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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

RECRUITMENT OF TWO MACROECONOMIC CONSULTANTS

BACKGROUND

Within the framework of the 9th European Development Fund (EDF), ECOWAS Commission and European Commission agreed, in accordance with 2000 Cotonou Agreement, which was revised in 2005 (article 29), on areas of cooperation including regional economic integration.

In order to enhance the capacities of ECOWAS Commission and improve the macroeconomic policy supervision of the ECOWAS Member States, the 9th EDF envisages recruitment of two macroeconomic consultants to support the implementation of the programme on multilateral surveillance.

In effect, the implementation of multilateral surveillance is essential for the evaluation of the economic performance of the ECOWAS Member States and particularly the implementation of the roadmap for the creation of the ECOWAS single currency adopted by the ECOWAS Convergence Council in May 2009. The establishment of a monetary union is one of the essential components of the regional integration process.

Hence, given the need to accelerate the regional integration process to address the different crises and guarantee the economic development of the region, ECOWAS Commission wishes to recruit two macroeconomic consultants who are experts in economic policy formulation and have a mastery of the multilateral surveillance mechanism..

OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The main objective of the consultancy is to improve the economic supervision of the Member States by reinforcing good public finance management and ensuring the creation of the ECOWAS single currency.

The specific objectives of the consultancy will be to:

- i. support activities of the Multilateral Surveillance Directorate and the WAMA-ECOWAS Joint Secretariat;
- ii. design technical and financial proposals and implement operational plans of projects with partners of the Commission; and
- iii. monitor the ongoing on harmonization of statistical and accounting framework of public finance, legal and institutional framework of public debt supported by the 9th EDF.

EXPECTED RESULTS

By the end of the consultancy, it is expected that:

- i. The Joint Secretariat of WAMA/ECOWAS Commission would be operating effectively.
- ii. Quality multilateral surveillance reports would be produced.
- iii. The harmonization of the statistical, legal, accounting and institutional frameworks of public finance would be adopted by ECOWAS

VACANCY

Macroeconomist Responsible for bi-annual ECOWAS Convergence Reports

Place of Employment: ECOWAS Commission – Abuja (Nigeria)

The macroeconomist will be based at the ECOWAS Commission. The successful candidate will work under direct supervision of the Director, Multilateral Surveillance.

Primary Tasks

The macroeconomist will be responsible for follow-up and analysis of bi-annual Convergence reports drawn up under the framework of multilateral surveillance, and will more specifically:

- ensure follow-up of activities in the real and government sectors of the national economies;
- ensure coordination and follow-up on studies conducted for harmonization of statistic frameworks and Public Finance accounting as well as legal framework of public debt in ECOWAS member states;
- analyze economic performance of member states;

- follow-up on various fiscal operations of member states and evaluate member state economic performance based on approved macroeconomic convergence criteria;
- draw up bi-annual implementation reports on Multilateral Surveillance;
- execute all tasks as required by superior officers.

Qualification/Experience

- Should hold a Master's degree in Economics with at least 8 years post-qualification experience, of which five (5) were at management level in the areas of executing multilateral surveillance missions, and drawing up country fiscal operations tables (TOFE) and economic analysis. Holding a doctorate or equivalent degree shall be an added advantage.
- Good knowledge of principles and operational provisions as well as excellent experience in multilateral surveillance activities.
- Proven working experience in the area of public finance and formulation of economic policies.
- Proven experience in drawing up a multilateral surveillance report.
- Proven experience in the use of forecasting and macroeconomic analysis tools.
- Should not be more than fifty (50) years of age by the date of recruitment.

Skills

- Leadership and managerial skills, ability to develop harmony and efficiency in the work environment.
- Ability to develop and sustain an efficient relationship with senior officials of public administration of member states as well as those affiliated with regional Institutions for Integration.
- Ability to conceive and conceptualize ideas.
- Ability to be creative and innovative and to adapt to demands of the work environment;
- Proficiency in the use of computer software applications including software for statistics.
- Fluency in one of the three ECOWAS official languages. Good knowledge of a second working language shall be an added advantage.

Period of Assignment and Remuneration

The duration of the contract shall be for one year renewable, subject to good performance. The consultant will be appointed as soon as possible. The Remuneration is highly competitive, based on P5 category in ECOWAS Commission. Funding for this position is being provided by the European Union.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

The application materials should include a motivation letter, detailed curriculum vitae (CV), indicating among other things, the position applied for, the candidate's phone contacts, postal and email addresses. This application must be sent, preferably by email, to:

Attention: Prof. Lambert N. Bamba

Commissioner, Macroeconomic Policies

E-mail: multi_surv@ecowas.int

Or alternatively by postal mail to:

ECOWAS Commission

101, Yakubu Gowon Crescent

Asokoro District P.M.B. 401

Abuja, Nigeria

Attention: Prof. Lambert Bamba, Commissioner, Macroeconomic policies

Only citizens of ECOWAS Member States are qualified to apply.

Prospective candidates are advised to visit ECOWAS website at: www.ecowas.int

The deadline for the receipt of all applications is **October 23rd, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. prompt (Abuja time)**.

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.