



REQUEST EXPRESSION OF INTEREST N° 06/CEDEAO/DADR/2024

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Title: Recruitment of an Individual Consultant (Data Analyst/Statistician) to review the Agricultural Sector at the Regional Level.

I. Context

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), represented by the Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD), plans to finance a mission from its 2024 budget **to review the agricultural sector at the regional level**. To carry out this study, the ECOWAS Commission plans to recruit an *individual consultant to analyze the data*.

II. Objectives

The main objective is to carry out a regional review of the agricultural sector, accelerate progress towards CAADP targets, promote evidence-based policy development, encourage regional collaboration and learning, identify best practices, support regional integration, and strengthen accountability and transparency in agricultural development in West Africa.

III. Consultant's mission

The mission is to provide comprehensive support to the ECOWAS Commission. The consultant will specifically:

- Analyse data from the biennial review and other data sources
- Conduct an in-depth analysis of trends and evaluate the sector's key performance indicators.
- Make forecasts on certain important data for prospects.

IV. Consultant profile

Due to the nature of the assignment, the consultant must have the following qualifications and expertise:

- Advanced degree (master's or doctorate) in statistics, data science, and demonstrable experience in sectoral studies and policy analyses.
- Expertise in quantitative and qualitative data analysis, including mastery of statistical software (e.g., STATA, R), is essential.
- Analytical and research skills
- Expert in collecting, analysing, and interpreting complex data sets related to agricultural production, food security, market dynamics, policy frameworks, or any other field in the agricultural sector.
- Ability to work collaboratively in multi-disciplinary teams, engaging with regional experts, national stakeholders, and ECOWAS focal points.
- Fluency in two languages (English and French) would be an asset.
- Proven experience working in the West African regional development context, including knowledge of ECOWAS policies, particularly ECOWAP and CAADP.
- Knowledge of the challenges, opportunities, and best practices in regional agricultural development will enable the consultants to contextualize the results and recommendations within the regional landscape.

V. Selection criteria

Applications will be assessed based on the following evaluation criteria and scoring scales:

N°	Assessment criteria	Grading scale
I	General qualifications (education and general experience)	30 points
I-1	Advanced degree (master's or doctorate) in statistics, data science, and demonstrable experience in carrying out sectoral studies and policy analyses.	20
I-2	Proven experience in implementing agricultural policies, programmes and interventions in the West African context.	5
I-3	Expertise in the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data, including mastery of statistical software (e.g. STATA, R) is essential.	5
II	Specific experience related to the assignment	60 points
II-1	Demonstrate experience in project management, including organising and facilitating kick-off meetings, developing detailed implementation plans and keeping projects on schedule.	15
II-2	Expert in collecting, analysing and interpreting complex data sets related to agricultural production, food security, market dynamics, policy frameworks or any other related field in the agricultural sector.	35
II-3	Analytical and research skills	10
III	Language skills	10 points
III-1	Ability to communicate effectively in an official ECOWAS language, English, French and Portuguese.	7
III-2	A working knowledge of a second language would be an advantage	3
	TOTAL MARKS	100 points

The minimum qualifying score is 70 points out of 100.

NB: the prerequisite and mandatory conditions to be met are the presentation of certificates of service rendered concerning the execution of similar contracts relating to activities, studies, and/or exercises connected with the assignment. Similar services not supported by legible copies of the cover sheets, signatures of the contracts performed, and certificates of successful completion will not be considered in the evaluation.

VI. Selection method:

The eligibility criteria, the establishment of the shortlist, as well as the selection procedure, shall be in accordance with the ECOWAS Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants" (ECOWAS Procurement Code, revised version 2023), available on its website <http://www.ecowas.int>. The selection method is the selection of **Individual Consultants**.

VII. Duration

The total duration of the consultant's assignment is a maximum of 30 working days over trois (3) months from the date indicated in the notification of the service order for the start of the assignment.

VIII. Preparing and submitting applications

Applicants must provide a file containing:

- A cover letter.
- An updated curriculum vitae.
- Certified copies of diplomas and certificates.
- Copies of contracts or certificates for previous services.

Expressions of interest should be submitted with the following subject line "**Expressions of interest for the recruitment of one (01) individual consultant (Data Analyst/Statistician) to carry out a review of the Agricultural Sector at Regional Level**".

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below, during office opening hours, **Monday to Friday, 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

Applications must be sent to the following e-mail address: Procurement@ecowas.int and copy: cedeao.phasao.ugp@gmail.com ; atraore@ecowas.int; Director of Agriculture and Rural Development; sbangoura@ecowas.int, Director of Administration and General Service, ikkamara@ecowas.int ; Head of Procurement Division no later than **09 October 2024 at 11:59 PM GMT+1, Nigeria time.**

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