



Request for Expression of Interest
African Development Bank Group (AfDB)
Independent Operations Evaluation Department (OPEV)
B.P 323-1002 Tunis Belvedere, Tunisia

1. The African Development Bank hereby invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in the following assignment: **Consultancy services for an independent evaluation of the Bank's implementation of its commitments under the General Capital Increase (GCI) and African Development Fund (ADF).**
2. Consulting firms are invited to submit interest either to (i) perform the full assignment or (ii) any of the four separate component parts.
3. In both the ADF and GCI contexts the Bank has signed up to sets of commitments. The content of these commitments range widely – from adopting new policies and strategies to institutional changes and reforms. The specific commitments that the Bank has made since 2010 are associated with (i) GCI 6; (ii) ADF 12; and ADF 13. The evaluation will involve four separate component evaluations and together will serve both accountability and learning purposes. The component parts are as follows:
 - Component A: (i) Overarching review of commitments processes and practices and (ii) validation of their implementation.
 - Component B: Evaluation of policy and strategy making and implementation.
 - Component C: Resource allocation and management of the administrative budget.
 - Component D: Risk Management.

The evaluation as a whole will seek to address the following questions:

- To what extent were the commitments implemented as planned?
- To what extent were the commitments relevant?
- To what extent were the commitments implemented effectively?
- What lessons can be learned about the use and implementation of commitments?

The individual component evaluations will contribute to answering these questions but will also be designed to address specific evaluation questions.

4. OPEV, the independent department for operations evaluation, invites consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested eligible consulting firms or associations of consulting firms shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to provide the services (documentation, references for similar services, experience in comparable assignments, availability of qualified staff, etc.).

5. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank's Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants available on the Bank Website at <http://www.afdb.org>. Please, note that interest expressed by a Consulting Firm does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include it in the shortlist.

6. The estimated duration of services is 10 months and the estimated starting date is 1 May.

7. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank's working hours (09:00 to 18:00).

8. **Expressions of interest must be received at the address below no later than 25 March 2014** at 12:00 local time and specifically mentioning the name of the assignment in the title. Expressions of interest should be written in either English or French.

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