

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

TRIPARTITE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME (TCBP)

Individual Consultant – Rules of Origin

The **Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)** has received financing from the **African Development Bank** towards the cost of the Tripartite Capacity Building Programme (TCBP), and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for Consultancy for the services of **Rules of Origin Expert** based at East African Community Secretariat, Arusha, Tanzania.

The consultant shall develop and present a final draft Manual on application of COMESA, EAC and SADC Tripartite FTA Rules of Origin, final draft regulations on COMESA, EAC and SADC Tripartite FTA Rules of Origin, a final draft Tripartite - REC Capacity Building Programme and training material on the Tripartite COMESA- EAC- SADC FTA ROO.

The Specific objectives of the consultant are:

- (a) Support Tripartite RECs during the negotiations of Tripartite FTA Rules of Origin through technical guidance and preparation of offers and counter offers based on well researched positions;
- (b) Assist in the finalization of the Manual on application of COMESA, EAC and SADC Tripartite FTA Rules of Origin;
- (c) Assist in the development of regulations to facilitate implementation of Annex IV on COMESA, EAC and SADC Tripartite FTA Rules of Origin;
- (d) Assist in the development and finalization of a Capacity Building Programme and training material on COMESA, EAC and SADC Tripartite FTA ROO;
- (e) Training of stakeholders on COMESA, EAC and SADC Tripartite FTA Rules of Origin.
- (f) Assist in the preparatory work towards implementation of the Tripartite FTA Rules of Origin by Tripartite Member/Partner States.
- (g) Provide technical support to Tripartite Member/Partner States in implementation of the COMESA, EAC and SADC Tripartite FTA Rules of Origin.

The candidate should have:

- (a) Post graduate qualification in Economics, Law, Commerce, Business Studies or related fields.
- (b) Minimum of six (6) years Trade Policy work in Customs Operations with special focus on Rules of Origin, four (4) of which must have been attained in a Tripartite COMESA-EAC-SADC or Regional Economic cooperation (REC) set up.
- (c) Practical experience in the Tripartite Process will be an added advantage
- (d) Be a national of a Tripartite Member/Partner State

The Bank, in collaboration with the **Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)** now invites eligible Individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services for duration of eighteen **(18) months**. Interested consultants must provide information through their Curriculum Vitae indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, etc.).

Eligibility criteria, establishment 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 Consultants" May 2008, Revised July 2012***, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from Monday to Friday, 08:00 hours to 17:30 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **25th August, 2020 at 17:30 hours Lusaka Time (C.A.T)** and mention **"Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for Rules of Origin"**.

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