



SELECTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT FOR TRADE STATISTICS IN THE DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

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ECOWAS mandate is to promote economic cooperation and integration in all economic spheres among the Member States. The founding fathers of ECOWAS believed in this instrument because they were convinced that regional integration was the only way for member states to combine efforts towards ensuring the harmonized and sustainable development of the region. In this regard, the driving force is the full realization of the regional integration objectives and vision 2050 that will lead to an ECOWAS of people.

Trade statistics is among important statistics useful for monitoring and measuring impacts of trade related initiatives. It is at the heart of ECOWAS Commission's core mission, namely "to create and monitor a common internal market." On the other hand, it serves as measure of Member States' contribution to the functioning of the ECOWAS as a community and effectiveness of its institutions especially in relations to economic development. One of the major objectives of the ECOWAS Commission is to achieve increased intra-trade in the region and support the regional efforts in implementing trade facilitation measures consistent with the WTO TFA at regional and national levels. To this end, the Directorate of Research and Statistics acknowledges the importance of accurate and verifiable trade statistics in trade negotiations, renegotiations, and implementation of regional, continental, and international commitments

2. In this context, the ECOWAS Regional Statistical Policy mandated the Directorate of Research and Statistics to develop a Common Guide for the compilation of external trade statistics in ECOWAS region and production and dissemination of external trade statistics. In addition, the ECOWAS Regional Statistical Programme deal with the establishment of an effective technological environment, and improvement of communication of statistical information. The initiatives of external trade statistics assist in the effective monitoring of integration and development efforts; better formulation of trade policies and decision-making based on facts; the dissemination of coherent trade data; and accessible external statistical information
3. To sustain these efforts and to keep the momentum of the production of external trade statistics in the region, the Department is hereby requesting the recruitment of a short-term Consultant to continue working with others to perform deliver on the role with; the main objective being to strengthen the ECOWAS Commission's capacity in

generating, harmonizing, analysing, and disseminating trade statistics for the advancement of the regional integration process.

4. Duties and responsibilities of the consultants:

The main responsibility is to produce and implement methodology guides necessary for harmonization of regional trade statistics and to manage regional trade database and analyse data and produce regional publications. Others are:

- Support the Directorate of Research and Statistics in harmonisation of regional rules in generating trade data and/or standardization of external trade statistics;
- Development of harmonized regional framework for the collation of the external trade statistics of each ECOWAS Member State;
- Compilation of regional trade data from statistics transmitted by Member States and dissemination of external trade data in the region;
- Preparation of correspondence tables and exchange rates, translation of trade data from various customs regimes into trade type / flow;
- Assist in analyzing collated data and defining common foundations upon which to base aggregated data within identified regional frameworks;
- Support the continuous updating of ECOWAS regional external trade statistics profile;
- Design of formats for processing and disseminating external trade statistics, and responding to user requirements;
- Managing the EUOTRACE software and databases and providing technical assistance to ECOWAS Member States in the use and updating of the software.
- Contributing to the monitoring of the regional trade surveillance and policies; and
- Any other responsibility that may be assigned to him/her by the supervisors

4. The qualifications of the Consultants should include, among others

A Masters Degree in Statistics, Economics or any related field.

Five (05) years professional experience as an **External Trade Statistician**.

- A firm grasp of macroeconomic statistics, socio-economic and development issues particularly in the sub-region.
- Strategic mindset, a strong capacity to analyze actions from the perspectives of stakeholders and translate strategic thinking into a compelling plan of action.
- Ability to build, lead motivated and committed teams across functional boundaries, and utilize the talent and expertise of team members in a productive way.
- Ability to build a partnership with other institution and deliver results that meet the community needs and long-term interests within and outside the institution.
- Must be computer literate with knowledge of trade statistics database management software,

Languages: Must be fluent in one of the official languages of the ECOWAS: English, French or Portuguese. A working knowledge of another language would be an added advantage.

Reporting: The Consultant shall report to the Director of Research and Statistics.

5. The ECOWAS Commission now invites eligible Consultants (Individual) to indicate their interests in providing these services. The interested Consultants must provide all information supporting their qualification to perform the services (Kindly attach detailed Curriculum Vitae that highlights the following: Curriculum and Certificates; Past Experiences of similar jobs over the past ten (10) years; Computer knowledge; knowledge of the area; language and any other information useful for the accomplishment of this project). **Please note that if individual consultants are proposed by firms, only the experience and qualifications of the individuals shall be used in the selection process, their corporate experience shall not be taken into account, and the contract, if given, will be signed with the proposed individual.**

6. The selection will be done on the basis of a comparison of curricula vitae and interviews and the selected Consultant will be invited for negotiation prior to the conclusion and signing of the Contract Agreement. **(Selection method: Individual Consultant). Please note that the selected consultant will be expected to submit all required reports in English or French or Portuguese.**

7. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours: **Monday to Friday from 9.00 am GMT+1 to 5.00 pm GMT+1.**

Procurement Division, Directorate of Administration and General Services , ECOWAS Commission, Plot 101, Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District, P. M. B. 401 Abuja Nigeria or by E-mail to the following

addresses: procurement@ecowas.int, sbangoura@ecowas.int, cdeh@ecowas.int
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NB: The attention of interested Consultants is particularly drawn to **Article 117 of the ECOWAS Procurement Code (“Infringements by Candidates, Bidders and Awardees”)**, providing information on corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or executing a contract. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per **“Article 118 of the ECOWAS Procurement Code.**

8. Expression of Interest **(1 original and 3 copies)** must be delivered in sealed envelopes and clearly marked **“SELECTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT FOR TRADE STATISTICS IN THE DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS”**, to the address below latest by **November 22, 2022 at 11.00 am (GMT+1).**

The ECOWAS Tender Box is located in the Directorate of Administration and General Services, Procurement Division, 1st Floor ECOWAS Commission, 101 Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District, P. M. B. 401 Abuja Nigeria.

9. **Please note that electronic submissions are accepted and will be evaluated.**

10. This EOI is also published on the ECOWAS website <http://www.ecowas.int/doing-business-in-ecowas/ecowas-procurement>

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