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## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)**

**Country:** West Africa Region

**Name of Project:** Harmonizing and Improving Statistics in West Africa

**Grant No:** P169265

**Assignment Title:** Individual Consultant (IC) to perform the Consultancy services for Revising the African Charter on Statistics (ACS).

**Reference No.** TN-STATAFRIC - AUC-477840-CS-INDV

### **1. Background**

The African Union Commission has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Harmonizing and Improving Statistics in West Africa (P169265) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include this assignment which will focus on to revise the African Charter on Statistics to incorporate provisions for emerging issues-related developments such as Agenda 2063, 2030 Agenda, big data, Artificial Intelligence, data revolution, data governance, and innovative technologies while reinforcing its role in harmonizing statistical systems across the continent.

The African Charter on Statistics (ACS) provides a policy framework for statistics development in Africa. The Charter supports the production, management and dissemination of official statistics at national, regional and continental levels. The Charter was adopted in February 2009 and since then, the continent has experienced rapid changes in technology and the emergence of new data ecosystems, including Agenda 2063, 2030 Agenda, big data, Artificial Intelligence, and data revolution. This technological advancement has fundamentally transformed how data is collected, analyzed, disseminated and used. To effectively address the current situation, the Charter needs to be revised to incorporate these emerging trends and challenges, fostering robust and sustainable statistical systems across Africa.

### **2. Objectives of the assignment**

The main objective of this consultancy is to revise the African Charter on Statistics to incorporate provisions for emerging issues-related developments such as Agenda 2063, 2030 Agenda, big data, Artificial Intelligence, data revolution, data governance, and innovative technologies while reinforcing its role in harmonizing statistical systems across the continent.

### **3. Scope of Work**

- i. Review and assessment:**
  - a. Conduct a review of the African Charter on Statistics to identify gaps and areas for improvement.
  - b. Analyze global, continental and regional best practices, frameworks, and case studies related to Agenda 2063, 2030 Agenda, big data, data governance, and innovative statistical methodologies.
- ii. Stakeholder Engagement:**
  - a. Facilitate consultations with national statistical offices (NSOs), regional economic communities, academic institutions, private sector and development partners to gather inputs and recommendations.
- iii. Revise the Charter:**

Revise the African Charter on Statistics, ensuring inclusion of:

  - a. Agenda 2063, 2030 Agenda, and Big data applications and integration into national statistical systems.
  - b. Opportunities and challenges of the data revolution.
  - c. Ethical standards for data governance, including privacy and security.
  - d. Infrastructure and capacity building for modern statistical tools and methodologies.
  - e. Strategies for cross-border data sharing and partnerships.
- iv. Validation:**
  - a. Present the draft revised Charter for validation during stakeholder workshops and incorporate feedback.
- v. Implementation Plan:**
  - a. Develop a roadmap to guide the adoption and operationalization of the revised Charter.

### **4. Deliverables**

1. **Inception Report:** Detailing the methodology, work plan, timeline, and stakeholder engagement strategy.
2. **Gap Analysis Report:** Highlighting areas in the current Charter that require updates.
3. **Stakeholder engagement Report:** A summary of the consultations, including feedback from stakeholders and an analysis of their needs and priorities.
4. **Draft Revised Charter:** Incorporating emerging issues and stakeholder input.
5. **Validation Report:** Summarizing the outcomes of stakeholder validations.
6. **Final Revised Charter:** Consolidated and ready for approval.

### **5. Duration and Timeline**

The individual consultant is expected to produce a revised ACS within 60 days from the date signing the consultancy services contract. The first revised version will be submitted to the AU Member States and the relevant stakeholders from RECs and international organizations for comments and validation.

## **5.1 Reporting and supervision**

The consultant will work directly with STATAFRIC staff and will provide regular updates according to the agreed timeline. The contract is proposed under the following terms and conditions:

- The duration of this contract is two months.
- The consultant is expected to send an updated C.V and methodological note;

## **5.2 Timeframe**

Activity	Deliverables/ Outputs	Anticipated Duration (Days)
1- Define the consultant's approach to delivering the revised Charter on Statistics.	Inception report outlining the consultant's approach and timeline to undertake the activities and deliverables.	5 days
2- Development of the revised African Charter on Statistics (ACS).	Gap analysis report	10 days
	Stakeholders' consultation report	10 days
	Draft revised ACS.	20 days
	Validation report	10 days
	Final revised Charter	5 days

## **6. Required Qualifications and Experience**

The individual consultant should have:

1. Advanced degree in statistics, data science, economics, or a related field.
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6. Excellent communication and report-writing capabilities.
7. Languages proficiency in at least one of the AU languages (Arabic, English, French, Portuguese or Spanish).

## **7. Evaluation Criteria**

The Candidate shall be evaluated based on the following:

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1. General experience: 10% Use the general experience indicated in the ToR

2. Specific experience: 40% Use the Specific experience indicated in the ToR
3. Qualifications: 25 % Use the qualification indicated in the ToR
4. Methodological note: 15 % Understanding the assignment
5. Language: 10 %

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

The African Union Commission now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Individual Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

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” July 2016, revised November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours *i.e. 0900 to 1700 hours*.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail) by **05 June 2025 before 15:00 Hours Local Time**

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## **8. Payment Schedule and Milestones**

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4.	Draft revised ACS.	30%
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