

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

Sierra Leone

Gender Mainstreaming in Digital Financial Services Policies and Regulations across ECOWAS

Financing Agreement reference: P-Z1-H00-091

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The *WEST AFRICAN MONETARY AGENCY (WAMA)* has received financing from the African Development toward the cost of the *Gender Mainstreaming in Digital Financial Services Policies and Regulations across ECOWAS*, and intends to apply part of the agreed amount of **USD 75,000** to payments under the contract for *consultant*.

The services included under this project are

- **Reinforce financial inclusion strategy across ECOWAS** by taking stock of any progress in women's financial inclusion initiatives in the region, identifying gaps and opportunities and using insights to develop the regional financial inclusion strategy.
- **Inform data analytics framework and strategy** design using gender gap analysis to determine gender identifiers for gender-disaggregated data and explore the use of data analytics for behavioural insights on how women access and use digital financial services.
- **Review and address policy barriers that hinder women from accessing DFS** and opportunities such as agency banking, micro loans, savings and insurance.
- **Review policies aimed at promoting digital identities (IDs)** to help address challenges that prevent women from accessing ID, Know-Your-Customer (KYC) and investment opportunities.
- **Explore how digital payments are being addressed** and the opportunity for enforcing gender identifiers to provide a consolidated view of how both men and women use financial services.

The *WEST AFRICAN MONETARY AGENCY (WAMA)* now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

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

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours **8.30 am – 5.00 pm**.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **20th September, 2021** before **5.00 pm**.

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