



**INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION GROUP AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING IN WEST AFRICA
(GIABA)**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Reference: N° *GIABA/PROC./CONS./2020/02/sg*

Position: Recruitment of Individual Country Consultants « **TO CONDUCT TYPOLOGIES RESEARCH ON MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORIST FINANCING THROUGH CORRUPTION IN WEST AFRICA** »

Institution : **GIABA**

Supervision: **GIABA- Directorate of Policy and Research**

Duration of Assignment: **June – August, 2020**

Duty Station: **ECOWAS Member States**

Closing Date of Submission: **9th June, 2020**

1. DETAILED CONTENTS OF ASSIGNMENT

Refer to Terms of Reference.

2. WORK ENVIRONMENT

The Expert shall work in close collaboration with the GIABA Principal Research and Planning Officer and his team.

3. NATURE OF ASSIGNMENT

Given the fragility of governance in West Africa, the region's vulnerabilities to corruption, the gradual emergence of professional money launderers, as well as the resilience of financial secrecy and offshore financial centres around the world, combating the laundering of the proceeds of corruption has increasingly become a major challenge for national authorities. Indeed, to effectively safeguard the integrity of the public sector, protect private sector institutions from abuse, increase the transparency of the financial system, facilitate the detection, investigation and prosecution of corruption and related money laundering, and bolster the recovery of stolen assets in the region, the GIABA Secretariat decided that a comprehensive typologies of the risks, trends and methods of laundering the proceeds of corruption in the region should be undertaken.

GIABA intends to recruit Individual Consultants to conduct country-specific Typologies on Money Laundering (ML) and Terrorist Financing (TF) through corruption in ECOWAS.

The Nature and scope of the assignment is as follows:

- ✓ A situational analysis of corruption and a comprehensive review of the existing legal, regulatory and institutional framework that applies to anti-corruption in the country;
- ✓ A comprehensive analysis of the linkages between corruption and money laundering and terrorist financing in the region;
- ✓ An analysis of specific ML/TF cases/examples and identification of the actors involved and the methods and techniques they use;
- ✓ Identification of the factors that undermine efforts against corruption in the country; and
- ✓ Recommendation of practical policy and operational measures for effective protection of the national economy and financial system against the proceeds of corruption.

4. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Country Researcher is expected to produce a minimum of 25 pages report, excluding attachments and references in accordance with the following timeline:

- ✓ An inception report showing adequate understanding of the nature of the assignment and how it is to be carried out should be submitted a week after signing the contract, tentatively by 16th June, 2020;
- ✓ The first draft report should be submitted to the GIABA Secretariat by 30th July, 2020;
- ✓ The GIABA Secretariat should revert to the Country Researcher by 17th August, 2020;
- ✓ The second draft report should be submitted to the GIABA Secretariat following a review of the first draft, by 31st August, 2020.

GIABA now invites Country Individual Consultants to express their interest in providing the above services.

The short-listing criteria shall be as follows:

5. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

Educational Background: Post-graduate Degree in criminology, law, management, public policy, social sciences or any other field relevant to the study.

Experience: Interested Consultants should have the relevant research experience and in-depth understanding of AML/CFT mechanisms, particularly the FATF Recommendations and related issues.

6. EXPECTED COMPETENCIES

- In-depth knowledge of the AML/CFT sector;
- Wealth of experience in research and publication;
- Sound knowledge or familiarity with measures against economic and financial crimes, particularly money laundering and terrorist financing;
- Good communication skills, particularly in a diverse socio-cultural environment ;
- Appreciable writing skills;
- Proven computer literacy.

7. WORKING LANGUAGES

Individual Consultants should be fluent in both written and oral expression of one of the ECOWAS official languages: English, French and Portuguese. The working knowledge of any other of these languages shall be an added advantage.

8. APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- Interested Consultants should submit their expression of interest together with their Curriculum Vitae, indicating that they have the required qualifications to provide these services.
- They are also encouraged to support their submissions with any further information, where they exist (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar contexts, etc.).

9. GENERAL RECRUITMENT CRITERIA

- The Consultants' recruitment will be done in line with the *individual Consultant selection criteria* as provided for in the Guidelines on Consultants of the **Revised ECOWAS Tender Code**.
- Only shortlisted Applicants will be notified to sign a Service Delivery Contract with GIABA.
- All Expressions of Interest with the position title clearly marked, should be forwarded by email to the following address:

Director General

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10. CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The closing date for the submission of applications is **Tuesday, 9th June 2020, at 12:00 GMT.**

Acting Director of Administration and Finance, GIABA