



PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVING FISHERIES GOVERNANCE
AND BLUE ECONOMY TRADE CORRIDORS IN SADC REGION (PROFISHBLUE)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

**CONSULTING SERVICES TO CONDUCT MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE PROGRAM
FOR IMPROVING FISHERIES GOVERNANCE AND BLUE ECONOMY TRADE
CORRIDORS IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC)
REGION (PROFISHBLUE) PROJECT**

(Individual Consultant)

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1. The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat has received financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB), being a grant under the African Development Fund (ADF) to finance the Programme for Improving Fisheries Governance and Blue Economy Trade Corridors in SADC region (PROFISHBLUE). The Secretariat plans to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for **consultancy services to conduct Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the Program for Improving Fisheries Governance and Blue Economy Trade Corridors in Southern African Development Community (SADC) Region (PROFISHBLUE) Project**
2. The assignment aims to carry out a Mid-Term Review (MTR), which is a decisive review to evaluate project progress to date, achievement of objectives and whether or not the project should continue in its current form. The MTR will recommend where modifications to the project design may be required.
3. The specific objectives of the consultancy are:
 - To assess physical progress, efficiency and adequacy, in terms of delivery of project inputs and outputs component by component.
 - Assess the relevance of the project to local development priorities and needs in the region; clarity and feasibility of project objectives (including targets); prospects for sustainability; quality and adequacy of project strategy (including logical consistency, clarity of assumptions and risks, quality of external relationships, cost – effectiveness; and the quality of participatory processes and support to strengthening beneficiary Member States
 - Analyze financial progress to ascertain if project funds utilization is commensurate with attainment of physical progress, efficacy and the timeliness of procurement and disbursement activities

- Assess efficiency of project organization and management with respect to its size and composition, organizational structure, personnel management and policy, the qualifications of staff and consultants, reporting, effectiveness of the M&E system (in defining performance indicators and collecting and analyzing monitoring data on project progress) and follow-up on primary stakeholders' reactions to project activities
 - Assess the quality of cooperation with institutions and effectiveness of coordination mechanisms with respect to composition. Changes in project design in this respect should be thoroughly assessed
 - Assess degree of compliance with grant agreement and grant recommendations.
 - Analyze which factors and constraints have influenced project implementation, including technical, managerial, organizational, institutional, and socio-economic policy issues, in addition to other external factors unforeseen during design
 - Assess the prospects of the local primary and secondary stakeholders for sustaining impact after termination of the project, taking into account old and new assumptions and risks.
 - Identify where project design needs adjusting/ re-orienting in order to increase effectiveness in reaching the target groups.
 - Assess the performance of funding and supervising agencies in terms of quality of supervision, efficiency in grant administration, ability to anticipate problems and extend implementation support, adequacy of reporting, recommendations and effectiveness of follow-up on recommendations. Identify how this has affected project performance
 - Produce a clear set of lessons learnt that can benefit the project in its remaining lifespan. Suggest an exit strategy, possible preparations for scale up or follow up with the project.
 - Review how the project addresses beneficiary country priorities and review country ownership.
 - Make proposals to adjust the project objectives and strategy, activities, budget and inputs, organization/ institutional set-up, implementation plans and period where necessary.
4. The Consultant will be engaged for a period of three (3) months.
 5. The SADC Secretariat 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. The shortlisting criteria are: The consultant should possess the following qualifications and experience:
 - Must at least have a Master of Science/Arts in Fisheries/Aquaculture Economics or Agriculture or Animal Science Economics or Business Administration or Project Management/with experience in Fisheries/Aquaculture.
 - Must have experience in Mid-term review of Multinational Banks funded projects
 - Well-developed skills in communication, analytical skills, management, general data capturing, processing and report writing;
 - Must have Five (5) years' experience in technical report writing.
 6. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement Framework, which is available on the Bank's website at <https://www.afdb.org> and in line with the provisions stated in the Grant Agreement. Full Terms of Reference will be shared with the shortlisted candidates.
 7. Individual Consultants will be Evaluated basing on criteria below:

Level of education in general	10%
Educational level compared to the field of mission	30%
Years of experience in general	20%
Number of years of experience relevant to the mission	40%

8. Interested Individual consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Botswana time.

9. Expressions of interest must be submitted electronically via this LINK:
<https://collab.sadc.int/s/f8McqbZMCNCpYZN> by midnight Botswana time) on 19 August 2023 and mention “MID-TERM REVIEW”

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