

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS

Consultancy to Develop Methodology, Template and Training Manuals for Updating the AU-FAO Study on the Value Of Fisheries 2014

PROCUREMENT NUMBER: 81/AUDA/DAFSES/ES/ICS/2024

Method: Individual Consultants Selection (ICS) - Individuals Only

1. INTRODUCTION

The African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD) is an African-owned continental Agency that creates an enabling and supportive environment to achieve Africa's development blueprint goals and priorities enshrined in the AU Agenda 2063. The mandate of the Agency is specifically to: a) Coordinate and Execute priority regional and continental projects to promote regional integration towards the accelerated realisation of Agenda 2063; and b) Strengthen the capacity of African Union Member States and regional bodies, advance knowledge-based advisory support to the AU Member States in pursuit of their national development priorities, undertake the full range of resource mobilisation; and serve as the continent's technical interface with all Africa's development stakeholders and development partners.

AUDA-NEPAD, in collaboration with the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), is implementing the AU Programme of Fisheries Management and Aquaculture Development in Africa. The Programme implementation guided by the AU decision on "Policy Framework and Reform Strategy for Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa" (PFRS) aims to improve the sector's governance for increased sustainable contribution to food security, livelihoods and wealth creation. Also, within the AU Agenda 2063, the Africa Blue Economy Strategy promotes an inclusive and sustainable blue economy that significantly contributes to Africa's transformation and growth.

In line with the PFRS, AUDA-NEPAD and AU-IBAR jointly implemented the European Union (EU) funded Fisheries Governance Project (FishGov-1) for 'Strengthening institutional capacity to enhance governance of the African fisheries sector between 2014 to 2018. As a follow-up the second phase, titled "Enhancing sustainable fisheries management and aquaculture development in Africa: A programme for accelerated reform of the sector (FishGov-2) is under implementation.

Supported by the EU, this initiative is aimed at enhancing the contribution of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture to the achievement of the AU Agenda 2063's objectives, notably in terms of food security, livelihoods and wealth creation. Three specific objectives of the FISHGOV-2 project are: (i) AU decisions on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture policies are evidence-based; (ii) Fisheries and aquaculture policies in Africa are coherent with the PFRS and other AU priorities and coordinated at continental, regional and national levels; and (iii) Africa is adequately represented and effectively participates in international fisheries and aquaculture fora and ably domesticates relevant global instruments.

One of the activities under the first Objective of the FishGov-2 Project to support evidence-based decision making within the AU, is to update the 2014 AU-FAO study on the Value of African fisheries.

2. SCOPE/MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The tasks of the consultant will be as follows:

- I. Desk review of existing documentation on:
 - a. available data and capacities in participating AU Member States including from other relevant sources such as the FAO Illuminating Hidden Harvests (IHH) study, and FAO annual fisheries and aquaculture statistics
 - b. relevant methodologies for collection and compilation of similar data, such as the FSTAT FF questionnaires, socio-economic data collection and data collection for data limited fisheries, etc.
- II. Development of a comparison matrix of available data from comparable sources such as those listed above, previous Value of African Fisheries study and data from knowledge-based institutions and current fisheries and aquaculture project initiatives, as appropriate
- III. Draft an outline narrative report of available data mapped against potential data, together with the new proposed methodology, data collection template/s and training manual, to be presented at an online consultative workshop to experts and relevant stakeholder and subsequently modified to incorporate inputs.
- IV. Presentation of the final methodology, data collection template/s and training manual for online validation by AU MSs and relevant regional bodies and stakeholders
- V. Final version of the validated methodology prepared for piloting in an AU member states workshop based on the approved data collection template/s and training manual

3. DELIVERABLES

The results to be achieved by the consultants are the following:

3.1. **Result 1: Desk review of available data, mapping coherence and availability for all AU MSs**

- a. Desk review of existing data and methodologies
- b. Draft narrative report based on available data, including a comparison matrix of available data mapped against potential data, together with proposed methodology, data collection template/s and training manual

3.2. **Result 2: First draft of narrative report with available data, proposed methodology, and data collection template presented for expert review and MS validation**

- a. Presentation of draft report with available data, proposed methodology, data collection template/s and training manual for expert review
- b. Updated draft report based on feedback from expert review, presented to AU MSs and relevant stakeholders for validation

3.3. **Result 3: Final report of proposed methodology, associated training materials and manuals based on validation workshop**

- a. Final methodology report and associated training materials and guidance manual for uptake by member states
- b. Powerpoint presentation summarizing the key results and outlining main points of guidance for member states.

4. AUDA-NEPAD now invites eligible individual consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

5. QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES

Qualifications and Skills

- Master’s degree in Fisheries Economics, Agricultural Economics, Fisheries Policy, Natural Sciences, Fisheries and Aquaculture management or related fields from a recognised institution. A PhD in any of the relevant qualifications is an added advantage;

Experience

- At least 10 years of progressive responsibility for fisheries or aquaculture governance in Africa, especially experience with analysis of economic considerations in the fisheries and aquaculture sector assessment.

- Knowledge of the African Union goals and strategies, including the Agenda 2063, and familiarity with the Policy Framework and Reform Strategy and the AU Blue Economy Strategy.
- Demonstrated track record of collaborating closely with and providing scientific support and advice to national, regional and global institutions working on fisheries/aquaculture management. This includes leading or contributing to the development of technical tools and guidance materials for countries in support of fisheries management and assessment, or of the economic valuation of fisheries and aquaculture at the national and regional levels.
- Relevant experience in conducting research and analyses and reporting on the quantitative analysis of fisheries and aquaculture in different regions with some specialisation in:
 - Valuation of aquatic products, value chains and sectors, including the design and conduct of scientific research surveys and monitoring programmes,
 - Collection, management and analysis of data for monitoring and assessment of the social, economic and ecological aspects of fisheries and aquaculture,
 - Research, covering all three dimensions (Ecological/Biological, Social, Economic) of fisheries and aquaculture)
- Experience implementing activities with various governmental, non-state and inter-governmental agencies to provide expert advice and have participated in AU expert consultations.

6. SHORTLISTING CRITERIA

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

- a. Qualifications - Education and Relevant Training (30 points);
- b. Experience related to the Assignment (40 points);
- c. Similar previous experience related to the Assignment (20 points); and
- d. Knowledge and experience of the region & local conditions (10 points).

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) method set out in the AU Procurement Manual. TORs are attached as annex 1

7. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents for AUDA-NEPAD consideration:

- I. Cover letter confirming compliance to eligibility;
- II. Signed declaration of undertaking (downloadable from AUDA-NEPAD website and attached as Annex 1 below);
- III. Curriculum Vitae (CV); and
- IV. Proof of stated qualifications in the form of the copies of the degrees obtained

8. REPORTING AND TIME SCHEDULES:

- I. In undertaking this exercise, the consultant will be expected to frequently exchange and interact with the , AUDA-NEPAD FishGov-2 Project Coordinator.

9. Only Individual Consultants are eligible for this assignment if they fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

- a) Have no conflict of interest in relationship to performance of this assignment;
- b) Are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to, a temporary suspension or a debarment imposed by the African Union Commission, World Bank or any other multilateral development bank and being listed on the website <http://www.worldbank.org/debarr> or respectively on the relevant list of any other multilateral development bank. Further, are not ineligible pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council;

- c) Have not been convicted by a final judgement or a final administrative decision or subject to financial sanctions by the United Nations or Country for involvement in a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorist-related offences, child labour or trafficking in human beings; this criterion of exclusion is also applicable to legal Persons, whose majority of shares are held or factually controlled by natural or legal Persons which themselves are subject to such convictions or sanctions;
- d) Are not being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by courts, having entered receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation;
- e) Are not involved in corruption: offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party;
- f) They have not been the subject of a judgment which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organization or any other illegal activity detrimental to the AUDA-NEPAD financial interests;
- g) they have not been declared guilty of gross professional misconduct proven by any means which AUDA-NEPAD can justify;
- h) Comply with their national tax and social security laws

Interested consultants may obtain further information from the address listed below. All Expression of Interests should be sent electronically to email listed below.

10. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by email on or before **August 12th, 2024 14:30 hours (South African Time)**. All EOI's must be marked **"81/AUDA/DAFSES/ES/ICS/2024 – Consultancy to Develop Methodology, Template and Training Manuals for Updating the AU-FAO Study on the Value of Fisheries 2014** in the subject line of the email.

11. *Privacy Policy:* *AUDA-NEPAD Procurement office collects and uses your personal information for "Procurement Process" when you intend to compete and deliver any service or goods for the organization either individually or as a firm based on your consent. Your personal data is our highest security and kept for a period strictly necessary for the purpose set out. This privacy notice supplements the AUDA-NEPAD standard privacy notice and should be read in conjunction with the same available on AUDA-NEPAD website.*

The Chairperson Internal Procurement Committee (IPC)
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Attention of: Head of Procurement Division

DECLARATION OF UNDERTAKING

{Location, Date}

To: **The Chairperson Internal Procurement Committee (IPC)**

AUDA-NEPAD

230, 15th Road, P. O. Box 218 Midrand,

1685 Johannesburg, South Africa

Attention of: Head of Procurement Division

1. I, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for {insert Title and Procurement Number} in accordance with your Request for Expression of interest dated {insert Date}
2. I declare that I:
 - i) Have no conflict of interest in relationship to performance of this assignment;
 - j) Am not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to, a temporary suspension or a debarment imposed by the African Union, World Bank or any other multilateral development bank and being listed on the website <http://www.worldbank.org/debarr> or respectively on the relevant list of any other multilateral development bank. Further, are not ineligible pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council;
 - k) Have not been convicted by a final judgement or a final administrative decision or subject to financial sanctions by the African Union, United Nations or Country for involvement in a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorist-related offences, child labour or trafficking in human beings; this criterion of exclusion is also applicable to legal Persons, whose majority of shares are held or factually controlled by natural or legal Persons which themselves are subject to such convictions or sanctions;
 - l) Am not being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by courts, having entered receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation;
 - m) Have not been the subject of a judgment which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organization or any other illegal activity detrimental to the AUDA-NEPAD financial interests;
 - n) Have not been declared guilty of gross professional misconduct proven by any means which AUDA-NEPAD can justify;
 - o) Are not involved in corruption: offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party;
 - p) Comply with their national tax and social security laws.
3. I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, that my CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any willful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged;
4. I hereby declare that at any point in time, at AUDA-NEPAD's request, I will provide certified copies of all documents to prove that I have the qualifications and the professional experience which are attached to this CV as photocopies;
5. By signing this statement, I also authorize the AUDA-NEPAD's to contact my previous or current employers indicated in my CV, to obtain directly reference about my professional conduct and achievements.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Signature:

Name of Consultant:
Address