



AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Assignment Title:

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN PORTS
CONNECTIVITY PORTAL**

**Consulting Firm: Preparation of Port Data Book 2024, African Ports Connectivity Portal and
African Port Index**

1. The African Development Bank (AfDB or the Bank) hereby invites a consulting firm to express their interest in the following assignment: *Preparation of Port Data Book 2024, Development of African Port Index, and Training and Capacity Building*
2. The Transport and Logistics Division (PICU.1) is one of the Divisions within the Infrastructure and Urban Development Department (PICU) in the Private Sector, Infrastructure, and Industrialization Vice Presidency (PIVP) of the Bank. PICU.1 is mandated to: (i) provide technical assistance to Regional Member Countries for the formulation and implementation of policies and strategies, sector reforms, and the development of infrastructure markets; (ii) conduct sector studies and initiating policy and program dialogue, as well as develop strategies for the transport and logistics sectors; (iii) advise operational staff in the Regional Directorate on transport and logistics on trends and their implications for future project development and design.
3. The Bank is seeking a firm with adequate experience to assist the Transport and Logistics Division in the development of the African Ports Connectivity Portal. The services to be provided under the Assignment include:
 - (i) *Preparation of Port Data Book 2024: data collection of operational ports statistics and updated information assessment of major ports in Africa covering from 2015 to 2023 through established information sources in partnership with Regional port management associations.*
 - (ii) *Development of an African Port Index: the preparation, dissemination through the Port Data Book 2024 an African Ports Index. The African Port Index will be a composite index drawn and developed from data sourced through the African Ports Databook.*

(iii) Develop and implement a capacity building program for strengthening operational statistical data collection and dissemination capability for African regional port organizations and subscribing ports authorities.

4. The Transport and Logistics Division of the Bank hereby invites the Consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the described assignment. Interested consulting firms should provide information indicating their qualifications to perform the services such as firm registration documents, firm profile/brochures, documents referencing their track record or portfolio with similar and relevant experience, availability of appropriate skills among staff relevant to the Assignment, etc.
5. The duration of the assignment is **nine (9) months**. The consulting team will work out of own premises and will travel on mission to Abidjan or other locations for activities as may be required. **Possible starting date of this assignment is October 2024.**
6. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the **Bank's Procurement Policy and Procedures for Recruitment of Consulting Firms**. Please note that interest expressed by a consulting firm does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include him/her in the shortlist.
7. A shortlist of three to six consulting firms will be established at the end of the request of expressions of interest. The consulting firm on the shortlist will be judged on the following criteria:

<i>a) Consultancy Firm's Experience relevant to the Assignment</i>	<i>25%</i>
<i>b) Understanding of the Terms of Reference of the Assignment</i>	<i>20%</i>
<i>c) Experience and Qualifications of Key Personnel to the Assignment</i>	<i>40%</i>
<i>d) Experience with Multinational Development Banks and Development Finance Institutions, experience with the AfDB would be a plus</i>	<i>05%</i>
<i>e) Language Proficiency (good knowledge of English is required)</i>	<i>05%</i>
<i>f) Knowledge of the African region</i>	<i>05%</i>

8. **Shortlist for Transmission of RFP:** At the end of the EOI, the Shortlist will receive the 'Request For Proposal' (RFP), which contains both the financial and technical proposals and other details of the engagement contract. Eligibility criteria of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Rules and Procedures for the use of Consulting firms".
9. Interested Consulting firms may obtain further information at the addresses below during the Bank's working hours from 09:00 to 17:00 hours.
10. Expressions of Interest should not exceed a maximum of fifteen (15) pages.
11. Expressions of interest must be received by email, preferably in PDF at the addresses below no later than **August 28th, 2024, at 17h00** local time (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire) and specifically mentioning **"EOI: Consulting Firm: Preparation of Port Data Book 2024, African Ports Connectivity Portal**

and African Port Index” - in the subject line of the email.

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