

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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1. Independent Development Evaluation (IDEV) of the African Development Bank (AfDB or “the Bank”) seeks expressions of interest from consulting firms to conduct the Namibia Country Strategy and Program Evaluation covering the period 2014-2023.
2. This evaluation will cover the Bank’s assistance provided under two Country Strategy Papers (CSPs): 1) [2014-2018](#) and 2) [2020-2024](#). The Country Strategy and Program Evaluation (CSPE) for Namibia will: (i) assess the contribution of the Bank to Namibia’s development results; (ii) inform the design and preparation of the new CSP and ensure that the evaluation findings, lessons, and recommendations are considered during the preparation process; and (iii) make sure that credible evidence is available to the Board of Directors and Senior Management for informed and timely decision-making.
3. **Tasks of the consultant:** The consultant’s assignment shall involve the following:
 - **Inception:** Review and fine-tune the draft inception report to be prepared in-house; carry out a scoping mission to consult with key stakeholders within the Bank and the Government of Namibia to clarify scope and stakeholder expectations the Inception report, including the evaluation approach and design.
 - **Data collection and analysis:** The Consultant will implement the data collection and analysis strategy as approved in the Inception Report. This includes, but not limited to conducting in-depth document reviews, portfolio analysis, key informant interviews, case studies, field visits, and data analysis and synthesis in accordance with the Evaluation Matrix.
 - **Reporting:** The Consultant will produce a final inception report, Project Results Assessment reports, Non-lending Review Notes, CSP priority area reviews, an evaluation technical report (draft and final versions).

Required Skills and Experience: The Consulting firm shall demonstrate appropriate qualifications and skills necessary for the assignment as described below.

- 7-10 years of demonstrated knowledge and experience in development assistance program design and management; experience in public sector interventions in the Southern Africa region, particularly in middle income countries.
- Proven experience and good knowledge of country strategy operations as well as direct country experience.
- Previous work experience with the AfDB or AfDB programs in the southern region is an advantage.
- Experience in public and private sector project management and evaluation across different sectors: multisector (governance), agriculture, water supply and sanitation,

finance, transport, natural resources, and energy sector operations, including nation-wide assessments; and cross-cutting issues including climate change and green growth, gender, fragility, youth employment, and regional integration.

- Extensive experience in conducting country strategy and program evaluations of Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and/or other development partner assistance.
 - Familiarity with evaluation good practice principles and standards of the OECD-DAC and/or the Evaluation Cooperation Group.
 - Strong experience in conducting complex evaluations as per schedule and quality standards of international development organizations including the AfDB.
 - Ability to put together mixed teams to deliver on similar assignments, including combining senior, technical and junior roles to ensure effective delivery of outputs.
 - Fluency in English: excellent oral and written communication skills in English is essential for the Assignment. Working knowledge of Ovambo, Khoekhoe, and/or other widespread languages in Namibia is an advantage.
 - Good data presentation skills.
 - Proficiency in computer applications including Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), and use of one standard data analysis software or tool.
 - Experience in and knowledge of the African context.
4. Interested eligible Consulting Firms or associations of Consulting Firms shall provide in their expression of interest (EOI) information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to provide the services (experience in comparable assignments, availability of qualified staff, references for similar services, documentation, etc.).
5. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the Bank's Procurement Policy and Procedures for Corporate Consultant Recruitment. The Bank is under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

A shortlist of six qualified firms will be established at the end the request of expressions of interest. The firms on the shortlist will be judged on the following criteria.

Criteria	Weight
General experience in development evaluation	20
Similar work experience in evaluations relevant to the assignment (at least one example of a relevant evaluation work to be provided)	25
Availability of adequate skills mix within the personnel (in terms of level of experience, qualifications and subject matter experience, research and evaluation skills, support services) of the company.	35
Experience in evaluations with MDBs and Development Finance Institutions	10
Knowledge and familiarity with the South Africa region	5
Ability to work in English	5

6. The assignment will have an initial duration of three months under the supervision of IDEV. **The commencement date is planned for 14th March 2024.**
7. Interested Firms may obtain further information at the email address below during the Bank's working hours: from 09:00 to 17:00 hours.

8. Expressions of interest must be received electronically by email at the address below no later than **Wednesday 21st February at 17h00 Abidjan time.**

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