

# COMMON MARKET FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

MARCHE COMMUN



السوق المشتركة للشرق والجنوب  
الأفريقي

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST/CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**NAME OF PROJECT: GREAT LAKES TRADE FACILITATION PROJECT .**

**TENDER NO. CS/PRO/GLTFP/JM/10/18**

The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) has received a grant from the World Bank towards the cost of the Great Lakes Trade Facilitation Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this grant to eligible payments under the contract for provision of technical and advisory services in the implementation of activities related to Simplified Trade Regime (STR) under the Great Lakes Trade Facilitation Project.

The COMESA is implementing the Simplified Trade Regime (STR) in seven Member States with the aim of facilitating small-scale trade at selected border posts.

The objective of the consultancy service is to provide technical and advisory services in the implementation of activities related to the STR in the GLTFP project countries for the benefit of relevant stakeholders, namely, national policy makers and trade officials, border officials including local government Ministries in charge of Trade/Gender, customs, immigration, police, health, Cross-Border Traders Associations (CBTAs), Small –Scale Cross-Border Traders, especially women, the private sector such as Chambers of Commerce and Non-governmental Organisations, and the border communities in general. This will include training of relevant stakeholders, formation of Cross Border Traders Associations where they do not yet exist and capacity building of existing ones to make them more effective, review of functioning of the STR where currently implemented, and developing proposals for improvement of the STR. In addition to supporting implementation, the individual consultant will also assist in conducting stakeholder’s dialogue, carrying out relevant analytical work on emerging needs/issues and developing strategies for wider coverage and sustainability of the GLTFP STR outputs beyond the current project implementing Member States of Rwanda, DRC and Uganda.

### **1. Expected results**

- i) Sensitisation materials on the STR developed for stakeholders. The sensitization materials and knowledge dissemination will be adapted to the needs of the different stakeholders.
- ii) Increased utilisation of STR by stakeholders;
- iii) CBTAs formed/strengthened;
- iv) Enhanced knowledge on the functioning of the STR by Stakeholders;
- v) Improved implementation of the STR in the three project countries and its expansion to other COMESA member States, particularly in the Great Lakes Region.
- vi) Sustainability strategy for the GLTFP outputs developed.

## **2. Professional Requirement of the Consultant**

### **i) Education**

A master's degree in Economics, International Trade, Agricultural economics or other field related to Trade and Regional Integration.

### **ii) Experience**

Eight (8) years of professional experience in International trade or Regional Economic Community (REC). Relevant experience with STR, working with cross-border traders associations in Eastern and Southern Africa region, experience in conducting analytical work in the area of trade and regional integration, as well as skills in planning and implementation of trade/regional integration projects at regional level.

Preference will be given to candidates with a background in customs/trade facilitation and experience of working in project countries.

### **iii) Interpersonal skills**

- a) Excellent interpersonal skills, including proven ability to convene and facilitate high-level policy discussions,
- b) Experience in conducting field consultations with project beneficiaries on the ground.
- c) Excellent command of English and French is required. Knowledge of local languages used in the Great Lakes Region, and particularly of Swahili, would be an added advantage.

## **3. Location and Duration**

The assignment is for a total duration of 6 months from September 2018 to February 2019. The Consultant may be based anywhere in the project countries with travel to Lusaka when needed or any of GLTFP countries in the course of this assignment. Depending on performance and project needs, the Consultant may be called upon, to provide more technical assistance. This is a fixed contract but may be renewed upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

## **4. Supervision**

The consultant will be under the direct supervision of the GLTFP Project Coordinator at COMESA. Due to the nature of the STR as a national regime negotiated at bilateral level, the consultant will be expected to work very closely with the GLTFP Country teams as well as national customs authorities.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: **Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 revised July 1, 2014)**, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The COMESA Great Lakes Trade Facilitation Project now invites interested consultants to submit their Expressions of Interest including a detailed Updated Curriculum Vitae with certified copies of academic and professional certificates and a motivation letter of not more than two pages explaining the consultant's understanding of the various responsibilities required for this position on or before 7th September 2018 at 15:00 hours Zambian time

The Expression of Interest must be deposited in Tender Box 1, located on the ground floor at the Main Reception Area at COMESA Secretariat, Ben Bella Road, Lusaka, Zambia or submitted by courier or electronically clearly labelled;

**Tender no: CS/PRO/GLTFP/JM/10/18- EOI for STR Consultant**

**The Chairman – Procurement Committee**

**COMESA Secretariat.**

**P.O. Box 30051**

**Lusaka, Zambia.**

**ATT : Procurement ; Email : [Procurement@comesa.int](mailto:Procurement@comesa.int).**