



## **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 REVIEW THE  
CURRENT STATISTICS ACT OF ESWATINI AND DEVELOP  
A NEW STATISTICS ACT IN LINE WITH LATEST  
DEVELOPMENTS

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** SADC/3/5/2/367

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#### **Background**

The SADC Secretariat 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 REVIEW THE CURRENT STATISTICS ACT OF ESWATINI AND DEVELOP A NEW STATISTICS ACT IN LINE WITH LATEST DEVELOPMENTS**

The SADC Secretariat 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 REVIEW THE CURRENT STATISTICS ACT OF ESWATINI AND DEVELOP A NEW STATISTICS ACT IN LINE WITH LATEST DEVELOPMENTS (1 Position)**

**Time Commitment : 100%**

**Accountable : Senior Officer, Research and Statistics**

**Duration of Assignment: 2 months**

## **1. The Objectives of the Assignment**

### **1.1 Overall objective**

The overall objective of this consultancy is to undertake a review of the current legal framework of Eswatini to inform the development of a revised Statistics Act to strengthen governance of Official Statistics at national level and in line with regional, continental and international development priorities.

## 1.2 Specific objectives

The objective of the assignment is to produce a revised Statistics Act for Eswatini. In the process of drafting the revised Act, the process involves the review of the existing Act and latest developments at regional, continental and global level to ensure the instrument is aligned to these priorities.

## 1.3 Expected results

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

- i. Assessment report of policy frameworks of the Central Statistics Office of Eswatini, identifying strengths and weaknesses, and defining specific recommendations to redesign the Statistics Act based on best practices in modernizing national statistical offices;
- ii. Identification of specific and impactful recommendations for implementation towards the drafting of the revised Statistics Act and discussion within the governance structure for consideration; and
- iii. A draft Statistics Act based on findings and recommendations from the assessment and review.

## 2. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

This assignment is expected to be carried out by an individual consultant expert. 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.
- 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 Expert Must have at least ten (10) years of experience in statistical coordination and innovation.
- At least 5 years of experience working on improving NSOs' statistical capacity with an emphasis on managerial, institutional, and organizational approaches.

## 2.3 Specific Professional Experience

- Demonstrated experience in statistical data processing and analysis, spatial analysis, modelling and data visualization using STATA for at least 3 surveys for Official Statistics at national level;
- Experience of at least five (5) years in the design and implementation of training materials for the conduct of statistical data analysis training in Official Statistics using STATA;
- Experience in as a resource person in delivering at least 5 training on STATA at national/regional/international stages, particularly using household and census data.

## 3. Duration of the assignment

The Individual Consultant will work within the 2 months from the date of signing the agreement.

## 4. Facilities to be provided by the Client

The assignment will mostly be home-based and shall require travel to the conference venue to conduct the training.

## 5. Location of Employment

The assignment will involve traveling to the conference venue.

## 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 **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 on or before 00:00 hours, Botswana local time.** No public opening will be held.

**SADC Collab link:** <https://collab.sadc.int/s/M3nj6iEodg53i5j>

## 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**

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## ANNEX 1- CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

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

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

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**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:**

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**Language Skills (indicate only languages in which you can work):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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)	

**Experts 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**

**ATTACHED**