



MANO RIVER UNION UNION DU FLEUVE MANO



**AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT
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Office of the Secretary-General

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST **(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES)**

**Position open to Nationals of the Mano River Union countries
(Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone)**

**Project to Build Inclusive Business Ecosystems for Stabilization and
Transformation in the Mano River Union (BI-BEST) – Technical
Assistance and Capacity Development**

Sectors: **GENDER EQUALITY**

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The Mano River Union Secretariat has received a grant from the African Development Fund to implement the project to Build Inclusive Business Ecosystems for Stabilization and Transformation (BI-BEST) in the Mano River Union (MRU), and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grants to payments under the contract for the recruitment of a **Women’s Entrepreneurship Development and Economic Empowerment (WEDEE) expert to drive the technical implementation of the project through effective, efficient and timely execution of activities according to the Project Appraisal Report and overall strategic guidance from the African Development Bank and the Mano River Union secretariat.**

The services to be provided under the Assignment include the following:

- Provide technical advice on women’s entrepreneurship development and economic empowerment aspects and support project monitoring and reporting accordingly.

- Assist in monitoring and coordination of various research pieces and assessments to be conducted as part of the BI-BEST project, mainly the Gender responsive, climate friendly and conflict sensitive Value Chain Analysis and the gender audit of the MRU secretariat.
- Organize and carry out technical missions in target border areas and guide other Project Implementation Unit (PIU) members in Freetown and at liaison offices on impactful implementation of activities in favor of women cross border traders, including in synergy with other project funded by the African Development Bank group.
- Liaise and coordinate with women cross border traders, market actors, Grassroots organizations, governments, and regional institutions, as well as development partners to facilitate business linkages, networking, trust, resilience and cohesion in the selected value chains
- Perform other duties as assigned by the project coordinator, as part of the implementation of the BI-BEST project or needs for operational and strategic partnerships.

Minimum Education Qualification and Experience

- A Master's Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Economics, Business Management, Finance, Project Management or related field disciplines.
- At least 5 years of proven work experience in project management in international organizations, solid experience in Women's Economic Empowerment and entrepreneurial development, capacity building and project management and a good knowledge of international procurement procedures.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Experience in donor-funded projects will be an added advantage.
- Computer literate and good command of English.

Other Qualities or Requirements

- Demonstrated ability of high level/strategic report writing is a must.
- Demonstrated ability to transfer skills and knowledge – previous training or teaching experience a plus.
- High Proficiency in the use Microsoft Excel is a must.
- Very good time management skills and ability to multi-task and work under time pressure.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate ideas and analyses clearly and tactfully, both orally and in writing.
- Fluency in English including demonstrated report writing skills.
- Ability to work in an effectively in a team-oriented environment.
- Demonstrated capacity to rapidly gain familiarity.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested candidates may obtain further information at the address below during office hour (09.00 – 17.00 hours).

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **4th September, 2022 at 12:00 hrs** and mention “Expression of Interest for: **Women's Entrepreneurship Development and Economic Empowerment expert**. Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

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