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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)**

**RECRUITMENT OF CONSULTANT(S) FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE 2025 AFRICA'S  
DEVELOPMENT DYNAMICS REPORT**

**PROCUREMENT NUMBER: AUC/ETTİM/CS/001**

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## SECTION I: LETTER OF INVITATION

07 April 2025

Dear Applicants,

### REF: RECRUITMENT OF CONSULTANT(S) FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE 2025 AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT DYNAMICS REPORT

1. The African Union Commission wishes to select a highly qualified African expert to undertake the above assignment. The AUC now invites interested **Individual Consultants** to submit CVs for the assignment as per attached Terms of Reference (ToRs).
2. The consultant (s) will be selected on the basis of their qualifications and experience in accordance with the provisions on the selection of Individual Consultants and the pass mark shall be 70%.
3. The Eols must include the following:
  - (i) A Cover Letter outlining the understanding of the assignment and methodology
  - (ii) CV demonstrating experience with similar assignments.
4. The Eols must be submitted to the following e-mail address: [tender@africa-union.org](mailto:tender@africa-union.org) with a copy to [aholoupek@africa-union.org](mailto:aholoupek@africa-union.org)
5. The title of the Procurement and Procurement Number must appear as subject of e-mail submissions
6. The Deadline for submission of Eols is **15h00** Addis Ababa Time, on **22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**. Late applications will not be considered.
7. This Request for Expressions of Interest comprise of the following:  
Section I – This Letter of Invitation  
Section II - Terms of Reference

Yours sincerely,

**Head, Supply Chain Management Division**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCES**

### **RECRUITMENT OF CONSULTANT(S) FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE 2025 AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT DYNAMICS REPORT**

#### **1. Background**

The Africa's Development Dynamics Report is the Annual Flagship Economic Report of the African Union Commission, produced in partnership with the OECD Development Centre. It plays an imperative role in furthering the project to fast track the continental integration agenda and the socio-economic transformation of Africa. The theme of the Seventh Edition is: "Productive Infrastructure" (working title). Quality infrastructure is essential for Africa's productive transformation as it reduces transport and travel costs while providing essential services like water, electricity, and connectivity to people and firms. Currently, weak infrastructure networks hinder the development of regional value chains compared to other world regions. African policymakers have initiated efforts to accelerate infrastructure development, notably through the African Union's and AUDA-NEPAD's Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA).

#### **2. Objectives of the Assignment**

By analysing the economic development of Africa using an African analytical framework, the report contributes to the definition and implementation of innovative policies that are adapted to the specific characteristics of each economy and that further the African Union's priorities. Each year, the report addresses a strategic theme for the realisation of Agenda 2063, specifying its vision at the national, regional and continental levels. The theme for this 2025 edition is "Productive Infrastructure" (working title). The principal aim of this report is to deepen the policy debate on how African policymakers, at national, regional and continental levels, to unlock infrastructure development in support of Africa's productive transformation.

The report will seek to analyse Africa's infrastructure landscape through the following regional chapters:

- Public policies for productive infrastructure in Southern Africa
- Public policies for productive infrastructure in Central Africa
- Public policies for productive infrastructure in East Africa
- Public policies for productive infrastructure in North Africa
- Public policies for productive infrastructure in West Africa

#### **3. Scope of the Assignment**

A non-exhaustive list of functions that the Consultants are expected to undertake is outlined below:

1. Work under the leadership of the African Union Commission team, follow their orientations and support the production of the report;
2. Review and advise on the current macroeconomic situations and recent economic development in the region pertaining to the analysis of the theme;
3. Draft a case study on productive infrastructure focusing on one sub-sector with high potential for productive transformation (e.g. transport, water, energy, digital);
4. Identify the socio-economic returns and existing constraints associated with productive infrastructure development in the chosen sector and focus region;
5. Contribute quantitative and qualitative evidence and statistical indicators on the regional infrastructure landscape;
6. Propose relevant policy recommendations to accelerate productive infrastructure development, in light of current and future infrastructure needs and ongoing regional integration process;
7. Define possible links between the theme of the Seventh edition and the previous ones and propose a theme for the next edition;
8. Support the communication strategy for public sensitization on the issue of infrastructure development and productive transformation in Africa;
9. Undertake any other tasks assigned.

#### **4. Deliverables**

The Consultant (s) shall produce the following documents:

- A first complete chapter draft for peer review; a final chapter draft for publication in the report.
- Monthly progress reports and a final report at the end of their mandate.

#### **5. Education, Experience and Qualifications**

The ideal candidate should:

- Hold a PhD in Economics, Statistics, Finance and Banking, with at least ten (10) years' experience in economic research and development issues in Africa;
- Have at least ten (10) years' experience in analysis, design, implementation and management of economic policies, preferably in national, regional, continental or international institutions, and experience in economic research, particularly in infrastructure development, productivity, industrialization, structural transformation and private sector development issues;
- Have a strong research orientation and publication track record in highly regarded journals on economic and development issues;

- Have strong analytical skills and ability to merge fundamental theoretical knowledge with practical relevance;
- Have excellent presentation skills, both oral and written;
- Be proficient in the use of Word, Excel and Power Point;
- Be competent in quantitative economics and econometrics.
- Be proficiency in one of the African Union working languages. Knowledge of one or more of the other working languages would be an added advantage.

## 6. Duration of the Assignment

The consulting assignment has a Five Months duration. The contract is renewable based on performance, the selected theme of the next edition and subject to availability of funds.

## 7. Duty Station and Reporting

The Consultant(s) will be based in their respective countries and travel to Addis Ababa or other locations as necessary (at least twice), to present their work. For the purpose of execution of assignment, the Consultant(s) are required to report to the Director of Economic Development, Integration and Trade, of the AUC through the Head of Division for Economic Policy and Sustainable Development

## 8. Remuneration

The Consultancy fee shall be \$2,000/month for 5 months. Any travel necessary for the successful completion of the assignment, authorized in advance by the Commission will be paid for at the rate of the most direct economy return flight, as well as a subsistence allowance in accordance with the AUC Rules and Regulations.

## 9. Evaluation and Qualification

No.	Evaluation Criteria	Allocated Points
1.	General Education Qualification and Relevant Training	30
2.	Experience related to the Assignment	60
3.	Language	10
	Total Points	100

## 10. Invitation

The African Union Commission now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested candidates must provide information demonstrating that he/she has the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Applicants must submit the following documents:

- Cover letter - Understanding of the assignment / TOR
- CV
- Written Proposal

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00-13:00hrs and 14:00-17:00 hours Local Time. Proposals must be submitted electronically to the address below not later than **15:00** hours local time, on **22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**.

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