

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS SELECTION)

NIGERIA

ECOWAS - WEST AFRICA UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION (WURI)

Project Reference N°.: P161329

Engagement of a Firm to Conduct an Assessment and Develop a Regional Strategy and Roadmap for Cross-border Foundational Identity Systems Interoperability and Mutual Recognition of Foundational Identity Credentials for Access to Services for the West Africa Unique Identification for Regional Integration and Inclusion (WURI) Project

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) *has received a grant* from the World Bank toward the implementation of West Africa Unique Identification for Regional Integration and Inclusion (WURI) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the **Engagement of a Firm to Conduct an Assessment and Develop a Regional Strategy and Roadmap for Cross-border Foundational Identity Systems Interoperability and Mutual Recognition of Foundational Identity Credentials for Access to Services.**

The consulting services (“the Services”) include to conduct extensive consultation with stakeholders in: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, The Gambia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo for the purpose of this assignment and thereafter synthesise the findings into one document. While the assessment and analysis report, and strategy will cover all the fifteen (15) ECOWAS Member States, the roadmap will focus on the WURI implementing Member States (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea, Niger, and Togo).

More specifically, the Firm will be required to perform the following keys tasks, amongst others:

- (i) Assessment and Analysis Report of ECOWAS Member States National Identity Ecosystem.
- (ii) Regional Strategy for fID systems Interoperability and Mutual Recognition of fID Credentials for Access to Services.
- (iii) Roadmap for Cross-border fID systems Interoperability and Mutual Recognition of fID Credentials for Access to Services
- (iv) General considerations

The assignment will be conducted taking into cognisance the three official languages spoken in the region.

The engagement commences from contract effective date for a period of four (4) months. The payments shall be done in line with contract’s schedule.

The ECOWAS Commission now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the stage

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”: *Procurement in Investment Project Financing – Goods,*

Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016, revised November 2017, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest in Consulting Services.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Consultant's qualification-based Selection set* out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours **Monday to Friday from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (GMT + 1) Local Time**.

**ECOWAS Commission, Directorate of General Administration,
Attention: Head of Procurement,
Procurement Division, Plot 101, Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District, Abuja, NIGERIA.**

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Expressions of interest must be submitted electronically to sbangoura@ecowas.int with copy to procurement@ecowas.int, asiaw-boateng@ecowas.int, sabubakar-bello@ecowas.int, rguira@ecowas.int by **Friday October 28, 2022, at 11.00 a.m. (GMT + 1)**.