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**SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

**REFERENCE NUMBER: EH/19/07/23- 02**

**TENDER** **CONSULTANCY TO CONSULTANCY TO DEVELOP A STATISTICAL DATA REQUIREMENT FRAMEWORK OF THE HORTICULTURE VALUE CHAIN IN COMESA MEMBER STATES.**

COMESA is the largest of the eight Regional Economic Communities (RECs) recognized by the African Union, bringing together 21 Members States, with a total population of 560 million people. The trade integration agenda of COMESA includes a functioning Free Trade Area (FTA) which currently includes 15 Member States, various trade and transport facilitation instruments, the creation of a Customs Union as well as the progressive liberalization of trade in services, investments, and the free movement of persons in the region.More information can be obtained from the website <http://www.comesa.int/>.

This research specifically focuses on developing the statistical data requirement framework for the horticulture value chain in COMESA. The objective of this research project supports the COMESA Regional Enterprise Competitiveness and Access to Markets Programme (RECAMP) and other similar initiatives by undertaking a functional statistical data requirement analysis of the horticulture value chain to provide policy makers with evidence-based information to support appropriate interventions.The research shall also provide a detailed description of the data sources.

The Common market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Secretariat now invites eligible individuals to submit their proposals for the consultancy to assess potential data science utilization in COMESA.

Eligibility criteria, and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the COMESA “Procurement Rules and Regulations February 2014”, which is available on the COMESA website at <http://www.comesa.int>.

Detailed description of the terms of reference are provided in the Tender Document which can be downloaded free of charge from the COMESA website on the link alongside this notice: [www.comesa.int](http://www.comesa.int)

Additional requests for information and clarifications can be made until three (3) working days prior to deadline at the following addresses:

E-mail : [SMwesigwa@comesa.int](mailto:SMwesigwa@comesa.int);[*ehara@comesa.int*](mailto:ehara@comesa.int)*;* [*procurement@comesa.int*](mailto:procurement@comesa.int)

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The Bids must be submitted Forms attached as Annex 2 to the Tender document and clearly marked and email bearing the subject,

“**CONSULTANCY TO DEVELOP A STATISTICAL DATA REQUIREMENT FRAMEWORK OF THE HORTICULTURE VALUE CHAIN IN COMESA MEMBER STATES**”.

And should be emailed to the following address:

[ehara@comesa.int](https://comesaheadoffice-my.sharepoint.com/personal/ehara_comesa_int/Documents/ehara@comesa.int); [SMwesigwa@comesa.int](mailto:SMwesigwa@comesa.int); [procurement@comesa.int](mailto:procurement@comesa.int);

physical submission of applications is NOT allowed.

The deadline for submission of your application to the submission addresses indicated above is:

11th August 2023 at 12:00 hours