



2nd November 2020

Call for Bids to conduct a Study on EAC's AfCFTA Implementation Strategy

Terms of Reference

Introduction

Under the GIZ Project, SEATINI-Uganda was approached by Ministry of Trade to come up with a study on EAC's preparedness to implement the AfCFTA. The purpose of this study is to provide a comprehensive position to inform EAC's AfCFTA Implementation Strategy in preparation for rolling out of trading under AfCFTA on 1st January 2021.

The Ministry of Trade Uganda, MEACA and Min. Trade (Rwanda) have approached SEATINI-Uganda to come up with a comprehensive position to inform EAC's AfCFTA Implementation Strategy in preparation for rolling out of trading under AfCFTA 1st January 2021. Given the urgency, SEATINI wishes to hire a consultant to undertake the study.

This study will specifically seek to: discuss the steps still required to finalise the AfCFTA framework and to implement the relevant technical aspects as provided in or required by its legal instruments

Expected deliverables

- **Draft case study report:** The consultant shall produce a first draft case study report, developed through desk research and in consultation with the identified company and public sector institutions with responsibilities for developing Trade Policies and negotiating Trade Agreements. The first draft should be submitted on 20th November 2020. Upon receipt of the final comments, the consultant should submit the final study on 30th November 2020

This report will be presented for dissemination during a meeting with Ministry of Trade and MEACA that will be organized by SEATINI Uganda in December 2020.

- **Input:** Bidders with qualifications and verifiable experience in Trade Policy and Agreements research are encouraged to send in hard copy applications to SEATINI Uganda, copying Africa Kiiza.
- **Requirements:** This assignment requires a sound knowledge of trade and industrial policy issues and the dynamics that surround efforts of Trade and Industrial policy reforms in the EAC, and the Economic Partnership Agreement. It also requires managerial, organizational and good interpersonal skills to be able to effectively interact with a wide range of stakeholders throughout the process. The case study should strictly cover a maximum of 30 pages.

Additional requirements are as follows

- A Masters of Business Administration/ Masters in International Business/ Economics/Public Policy, or other relevant graduate degrees
- Knowledge and experience of development work, multi-sectoral policies and an understanding of the Uganda policy advocacy environment
- An understanding of the provisions of the Trade Policies and Trade Negotiations especially the Economic Partnership Agreement.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Familiar with demand-driven and participatory approaches.
- Excellent communication and facilitation skills, able to address the institutional complexity and multi-disciplinary environment of the Project.
- Excellent interpersonal and teamwork skills, with the ability to establish and develop relationships and work under tight deadlines to meet objectives

Deadline for submission of bid: Thursday, 9th November 2020