



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 CONSULTANT TO CONSULTANCY TO CARRY OUT REVIEWS ON NATIONAL ACCOUNTS STATISTICS PRACTICES IN MAURITIUS TO SUPPORT CAPACITY BUILDING ON SADC HARMONIZED NATIONAL ACCOUNTS GUIDELINES

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Background

The SADC Secretariat through the SADC Regional Statistics Project has received a grant Secretariat is prioritizing statistical capacity building as part of its implementation plan guided by the RSDS 2020-30. Capacity building shall basically come in the form of: development of practical guidelines in specific domains; rolling out national and regional training programmes and; assisting Member States through technical assistance. The SADC Secretariat intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the contract for hiring an Individual Consultant to carry reviews of national accounts statistics practices in Mauritius to support capacity building on SADC harmonized national accounts guidelines.

The SADC Secretariat invites submissions from suitably qualified and interested individual consultants to do this short consultancy. The individual consultant will be recruited following World Bank Procurement Regulations dated September 2023.

Title :INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT TO CARRY OUT REVIEWS ON NATIONAL ACCOUNTS STATISTICS PRACTICES IN MAURITIUS TO

SUPPORT CAPACITY BUILDING ON SADC HARMONIZED NATIONAL
ACCOUNTS GUIDELINES (1 Position)

Time Commitment : 100%

Accountable : Senior Officer, Research and Statistics

Duration of Assignment: 60 calendar days

1. The Objectives of the Assignment

Overall objective

The overall objective of this exercise is to harmonize national accounts statistics in the region through capacity building and conduct of methodological reviews to Member States based on the SADC National Accounts Guidelines.

2. Specific objectives

The specific objective of the assignment is to produce a review report of 1 Member State on its current status producing and disseminating national accounts statistics as per the SADC National Accounts Guidelines and on supply-use tables practice. This report shall also identify best practices and gaps in the Member State on the subject matter with an implementation matrix that shall guide subsequent activities or interventions required from Secretariat and the Member State for implementation towards harmonization in national accounts statistics. The overall objective of this exercise is to harmonize agriculture statistics in the region through capacity building to Member States based on the SADC Agriculture Census Methodological Guidelines.

3. Expected results

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

- i. Strengthened technical capacity of the Member States National Statistics Office in the generation and use of national accounts statistics for measuring economic performance;
- ii. The review session shall enable participants to gain technical expertise for computation of harmonized national accounts statistics up to milestones 2 of SNA 2008; and
- iii. The assessment exercise shall provide a repository of good practices and identify potential gaps that shall assist Secretariat in formulating effective actions for roll out.

4. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

This assignment is expected to be carried out by an individual consultant as the Master Trainer and there should be evidence of in-depth knowledge covering National Accounts methodologies. The specific profile is provided below:

Qualifications and Skills

- A minimum of a Degree in statistics, economics or related field. A Masters degree and above shall be an advantage.
- Written and oral fluency in the English language is essential. Knowledge of French and Portuguese would be an asset.
- 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.

General Professional Experience

- The Expert Must have at least ten (10) years of experience in national accounts statistics.

Specific Professional Experience

- 5 years Experience of compilation of national accounts statistics up to milestone 2 of SNA 2008 and supply-use tables at national level;
- Demonstrated experience in the drafting of methodological guidelines on national accounts statistics at national level and regional level;
- Extensive experience in as a resource person in delivering training on national accounts statistics at national/regional/international stages;
- Experience in undertaking methodological soundness reviews in National Accounts Statistics in Africa;
- Experience in working on economic statistics linked to National Accounts including trade, balance of payment and government statistics.

The expert must be independent and free from conflicts of interest in the responsibilities they take on.

5. Duration of the assignment

The Individual Consultant will be recruited for 60 calendar days.

6. Facilities to be provided by the Client

The contractor must ensure he/she is adequately prepared and equipped for delivery of the training and drafting of deliverables. Moreover, the Consultant is expected to be fully self-sufficient in terms of international travel associated expenses in Mauritius, laptop and related device connectivity for projector for this consultancy.

7. Location of Employment

The assignment will involve traveling to Mauritius.

8. 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.
9. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection Method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

10. 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 **Monday, 10th June 2024 on or before 00:00 hours, Botswana local time**. No public opening will be held.

SADC Collab link: <https://collab.sadc.int/s/gJLB2rcByCpSzty>

Your technical proposal will be evaluated using the criteria as indicated on next page of this advert.

11. VALIDITY OF THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Your Technical proposal should be valid for a period of **120 days** from the date of deadline for submission.

12. Additional requests for information and clarifications can be made through the address below:

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The Closing date for receipt of requests for information and clarification shall be: 31st May 2024 at 16.00 hours' local time Botswana.

The Closing date for responding to requests for information and clarification shall be: 3rd June 2024 at 16.00 hours' local time Botswana.

All questions received as well as the answer(s) to those will be posted on the SADC Secretariat's website.

Attachments:

- Detailed TORs

