**GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

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|  **ECOWAS REGIONAL ELECTRICITY REGULATION AUTHORITY (ERERA)** |
|  **REGIONAL HARMONIZATION OF REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS AND TOOLS FOR IMPROVED ELECTRICITY REGULATION IN ECOWAS PROJECT** |
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|  **GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE**1. The ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulation Authority (ERERA) has received a grant from the African Development Bank to finance its Project related to the “Regional Harmonization of Regulatory Frameworks and Tools for Improved Electricity Regulation in ECOWAS”.2. The principal objective of this project is to provide the fifteen (15) ECOWAS member countries with tools (through a combination of studies and capacity building) for harmonizing regulatory frameworks of ECOWAS member countries to enhance regional and sustainable electricity trade.3. The project includes the following components:1. **Component 1: Elaboration of Regulatory and Utility Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for ECOWAS**

An aspect of this component involves a consultative approach to elaborate, contextualize and adopt the best regulatory principles and key performance indicators for the ECOWAS region. It will involve the development of gender-sensitive guidelines and frameworks that espouse regulatory principles, practices and key performance indicators (KPIs) to be adopted by ECOWAS Energy Ministers. These KPIs will be consistently applied as a tool for regular regulatory peer reviews in the region to track the progress of adoption and implementation by member countries. The other dimension of this project component is the elaboration of a standardized comparative dataset and utility key performance indicators (UKPIs) for the region to uniformly assess, compare and track the performance of utilities in member countries for benchmarking. The utility KPIs would be aligned with the World Bank’s “State of Africa Utility Assessment Study” and development of the “Utility Performance and Behavior in Africa Today (UPBEAT)” done in collaboration with AfDB and Association of Power Utilities of Africa (APUA) and contextualize in ECOWAS for regulation and regional harmonization purposes. Capacity will be built in ECOWAS member countries to sustain further development and maturation of the adopted regulatory and utility KPIs and reporting on common digital platforms. This component will also institutionalize an annual publication of a report on the performance of Utilities across the ECOWAS member countries with specific recommendations and guidelines for improvement on utility performance, including managing GHG emissions in the energy sector in ECOWAS. The elaboration and adoption of a regional UKPI that integrates measures to monitor, manage and report on GHG emissions in ECOWAS will be included.1. **Component 2: Harmonised Comparison of Electricity Tariffs (HCET) in ECOWAS and Cost Reflectivity Assessment**

Under this component, the Bank will support ERERA to undertake an empirical gender-sensitive study to update the report on comparative analysis of electricity tariffs in ECOWAS that was developed in 2019 and include a cost reflectivity assessment framework and tool. This component will include an update of tariff data for all members as well as a comparative analysis of regional electricity tariffs and the underlying drivers with a focus on cost reflectivity. The other aspect of this component will also develop a gender-sensitive framework and tool to track and assess the process of countries migrating towards cost-reflectivity of tariffs in accordance with the decision of the ECOWAS Energy Ministers, which urged Member States to migrate to cost-reflective tariffs in order to encourage investment in the energy sector. The framework and assessment tool will include a focus on social tariff alignment in the ECOWAS region targeting poor households and female-headed households.1. **Component 3: Development of a Climate-informed Energy Information and Database Management System Database (EIDBMS)**

This component of the project will among other things establish a centralized information and database system to be hosted at ERERA secretariat with access to member countries to directly feed into and retrieve information according to pre-defined templates. The Energy Information Database Management System (EIDBMS) will provide for relevant collection and analysis of sex-disaggregated energy data to address the gender gaps in the energy sector. The project will also build the capacity of regulators, participating utilities and other relevant stakeholders in ECOWAS to upload, manage, update and retrieve information on the EIDBMS. The EIDBMS will have functionality for seamless integration with third-party sites, portals and systems including the UPBEAT platform. The climate data required to make informed decisions under the regulatory and utility KPIs will be systematically collected under the EIDBMS.1. **Component 4: Assessment of Investment Bottlenecks and Risks in ECOWAS member countries**

This will involve a gender-sensitive study to assess investment bottlenecks and risks in ECOWAS member countries and recommend a coherent approach to progressively address ground-level barriers to investment in the power sector in the pre-and post-establishment phases of the regional electricity market with the objective to boost investment in the region. The assessment will include a gender analysis and recommend practical strategies to close gender gap. This study will be empirical and will cover regional projects as well as national-level projects in member countries with regional impacts. The outcome of this component will form the basis for the development and approval of selection criteria for operators involved in the development of regional electricity infrastructure by WAPP and ERERA respectively.1. **Component 5: Program Management**

ERERA will be responsible for the implementation, coordination, and monitoring of the Project. A Project Implementation Unit (PIU) will be established with the necessary technical resources and will be supported by designated experts from ERERA. 4. The Procurement of Goods, and Services, financed by the Bank, will be carried out in accordance with the Bank’s Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations dated October 2015 and in line with the provisions stated in the Grant Agreement. Bidding documents are expected to be available in the third quarter of 2023.5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:**ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority**Energy Commission Building, Ghana Airways AvenueBehind Alliance Française, Airport Residential AreaPMB 76, Ministries Post OfficeAccra, Ghana.Telephone: +233 302817047 – 9Fax: 233 (0) 302 817 050http:// <https://www.erera.arrec.org>Email: info@errera.arrec.org |