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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**  
**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE**  
**2022 AFRICAN INTEGRATION REPORT**

**JUNE 2022**

## SECTION I: LETTER OF INVITATION

7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Applicants,

### **CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE 2022 AFRICAN INTEGRATION REPORT.**

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Parallely, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) were established to facilitate regional economic integration between members of the individual regions and through the wider AEC, ultimately used as building blocks for the creation of an African common market.

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In this regard, the Commission seeks to recruit a Senior Consultant to assist with the preparation of the 2022 African Integration Report, by analysing surveys, conducting research, and drafting the report that will guide the Managers of the Department of Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals (ETTİM).

1. The Commission now invites eligible **Individual Consultants** from African Union Member States to submit proposals for the assignment as per attached Terms of Reference (TOR). Applicants as team will be disqualified.
2. The Consultancy Service is home based.
3. Expressions of Interest must be received at the address below on or before the 30 June 2022 at 15:00hrs.
4. The address for submission of CVs is:

**The Head, Procurement, Travel and Stores Division**  
**African Union Commission,**  
**Building C, 3rd floor, Roosevelt Street., P. O. Box 3243,**  
**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Telephone number (+251) 11 5517700, Ext 4341**  
**Email submissions: [tender@africa-union.org](mailto:tender@africa-union.org), CC: [DominicN@africa-union.org](mailto:DominicN@africa-union.org)**

5. The Address for clarifications is [tender@africa-union.org](mailto:tender@africa-union.org)

# **TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR HIRING OF A SENIOR CONSULTANT FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE 2022 AFRICAN INTEGRATION REPORT**

## **I. Background**

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Subsequently, during the First Mid-Year Coordination Meeting held in July 2019, in Niamey, Niger, the AU Heads of States and Government recommended the Commission to publish the Report on the Status of integration regularly. The annual report was produced to monitor progress made by the RECs on the implementation of the African integration agenda.

In this regard, the Commission seeks to recruit a Senior Consultant to assist with the preparation of the 2022 African Integration Report, by analysing surveys, conducting research, and drafting the report that will guide the Managers of the Department of Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals (ETTİM).

## **II. Description of assignment**

The overall description of assignment shall be to support the ETTİM Department through the Economic Development, Integration and Trade Directorate in drafting the 2022 African Integration Report as well as its Policy Brief using the indicators from the AMRII.

## **III. Duties and Responsibilities**

The Senior Consultant shall work under the supervision of the Director of the Department Economic Development, Integration and Trade, in close collaboration with relevant staff from the Integration and Trade Division, AUC Technical Departments, RECs and relevant partners. In addition, he/she shall be guided by the following responsibilities:

- ❖ Compiling and authenticating data sources;
- ❖ Conducting qualitative and quantitative analyses ;
- ❖ Performing research and surveys under the leadership of the Lead Consultant.

#### **IV. Expected Deliverables**

The Senior Consultant is expected to produce the following deliverables within the proposed timeframe:

- ❖ The 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Report shall be submitted by Mid-July 2022;
- ❖ The 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Report shall be submitted by Mid- July 2022;
- ❖ The Final Report and Policy Brief shall be submitted by Mid-August 2022.

#### **V. Required Skills and Experience**

The qualifications shall be based on the following required skills and experience:

##### **Academic qualifications:**

- ❖ Master's Degree in Economics, Development Studies, Statistics, or any related field;

##### **Experience:**

- ❖ At least eight (8) years of relevant research experience in the areas of economics, development studies;
- ❖ Oral and written; of excellent analytical and quantitative skills;
- ❖ Ability to work in a multicultural environment; Good interpersonal skills;
- ❖ Good planning multitasking and capacity for timely delivery;
- ❖ Excellent drafting, particularly in the preparation of clear, concise and understandable to decision makers;
- ❖ Ability to extract, interpret and analyse data format from a variety of sources;
- ❖ Mastery of computerized spreadsheet and word processing.

#### **VI. Services Terms**

The services shall be performed in the following terms:

- ❖ The contract shall be valid for a period of **three (03) months**;
- ❖ The Consultant will be paid a fixed professional fee of USD 12,000 (Twelve Thousand United States Dollars) for the assignment. The payment will be effected in accordance with the various deliverables as indicated above, and is inclusive of all costs and profits as well as tax obligations that may be imposed on the Consultant.

#### **VII. Evaluation and Qualification Criteria**

For evaluation of the expressions of interest the following criteria will be applied:

- a) General Education Qualification and Professional Training (30 points);
- b) Experience Related to the Assignment (50 points);
- c) Workplan/ Technical Approach and Methodology (20 Points);

### **Submission of CVs and Work Plan**

A detailed CV and work plan indicating key activities to be undertaken, deliverables at key stages/phases should be submitted.

- a. Detailed CV outlining the following:
  - Educational and Professional Qualification/Certifications
  - Relevant experience in similar assignment
  - References with Phone number and email addresses.
  
- b. Technical Proposal (as an Appendix to the CVs). The proposal should outline the following:
  - Technical Approach and Methodology to be followed in the assignment
  - Detailed Work plan.

Work plan should indicate key activities to be undertaken and deliverables at key stages/phases should be clearly outlined.

Submission should be done preferably by email to The Head Supply Chain Division at the under listed address. The deadline for submission is 30 June 2022.

**The Head, Supply Chain Division**

**P.O Box 3243, Addis Ababa Ethiopia**

**Building C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**Email: tender@africa-union.org\_ CC: DominicN@africa-union.org**