



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

Country: Eastern Africa Region

Name of Project: Eastern Africa Regional Statistics Program-for-Results (EARSPrforR)

Grant No: P176371

Assignment Title: Individual Consultant (IC) to perform the Consultancy services to Develop a Strategic Document for Identification of Socio-Economic Priority Statistics by Domain, Including Gender Perspective.

Reference No. TN-STATAFRIC - AUC-481097-CS-INDV

1. Background

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2. Objectives of the assignment

The overall objective is to develop a strategic document for identification of socio-economic priority statistics by domain, including gender perspective. The document will serve as a guiding tool for stakeholders, including National Statistical Offices (NSOs), ministries, development partners, to align their data production and reporting efforts with national development goals.

3. Scope of Work

i. **Review of relevant documents:**

- a. Review the existing socio-economic systems and frameworks in Africa, including a review of policies, infrastructure, legal frameworks and strategies.
- b. Assess gaps in the current identification and integration of gender perspectives in socio-economic statistics.



ii. Stakeholders' Engagement:

- a. Conduct consultations with relevant national and regional stakeholders (e.g., NSOs, ministries, international organizations, civil society).
- b. Use stakeholders' engagement forums to identify key socio-economic domains that require prioritization, with a focus on gender-sensitive areas.

iii. Develop document:

The document should cover:

- a. Policy and legal frameworks.
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- c. Data production, management and quality.
- d. Use of technology and innovation in socio-economic statistics.
- e. Monitoring and evaluation.

iv. Validation and Finalization:

- a. Present the document to stakeholders for review and validation.
- b. Revise and finalize the document based on stakeholder feedback.

4. Deliverables

1. **Inception report** outlining the methodology, work plan, and a detailed framework for the development of the document.
2. **Assessment report** highlighting the existing practices and stakeholder consultations, as well as an outline of the document.
3. **Draft of the document.**
4. **Stakeholders' review and validation report.**
5. **Report on in-person presentation** of the updated document to STATAFRIC and other stakeholders.
6. **Final document** with clear, achievable recommendations, ready for adoption by the relevant stakeholders.

5. Duration and Timeline

The individual consultant is expected to produce a final document within **90 days** from the date of assumption of duty. 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 remotely with STATAFRIC staff and will provide regular updates according to the agreed schedule. The contract is offered under the following terms and conditions:

- The duration of this contract is **three months**;



- The individual consultant must send a C.V and a methodological note on the understanding of the tasks.

5.2 Timeframe

Activity	Deliverables/ Outputs	Anticipated Duration (Days)
1- Define the consultant's approach to delivering the document.	Inception report outlining the consultant's approach to undertaking the activities and deliverables.	10 days
2- Development of document for identifying socio-economic priority statistics by domain, including gender in Africa.	Assessment report and outline of the document.	20 days
	Draft of the guideline.	30 days
	Stakeholders' consultations and validation to get feedback on the draft document.	10 days
	In-person presentation of the updated document to STATAFRIC and broader stakeholders' group.	10 days
	Finalized document.	10 days

6. Required Qualifications and Experience

The individual consultant should have:

1. Advanced degree in socio-economics statistics, or a related field with at least 15 years of proven professional experience
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3. In-depth knowledge of the African context, especially the challenges and opportunities in dealing with socio-economic and gender statistics.
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6. Strong analytical and problem-solving skills with the ability to interpret complex data and formulate actionable recommendations.
7. Experience in multi-stakeholder engagement and consultation processes.
8. 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:

Evaluation Criteria	
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 **27 June 2025 before 15:00 Hours Local Time**

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