



**PROCUREMENT NUMBER: APRM/010/SIDA/ GDMR/2020: INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH GOVERNANCE
CONSULTANT TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY ON GOVERNANCE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT: A
CASE OF COVID 19 PANDEMIC IN AFRICA**

Consultancy Assignment:	Research Governance Consultant
Location/Base:	Virtual
Directorate/Department:	African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)
Reporting to:	HOD, Research, Development and Methodology
Duration of Assignment	26 days

1)INTRODUCTION

In December,2019, the Swedish International Development Agency approved the APRM-SIDA Project. The Project will help strengthen the APRM and contribute to the delivery of its mandate. It will support the implementation of the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan and reposition APRM as an instrument for monitoring AU Agenda 2063 and SDGs. Apart from addressing the immediate challenges faced by the Mechanism, the grant will help in the review and refinement of the APRM tools and processes , to ensure that the Mechanism remains relevant in a rapidly changing world and is also to take on board the expanded mandate and expectations of the member countries . In this regard, the project is expected to support the following key areas of the APRM (1)Deepening the APRM Review, (2)Strengthening Civil Society Participation (3)Strengthening Gender Participation (4)National Governance Reporting (6)Development of the Au Guidance Notes for State Owned Enterprise (SOEs) . These programmes are designed to shape the work of the Mechanism.

In the context of the implementation of the APRM-SIDA Project, the APRM intends procure an Individual Research Governance Consultant to **Undertake a Study on Governance and Disaster Management: A Case of COVID 19 Pandemic in Africa**

2)PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The study seeks to provides content for the development and implementation of an African Union integrated framework on the governance response to disaster management, including governance of public health crises. Specifically, the study seeks to examine Africa's governance response to the new coronavirus, SARS-

CoV-2, (herein referred as COVID-19 or the pandemic) within the framework of disaster management. The study, essentially, undertakes this assessment building on the four areas mapped out in the Preliminary Study on Africa's Governance Response to COVID-19; legal and institutional mechanisms; disease prevention and containment measures; social and humanitarian measures; and economic and fiscal measures. The study framework is thus derived from the United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) framework, the World Health Organisation (WHO) international regulations for health on the health governance dimensions of Agenda 2063, UN SDGs, AGDEC and the APRM governance framework.

Disaster risk governance at the national, regional and global levels is of great importance for an effective and efficient management of disaster risk. Clear vision, plans, competence, guidance and coordination within and across sectors, as well as participation of relevant stakeholders, are needed. Strengthening disaster risk governance for prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery and rehabilitation is therefore necessary and fosters collaboration and partnership across mechanisms and institutions for the implementation of instruments relevant to disaster risk reduction and sustainable development¹.

The operational definition of governance employed in this paper was conceived by the Commission on Global Governance (1995), governance is the sum of the many ways individuals and institutions, public and private, manage their common affairs. It is a continuing process through which conflicting or diverse interests may be accommodated and cooperative action may be taken. It includes formal institutions and regimes empowered to enforce compliance, as well as informal arrangements that people and institutions either have agreed to or perceive to be in their interest².

3)BACKGROUND OF PROJECT

The comprehensive study follows a preliminary report on Africa's governance response to COVID-19 whose purpose was to generate content that can be used to enrich the debate on the governance response to COVID-19 on the continent. The provides data that could contribute to evidence-based governance responses in African member states and facilitate sharing of tested approaches on the governance response to COVID-19.

The WHO declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on 30th January 2020 and a global pandemic on 12 March 2020. It was declared a pandemic because the virus has spread over several countries or continents and affected a large percent of the population³. Although the actual parameter of 'large population' remains undefined, COVID 19 is already a pandemic in both geographical and

¹ Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030. UNDRR.

https://www.preventionweb.net/files/43291_sendaiframeworkfordrren.pdf (p17)

² Commission on Global Governance and Carlsson, I., 1995. Our global neighbourhood: The report of the commission on global governance. Oxford University Press.

³ World Health Organization, Special Programme for Research, Training in Tropical Diseases, World Health Organization. Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, World Health Organization. Epidemic and Pandemic Alert, 2009. Dengue: guidelines for diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control. World Health Organization.

demographic terms. It is important, however, to note that the WHO declaration of a pandemic did not necessarily have to indicate the severity of a disease, but only the degree to which it is spreading. Since the WHO declaration of a pandemic, COVID 19 has rapidly swept across the globe with impact of an unprecedented scale to 210 countries and territories around the world⁴.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the African Union, and the Africa Centre For Disease Control and Prevention have developed several guidelines which include; Recommendations for Stepwise Response to COVID-19 By African Union Member States⁵ and a Guidance on Community Social Distancing⁶. These strategic documents and guidelines outline measures that have translated into: Partial or total nationwide lock downs (curfews, border closures, deployment of security forces); social distancing; virtual offices and student learning; suspension of all business trading activities and closure of non-essential services; and protocols for public interaction.

According to the African Union Commission (AUC), Department of Political Affairs, the overall impact of COVID-19 on the continent, if poorly responded to, would include; huge loss of life; stress and/or collapse of health infrastructure; disruption of public life impacting on community cohesion and nationhood; heightened nationalism and diminished multilateralism; declining trade, deindustrialisation; eminence of health and security over other political and socio-economic rights; deepening poverty, unemployment, inequality, food insecurity; plummeting revenue from African airlines, tourism and hotel industry.

4)PROJECT DETAILS

The overall objective of the project is to look at the availability of legal and governance instruments and policies in disaster management and international health regulations in African Union member states, both at a regional and country level. This is specifically in reference to the COVID 19 response.

The aim is ensuring regional harmonization of national legislations and implementation of governance and disaster management related issues to close the lacuna in the African continent and enable the respective Parliaments to respond more effectively to the legislative requirements in governance and disaster management by benchmarking domestic laws or law reform initiatives in accordance with international and continental legal instruments they have already committed to in disaster management.

5)SCOPE OF WORK/ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Overall consolidation data from member states;

⁴ https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/?utm_campaign=GenericUAblogposts? [accessed 20042020]

⁵ Recommendations for Stepwise Response to COVID-19. Africa Centre for Disease Control. African Union. <https://africacdc.org/download/recommendations-for-stepwise-response-to-covid-19/> [accessed 12/04/2020]

⁶ Guidance on Community Social Distancing during COVID-19 Outbreak. <https://africacdc.org/download/guidance-on-community-social-distancing-during-covid-19-outbreak/> [accessed 14/04/2020]

- Review and analyzing consolidated data from member states using relevant instruments in disaster management at country level of the African Union member states;
- Review and interpret implementation of national frameworks on disaster management legislation and policies;
- Participating as required in drafting meetings (telephonic and physical) with various stakeholders and entities;
- Develop a desk research on issues relevant to governance and disaster management
- Participate in consultations with relevant stakeholders, including civil society groups and work with the technical working group to ensure that the consultations outcomes inform the development of the desk research;
- Desk research in support for the development of policy papers, technical notes, and substantive research in support of the analytical work.
- Compendium of lessons learned and examples of best practices of countries that have taken a leading role in adopting and implementing international accepted disaster management.
- Research to support the development of advice to select countries and development partners in relation to the development of disaster management frameworks

6) EXPECTED OUTPUT/ DELIVERABLES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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The Consultant to be paid upon satisfactory completion of the assignment.

7) DURATION OF THE WORK

The duration of contract shall be for a **26 days Starting October 2020**. The Consultant will work closely with APRM Continental Secretariat and will from time to time submit the progress of activities as agreed.

8) DUTY STATION

The Consultant may undertake distance (online) mode of working based on agreed workplan and methodology

The Consultant is expected to use own laptop and other required equipment/facilities to carry out the task.

9) PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The consultant shall be paid upon satisfactory deliverables.

10) QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCES

Education:

Master's degree in the fields of international relations, political science, public administration, public governance, law, public finance management, economics, business finance, international trade, development studies.

Experience:

- Academic research and work with research institutions, universities, think tanks or policy advisories related to the thematic areas in the context of Africa is required. Experience with the African Union or other international institutions is an added advantage.
- Have at least 10 years progressively responsible experience in governance research in various capacities;
- Demonstrate effective ability for teamwork, as well as the ability to work independently;
- Extensive knowledge of the Constitutive Act of the African Union as well as the overall objectives of the APRM, particularly in the thematic area of Corporate Governance and its interactions with the other areas;
- Broad knowledge of international relations, economics, universal standards and codes, practices and, development issues in Africa and in general global terms
- Have project management experience and able to respect deadlines
- Academic and/or policy research experience with research institutions, universities, think tanks or policy advisory services on corporate governance in Africa is required.
- Experience with the African Union or other international institutions in the above disciplines and areas is an added advantage.
- Good analytical skills
- Substantial experience in reviewing domestic legislation in the Africa Region.
- Strong communication (Written and verbal) and IT skills, including capacity to convene virtual/remote meetings and consultations.
- Good interpersonal and diplomatic skills; ability to work in a team in a consultative and collaborative manner observing protocol.
- Familiarity with African Union and governance frameworks such as Agenda 2063, Disaster Risk Reduction Framework, APRM Thematic Areas, International Health Policy

Skills & Requirements

- Ability to analyze and interpret data to inform program and resource mobilization decisions;
- Comfortable working in teams, with a diverse group of people of various nationalities and cultural backgrounds, as well as acting independently in the implementation of specific tasks, multitasking and prioritizing, working under pressure and meeting deadlines;
- Strong writing and oral presentation skills, including editing skills;
- Fluency or professional working proficiency in English is desirable;

- Organizational competencies include: Communication & Collaboration; Ethics & Integrity; and Professional Skills.

11)SELECTION/ EVALUATION CRITERIA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

			Scores
1	<p>Mandatory requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master’s degree in the fields of international relations, political science, public administration, public governance, law, public finance management, economics, business finance, international trade, development studies Have at least 10 years progressively responsible experience in governance research in various capacities; Academic and/or policy research experience with research institutions, universities, think tanks or policy advisory services on corporate governance in Africa is required. Experience with the African Union or other international institutions in the above disciplines and areas is an added advantage. Broad knowledge of international relations, economics, universal standards and codes, practices and, development issues in Africa and in general global terms Strong communication (Written and verbal) and IT skills, including capacity to convene virtual/remote meetings and consultations <p>Applicants must submit up-to-date Curriculum Vitae, Relevant Academic Certificate and any other relevant supporting documents - (Note: do not send originals) with the names and addresses of referees</p>		
2	Technical Evaluation	Max Score	Marks
1	<p>Qualification and Experience - Relevant Academic /Education- Master’s degree in the fields of international relations, political science, public administration, public governance, law, public finance management, economics, business finance, international trade, development studies</p>	25	

	With a minimum of 10 years progressively responsible experience in governance research in various capacities		
2	Relevant Experience - Substantial experience in reviewing domestic legislation in the Africa Region. Academic and/or policy research experience with research institutions, universities, think tanks or policy advisory services on corporate governance in Africa is required.	35	
3	Familiarity with African Union and governance frameworks such as Agenda 2063, Disaster Risk Reduction Framework, APRM Thematic Areas, International Health Policy	10	
4	Extensive knowledge of the Constitutive Act of the African Union as well as the overall objectives of the APRM	5	
5	Understanding of the ToRS - Responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and methodology for undertaking assignment including detailed workplan	15	
6	Proven ability in preparing robust project proposals and in managing project implementation. -Project Management Skills/	10	
7	Total Marks		100
8	Minimum Technical Score		80

12) CLARIFICATION

Clarification can only be sought through Email: tenderinfo@aprm-au.org during working hours- Monday to Friday time 8.00a.m hrs to 5.00 p.m hours local time

13) MODE OF APPLICATION/ SUBMISSION & DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY CONSULTANTS

The consultant should submit an expression of interest, containing a technical proposal and a Financial proposal. The technical proposal should, among others, list the profile of the consultant, understanding of the ToRS, understanding of the methodology, detailed workplan, references and contact persons.

The financial proposal should give a cost breakdown consultant fee and other relevant expenses. The proposal should be **in USD** and inclusive of all taxes and other statutory obligations as may apply.

The Technical & financial Proposal clearly marked 'REOI: **Procurement Number: APRM/010/SIDA/ GDMR/2020: INDIVIDUAL CONSUTANT TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY ON GOVERNANCE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT: A CASE OF COVID 19 PANDEMIC IN AFRICA** : Shall be submitted through Email:

tender@aprm-au.org on or before 24 September 2020 at 11.00hrs local time. Eligible women are encouraged to apply. The REOI shall be opened immediately after the closing date and time.

All applications in writing should be accompanied by **up-to-date certified Curriculum Vitae and supporting documents (Note: do not send originals)** with the names and addresses of referees, one of which should be the last consultancy and addressed to:

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