Call for Expression of Interest
For
Evaluation of the Bank Assistance in the Energy Sector
– Literature and Policy Review

BACKGROUND
The energy sector is a core priority of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB). The AfDB is to undertake an independent evaluation of its assistance in the energy sector in order to inform its future strategic and operational directions. The evaluation will identify emerging trends in the energy sector, and assess how the Bank has responded to these trends and the results of the Bank’s assistance in order to draw pertinent lessons.

PURPOSE
This Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) is to recruit an independent consultant for conducting a literature and policy review. The literature and policy review is one of the key components of the evaluation of the AfDB assistance in the energy sector. It will help in understanding the energy sector and its knowledge base and gap by identifying emerging trends and issues in the energy sector in Africa, and assessing the extent to which the evolution of the Bank policy framework has responded to emerging trends and good practices.

Specific tasks for this evaluation include:

**Literature Review**

**Task 1-1:** Review the relevant literature in order to identify the developments that have influenced the evolution of the energy sector in Africa, and to examine how these developments have influenced the development community.

**Task 1-2:** Identify and synthesize the relevant and accessible evaluation/research studies of International Financial Institutions (IFIs)/Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and other institutions in order to bring out the success and failure factors of energy assistance in Africa.

**Benchmarking Review of AfDB Energy Policy and Strategy**

**Task 2-1:** Review the relevance and internal coherence of the AfDB’s energy policy and strategy.
**Task 2-2:** Identify and select appropriate comparator institutions for benchmarking; development institutions that play a key role in the energy infrastructure development in Africa.

**Task 2-3:** Compare the AfDB’s energy policy framework with the energy policies and strategies of the comparators including how they have evolved and are evolving.

**Task 2-4:** Review the operational aspects including procedures and approaches of the AfDB and comparators in designing and delivering their assistance to the energy sector, and also in ensuring sustainment of the results.

**Task 2-5:** Review the AfDB and comparator energy support and results, as well as quality and usefulness of their relevant monitoring and evaluation systems.

**Task 2-6:** Assess the extent of the relevance over time of the AfDB’s energy policy framework especially in responding to emerging trends and issues in the energy sector.

**Reporting**

**Task 3:** Prepare and submit a draft and final report.

The level of consultancy effort is estimated at 45 person/days during the period October 2014 and February 2015.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

The detailed Terms of Reference and other relevant information will be provided to the shortlisted candidates. The EOI would be reviewed on the basis of the following:

- Possession of in-depth knowledge of the energy sector;
- Demonstrated capacity to undertake such assignments;
- Experience in similar tasks; and
- African regional experience.

Interested candidates should send their detailed Curriculum Vitae by **19 September 2014, 17:00 Hours (GMT)** to the email address: **h.onishi@afdb.org** or to the address below.

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