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**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 CARRY OUT A NATIONAL TRAINING ON STATA TO NAMIBIA STATISTICS AGENCY**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:      SADC/3/5/2/366**

**DATE OF ISSUE: 25th October 2024**

**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 Secretariat intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the contract for hiring an INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY TO CARRY OUT A NATIONAL TRAINING ON STATA TO NAMIBIA STATISTICS AGENCY.

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 CARRY OUT A NATIONAL TRAINING ON STATA TO NAMIBIA STATISTICS AGENCY (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 build and enhance capacity of Member State on the use of specialised statistical software to process and analyse census and survey data.

**1.2 Specific objectives**

The specific objective of the assignment is to undertake a national training on STATA to Namibia to process and analyse agricultural census and surveys data.

**1.3 Expected results**

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

* Strengthened technical capacity of Namibia Statistics Agency in the management and processing of data from census and surveys using STATA;
1. **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, IT or related field, A Masters 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 using statistics analysis software STATA in Official Statistics.

**2.3 Specific Professional Experience**

* Experience of at least 7 years and in at least 3 developing countries in reviewing and drafting legal frameworks on Official Statistics at national level;
* Demonstrated experience of at least 7 years and in at least 3 developing countries in the development of policy frameworks guiding statistical functions in statistics such as strategy review and formulation for NSDS;
* 3 years’ experience on statistical coordination and innovation at regional, continental and international level;
1. **Duration of the assignment**

The Individual Consultant will work within the 3 months from the date of signing the agreement.

1. **Facilities to be provided by the Client**

For the expert working on this consultancy, the Contracting Authority shall facilitate for visa entry in Eswatini, if required

1. **Location of Employment**

The assignment will involve traveling to the conference venue.

1. 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.
2. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection Method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
3. **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 **13th 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/JdmjG4pJaPq4f4o**](https://collab.sadc.int/s/JdmjG4pJaPq4f4o)

1. **VALIDITY OF THE TECHINICAL 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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**Annex 1- CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)**

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

**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.}

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| **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. Hbbbbb, deputy minister] |  |  |
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**Membership in Professional Associations and Publications: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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

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**Adequacy for the Assignment:**

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| **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)** |  |
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 **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}

Name of Expert Signature Date

**Annex 2 Detailed TORs**

**Attached**