**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**
**(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)**

**Country:** *Multinational - Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)*
*(Sudan, South Sudan and Djibouti)*

**Project Name: Entrepreneurship and Innovation Development for Resilience Building**

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1. The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) has received financing from the African Development Bank to implement the project on **Entrepreneurship and Innovation Development for Resilience Building** and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for Consultancy to Assess Entrepreneurship and Innovation Development in Higher Learning Institutions Environment in Sudan. The EIDFR Project is implemented through the IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD), a specialized institution within IGAD.

2. The objective of this consultancy is to Assess the Entrepreneurship Environment and Development of Roadmaps and Guidelines for the Higher Learning Institutions in Sudan and in specific to Identify institutional, regulatory, guidelines and financial barriers, identify existing infrastructure (e.g., incubators, tech hubs, labs) in support of the entrepreneurship sector and as well indicate gaps. Provide actionable recommendations to foster scalable entrepreneurial ecosystems for users within Sudanese Higher Learning Institutions.

3. **The scope of assignment includes;**

- Conduct a preliminary desk review of existing institutional policies, national entrepreneurship frameworks, and global best practices for university-led ecosystems.
- Develop a detailed Inception Report outlining the assessment framework, methodology (e.g., surveys, focus groups, interviews), sample size of the selected HEIs, and work plan.
- Evaluate existing academic curricula, extracurricular programs, and faculty engagement regarding entrepreneurship.
- Audit physical and technical infrastructure (e.g., incubators, entrepreneurial spaces, tech transfer offices).
- Review regulatory and policy environments (e.g., Intellectual Property (IP) policies, spin-off regulations, profit-sharing models for faculty).
- Analyze access to finance, seed funding, venture capital connections, and industry-academic partnerships.

- Map and interview key stakeholders including students, potential supporters, university leadership, local entrepreneurs, and investors.
- Development of strategic roadmap and guidelines for the higher education institutions to help in standardizing entrepreneurship support, technology transfer, and business incubation operations across HEIs and foster scalable entrepreneurial ecosystems for users within Sudanese Higher Learning Institutions
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4. The IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) therefore invites qualified **individual national consultants** to express their interest in providing these services. This call for EOI is open to **Individual National Consultants ONLY.** Therefore, submission shall include an **application letter and resume (max 6 pages) highlighting key qualifications and experience relevant to the assignment**. The assignment will be carried out over a period of 25 working days spread over a period of 30 days upon signing the contract. The assignment will be undertaken under overall guidance of the EIDFR Project Coordinator, whereas the routine supervision will be provided by the Sudan National Focal Person (NFP) in the country.

5. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the Bank's ***"Procurement Policy for Bank Group Financed Operations"*** dated October 2015 which is available on the Bank's website at http://www.afdb.org.

6. The Consultants' Expression of Interest shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

| Criterial | Maximum points |
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| 1. Advanced university degree (Master or Ph.D.) in Economics, Business Administration, Entrepreneurship, Education, Development Studies, or a related field. | 25 |
| 2. Minimum of 7-10 years of experience in conducting ecosystem assessments, institutional capacity diagnostics, or evaluations in higher education and innovation sectors. The consultant should demonstrate clear understanding and experience on Entrepreneurship and innovation development at both programme and policy level. | 35 |
| 3. Proven experience of undertaking at least 2 similar assignments in the target county-regional experience and exposure will be an added advantage. | 15 |
| 4. Deep understanding of the Sudanese higher education system, economic landscape, and socioeconomic challenges. | 10 |
| 5. Professional fluency in both Arabic and English | 5 |
| 6. Knowledge of IGAD region in relation to entrepreneurship and innovation. | 10 |
| **Total** | **100** |

7. Further information can be obtained by contacting the address below during working hours (8:00am-5:00pm) between Monday and Friday excluding public holidays.

8. Expressions of interest shall be submitted through email **ONLY** by **27th November 2026 at Mid-Night, East African Time (GMT+3).** The subject line should be clearly marked **'Consultancy to Assess the Entrepreneurship Environment and Development of Roadmaps and Guidelines for the Higher Learning Institutions in Sudan'**

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