "Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for Movement of Business Persons Expert".

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