



AUABC
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Board on Corruption

Promoting Integrity &
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

CONSULTING FIRM

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO DEVELOP AN AFRICAN CORRUPTION
MEASUREMENT**

Reference No. AUABC/CONS/2020/01



I. General Background of the Consultancy

The Member States of the African Union adopted the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (AUCPCC) at the Second Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union held in Maputo (Mozambique), on 11th July 2003. The Convention entered into force on 5th August 2006, thirty (30) days after the deposit of the fifteenth (15th) instrument of ratification. To date Forty Two (42) countries have ratified the Convention and are States Parties to it.

The Convention, pursuant to Article 22(1) established the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption (AUABC or the Board) as a follow-up mechanism for the Convention with the following objectives;

- i. Document and analyze corrupt activities;
- ii. Advise the AU and member states on all matters relating to corruption;
- iii. Monitor and report on implementation and compliance with the Convention;
and
- iv. Engage in advocacy and outreach to prevent corruption.

Further, Article 22 section 5-C of the AUCPCC calls on the Board to develop methodologies for analyzing the nature and extent of corruption in Africa. In fulfilling this mandate, the Board organized its 2nd Annual African Anticorruption Dialogue in October 2018 around the topic of corruption measurement and assessment. The Dialogue brought together the national anticorruption agencies to discuss and exchange ideas and concepts on corruption measurement. Specifically, the dialogue facilitated the sharing of the experience on the use and application of the diverse methodologies currently being used within member states.

On the other hand, the 4th African Governance Report (2016) by United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)- on “***Measuring corruption in Africa: The international dimension matters***” identified that most corruption indicators are very limited in providing policy options whose implementation would help to fight corruption and called for more research on development of corruption methodologies that address such shortfalls.

It is against this background that the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption through a consultancy services intends to commission a study in order to research, review and consolidate a possible corruption measurement that is fact based and more objective and takes into consideration the reality and status of governance in Africa. The study will develop a rigorous methodology that will facilitate the identification corruption indicator(s) that

measures the magnitude of corruption in Africa taking into consideration the institutional & external dimensions.

II. Objectives of the Consultancy

The general objective of this consulting assignment is to conceptualize, design and develop an African corruption measurement. Specifically the study will develop a conceptual framework that will provide a methodological approach in determining the envisaged corruption measurement. The methodology is to determine and develop measurement indicator/indicators that reflect the reality of corruption phenomenon in Africa. This measurement shall be borne out of consensus with players and stakeholder in the anticorruption spectrum within African Union member states.

III. Scope Of The Consultancy

The consulting firm is expected to;

- i. Develop a conceptual and analytical framework for the development of methodology for corruption measurement
- ii. Determine what could constitute basic corruption measurement with possible indicators and determine possible indicators that could be used for policy reform and building in Africa.
- iii. Determine the data needs (qualitative and quantitative) for the corruption measurement.
- iv. Run a simulation for methodology and measurement using one country data set to test its feasibility.
- v. Provide post development support including training on the methodology and the measurement as a well as validation session in the five regions of Africa.

The above activities that constitute the scope of work will be carried out using mainly desk research and interviews and travel whenever necessary (mindful of the travel restrictions due to COVID-19 Pandemic). The consulting firm shall work closely with the Board's Working Group on Corruption Methodology to provide expertise in developing the methodology for the measurement of corruption in Africa. The consultant will also identify other key players to be consulted in the development of the conceptual framework leading to the designing of the methodology.

IV. Deliverables, Reporting Requirements and Time Frames

It is estimated that the study shall take 60 consulting days spread over a period of 3 months. The final deliverable is expected to be submitted by 30th December 2020. The Consultants shall be required to submit an inception report, including the proposed plan of work and methodology for the study 7 days after signing of contract. After that the Consultant shall engage in consultative works and drafting of the conceptual framework for at least a period of 20 days. Once the conceptual framework is approved, designing of the methodology and corruption measurement shall commence through constant consultations between the Consulting firm, the Board, and selected key stakeholders. The Consultant will also be required to provide post designing support which is envisaged to happen in 2021.

V. Consultancy Fees

Consulting Firm will be selected under the Fixed budget selection method and payment shall not exceed USD 36,000.00 as consultancy fees for this assignment. The first tranche of 20%, will be paid after submitting the inception report. The second tranche of 40 percent will be paid after submitting the first draft of the conceptual framework. The 40% of the contract sum shall be paid after the submission of the proposed corruption methodology and measurement. At each stage there shall be discussions on the report with AUABC Working Group On Corruption Methodology and payment shall be made after report is deemed satisfactory by the Working Group.

VI. Qualification and Experience

The Consulting Firm shall be selected based on following minimal education qualification and experience of team members as well as cumulative experience of the Consulting firm

a. Composition of Team Members

It is expected that the consulting firm shall have at the minimum 3 experts as follows;

1. Expert in governance .(those with focus on anti-corruption thematic area will have added advantage)
2. A statistician with demonstrable experience working with both quantitative and qualitative data.
3. Researcher with demonstrable experience on governance and corruption measurement/assessment

b. Education of Team Members

The consultants should have post-graduate qualifications in social science such as political science, law, economics, statistics -relevant to the expertise of the team member as outlined in the composition of team members above). and a strong background in research in governance with focus on anticorruption studies.

c. Experience and Skills of Team Members

- At least 10 years demonstrable experience in research related to corruption, and or governance issues in Africa;
- Track record and sound expertise in analysis and use of corruption data and familiarity with measuring corruption and its co-relations with various variables
- At least 10 years of conducting research multi (both qualitative and quantitative)
- Excellent understanding of issues of corruption and governance;
- Good understanding of regional and global legal and policy normative frameworks on corruption in Africa;
- Has experience in preparing reports in the field of anti-corruption and those with publications on governance and corruption thematic area will have added advantage.
- Verifiable references of previous work of similar nature.
- Proficiency in English language and Knowledge of French language would be an asset.

d. Profile of the Consulting firm

- Minimum of 10 year experience working on projects relating to development, good governance and anticorruption studies and research in Africa.
- Track record on working on research projects that are multicultural and cross country dimensions
- Experience in research and studies that require development of methodology and assessment frameworks.
- At least 10 years of research experience in the field of good governance, or specifically corruption.
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VII. Evaluation and qualification criteria

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

- a) General Education, Qualification(s) and Relevant skills of team members (15 points);

- b) Team Members Experience Related to the Assignment – Role in the Consultancy (30) points);
- c) Firm's Experience Related to the Assignment to (20 points)
- d) Technical approach and methodology (35 points)

I. Submission of Proposal

The Interested Consulting Firms are requested to submit the following documents for AUABC's consideration:

- Profile of the Firm
- CV of the team members
- Understanding and interpretation of the TOR
- Detailed work plan (including technical approach and methodology)
- Publication and reports produced which are relating to the assignment
- Financial proposal

Submission

- EOIs must be submitted to: auabcregistry@africa-union.org with Copy to munthalim@africa-union.org
- The Title of the assignment and procurement reference number should be clearly indicated in the subject matter of the email
- The deadline for submission is 30th September 2021 at 15:00Hrs Tanzania Time