



SADC SECRETARIAT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS SELECTION)

COUNTRY: BOTSWANA

NAME OF PROJECT: SADC REGIONAL STATISTICS PROJECT (RSP)

PROJECT ID: P175731

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY TO DEVELOP SADC
HARMONISED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX METHODS
AND PROCEDURES IN SADC REGION

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Background

The SADC Secretariate through the SADC Regional Statistics Project has received a grant. The aim of this grant is to strengthen the institutional capacity of SADC and participating countries to produce, disseminate and use quality statistics while increasing regional harmonization and collaboration.

The Regional Infrastructure Development Master Plan (RIDMP), the SADC Regional Agricultural Policy (RAP), the Industrialisation Strategy and the Roadmap, among others, are complementary guiding frameworks for achieving the regional integration agenda. SADC has also developed various Protocols for domestication and implementation by Member States including the most recent one, the Protocol on Statistics, to enhance harmonization of statistics. The operating framework for implementing statistical activities as priorities for the region is the Regional Strategy for Development of Statistics (RSDS) and is aligned to SADC Vision 2050 and RISDP 2020-30.

Demand for quality and harmonized statistics has been on the rise to monitor progress in developmental agendas at national, regional, continental, and global level. The scope of data demand cuts across economic, social, and on emerging issues such as climate change, disaster-risk, environment and others related.

The SADC Secretariate intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the contract for hiring an INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY TO DEVELOP SADC HARMONISED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX METHODS AND PROCEDURES IN SADC REGION.

The SADC Secretariate invites submissions from suitably qualified and interested individual consultants to conduct the training, recruited as individual consultant following World Bank Procurement Regulations dated September 2023.

Title : INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY TO DEVELOP SADC HARMONISED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX METHODS AND PROCEDURES IN SADC REGION (1 Position)

Time Commitment : 100%

Accountable : Officer, Research and Statistics

Duration of Assignment: 3 months

1. The Objectives of the Assignment

1.1 Overall objective

The overall objective of this exercise is to develop SADC HCPI methods and procedures in line with international best practice and latest methodologies for compiling HCPI at both national and regional level.

1.2 Specific objectives

The specific objective of the assignment is to produce methods and procedures for assisting in deriving HCPI weights, compiling, rebasing and aggregating HCPI at both national and regional level in accordance with the latest international manual and standards on HCPI. The methods and procedures are expected to cover issues pertaining to HCPI as per best practices in terms of domestic concept, seasonality, second hand goods, item substitution, treatment of temporary price reduction, price collection, quality adjustment and methods for compiling indices at lower and higher levels, migrating to Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP) 2018, aggregation methods of HCPI at regional level, deriving HCPI weights, revision of HCPI weights and rebasing of HCPI amongst others. The document shall also include specific data collection instruments to capture tourism expenditure and data from other sources to supplement expenditure obtained from household survey for the derivation of HCPI weights for use by Member States. In addition, they are also intended to be applied or used as a tool for undertaking subsequent methodological reviews and training in the region as part of sustainable capacity building.

1.3 Expected results

The consultant is expected to achieve the following results in the following chronological order:

- i. Inception report, detailing preliminary findings, approach/methodology for the task, a work plan, gaps identified, and remedial action to be taken to fill the gaps. The structure of the methodological document in terms of a draft table of content should also be provided at this stage;
- ii. Draft Harmonized SADC HCPI methods and procedures, including scope of work as stated at Section 3 in this TOR and agreed issues in inception report; and
- iii. Final version of HCPI methods and procedures including Validation workshop report documenting inputs from Member States and Secretariat for amending in final report.

2. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

This assignment is expected to be carried out by a consultant with in-depth knowledge in consumer price indices. The specific profile is provided below:

2.1 Qualifications and Skills

- A minimum of a Degree in statistics, economics or related field. A Master's degree and above shall be an advantage.

- Written and oral fluency in the English language is essential. Knowledge of French and Portuguese would be an asset.
- Excellent oral and written communication, analytical, presentation and report writing skills in English Language.
- Excellent time management and organizational skills to prioritize workload and deliver needful during the training week.

2.2 General Professional Experience

- The Consultant must have at least 15 years of specific experience in undertaking and managing statistical functions in the area of prices statistics.

2.3 Specific Professional Experience

- At least ten (10) years' experience in collection, production, dissemination, revision of weights, and rebasing of HCPI at national/international level;
- Demonstrated experience in the development of HCPI guidelines and tools at national/international level;
- Experience in undertaking at least three (3) technical assistance/capacity building in the area of HCPI in developing countries, preferably in Africa, as a resource person.

3. Duration of the assignment

The Individual Consultant will be recruited for 3 months from the date of signing the agreement.

4. Facilities to be provided by the Client

The assignment will mostly be home-based.

5. Location of Employment

The assignment will mostly be home-based.

6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection Method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

8. Mode of Application

Interested Individuals Consultants meeting the stated requirements should submit their Expressions of interest including updated detailed curriculum vitae (CVs) and copies of professional certificates must be delivered in a written form using a drag and drop electronic tender box by **Tuesday 27th August 2024 on or before 00:00 hours, Botswana local time.** No public opening will be held.

SADC Collab link: <https://collab.sadc.int/s/xLtnicy4KRyKZZY>

9. VALIDITY OF THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Your Technical proposal should be valid for a period of **120 days** from the date of deadline for submission.

10. Additional requests for information and clarifications can be made through the address below:

The Procuring entity: **SADC Secretariat**
Head of Procurement Unit
Contact person: **Ms. Mercy Mikuwa**
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The Closing date for receipt of requests for information and clarification shall be: 16th August **2024 at 16.00 hours' local time Botswana.**

The Closing date for responding to requests for information and clarification shall be: 19th August **2024 at 16.00 hours' local time Botswana.**

All questions received as well as the answer(s) to those will be posted on the SADC Secretariat's website.

Attachments:

- Annex 1 CV template
- Annex 2 Detailed TORs

ANNEX 1- CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Position Title and No.	{e.g., K-1, INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT}
Name of Expert:	{Insert full name}
Date of Birth:	{day/month/year}
Contact Address and Country of Citizenship/ Residence	

Education: {List college/university or other specialized education, giving names of educational institutions, dates attended, degree(s)/diploma(s) obtained}

Employment record relevant to the assignment: {Starting with present position, list in reverse order. Please provide dates, name of employing organization, titles of positions held, types of activities performed and location of the assignment, and contact information of previous clients and employing organization(s) who can be contacted for references. Past employment that is not relevant to the assignment does not need to be included.}

Period	Employing organization and your title/position. Contact information for references	Country	Summary of activities performed relevant to the Assignment
[e.g., May 2005-present]	[e.g., Ministry of, advisor/consultant to... For references: Tel...../e-mail.....; Mr. Hbbbbbb, deputy minister]		

Membership in Professional Associations and Publications:

Language Skills (indicate only languages in which you can work): _____

Adequacy for the Assignment:

Detailed Tasks Assigned on Consultant's Team of Experts:	Reference to Prior Work/Assignments that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Assigned Tasks
{List all deliverables/tasks as in REOI or TORS in which the Expert will be involved)	

Expert's contact information: (e-mail, phone.....)

Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience, and I am available to undertake the assignment in case of an award. I understand that any misstatement or misrepresentation described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal by the Client, and/or sanctions by the Bank.

{day/month/year}

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Name of Expert

Signature

Date

ANNEX 2 DETAILED TORs

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