

Request for Expressions of Interest Consultancy Services to Support Investment Climate

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Investment Climate Team

The Investment Climate Team in Africa has brought together the skills and experience of different parts of the World Bank Group--Foreign Investment Advisory Service, Multilateral Guarantee Agency, and IFC Private Enterprise Partnership for Africa--into a unified effort. Based in Johannesburg, the team strives to better respond to reform challenges and rapidly increasing demand from client governments across the continent. Our mission is to help developing countries improve their business environments to increase private sector activity and investments with strong development impact.

Products

The Investment Climate Team focuses on three product groups.

- **Regulatory reform**, including business registration, licensing reform, tax policy and administration, customs, land, secured lending, labor regulation, sub-national regulatory simplification, and regulatory governance
- **Investment policy and promotion**, including special economic zones
- **Industry specific investment climate reform**, targeting agribusiness, tourism, information and communications technologies, and mining

Countries

We focus particularly, but not exclusively, on post-conflict countries, where policies to support private sector led growth can be essential to escape the vicious cycle of violence and deteriorating economic opportunities. We are currently providing sustained advisory support to the governments of Burkina Faso, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Sudan. We have multi-year advisory programs planned in Democratic Republic of Congo, and Zambia, and we are in discussions with authorities in Benin and Mali. We are supporting the establishment of public-private dialogue forums in Ethiopia, the Central African Republic, Chad, Cameroon and Rwanda, and anticipate that agreements reached in some of these forums will lead to significant reform programs.

Required Consultancy Services/Expertise

We need additional technical consultants to assist with different aspects of these programs across the continent. We are particularly interested in identifying French-speaking consultants, and additional expertise in business licensing reform, tax, customs and logistics, land and labor

regulation, as well as industry-specific expertise in policy and regulatory reform in our targeted sectors.

Expressions of interest are welcomed from firms and individuals, time and materials, with the objective of identifying additional consultants for specific assignments. Assignments will range from one month to prolonged engagements up to four months a year over the next three years.

Interested parties should submit details of qualifications and curricula vitae. We intend to shortlist for individual assignments as they arise. No telephone calls or faxes will be accepted. Please note that ONLY shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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