



African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)
FOR
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT**

**TO CONDUCT AN INCEPTION STUDY ON INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL
APPROACH IN THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN**

Background

As part of the ongoing institutional reforms at the African Union, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) is transforming into the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD). The new mandate includes: Coordinating and Executing priority regional and continental projects to promote regional integration towards the accelerated realisation of Agenda 2063; Strengthening capacity of African Union Member States and regional bodies; Advancing knowledge-based advisory support; Undertaking the full range of resource mobilisation; and Serving as the continent's technical interface with all Africa's development stakeholders and development partners. The transformation will allow the organisation to improve its effectiveness and efficiency in delivering AU development policies and programs across its 55 Member Countries.

Given the economic and social inequalities between rural and urban areas and the heterogeneity between rural regions and territories in most countries, new tools and instruments need to be developed to test key policies and sectoral investments using a 'spatial lens'. The overall aim is to secure more equitable access to public goods and services, to incorporate measures to mitigate unintended consequences of apparently space-neutral policies and interventions, and /or to compensate for negative impacts through place-based policies or intervention.

To augment the capacity in planning process in support of territorial development and transformation agenda, there is a critical need to strengthen the evidence base. This includes: spatially disaggregated analysis of growth, analysis of poverty and inequality, covering both monetary and non-monetary dimensions; data on the spatial pattern of production and employment, wage rates, population movements; and trends in land use change, public revenue over a period, and patterns of public spending (current and capital) disaggregated by sector and by region, etc.

To promote territorial approaches, governments should define the understanding of 'rural' to recognise the integration of economic, social and cultural spaces, including the linkages between rural areas and rural towns and intermediate cities. Rural should be defined by a territorial typology, as well as criteria of population density.

A renewed approach of the relationship between urban and rural areas should be explored by defining typologies that would make interventions more coherent according to some features such as: share of agricultural activities, manufacturing and services and mining, importance of the natural capital for potential job creating activities (tourism, forests, energy, etc.), connection with market and consumer centers, and demographic dynamics.

Objectives of the Study

The purpose of this Consultancy is to kick-start the series of studies on Territorial Development. The Republic of Benin has been identified as the project site for the first study. Specifically, the study will take place in the Northern part of Benin.

Description of the Proposed Work (Scope of Work)

The assignment will focus on the following tasks:

- i. Identify key institutions at national, regional and community level that could be engaged for the study;
- ii. identify key stakeholders that could be consulted during the studies;
- iii. Analyze the existing Government publication and relevant documentation by the Benin government on territorial planning and rural development. The analysis should be able to identify gaps on the existing government policy and gazette on territorial planning in Benin;
- iv. Identify possible risks that could derail the main study and suggest mitigation measures; and
- v. Document any other relevant information that you could be relevant for the study.

Expected Output

The Consultant is expected to generate the following deliverables:

- i Inception Report;
- ii Database of stakeholders with contact details, designation and organization;
- iii Inventory of institutions at National, regional and community level that could be engaged for the study;
- iv Inventory of existing policies on territorial planning in Benin;
- v Inventory of existing programmes on territorial planning in Benin;
- vi Biography and list of documents reviewed; and
- vii Final report, detailing outcomes of activities under the scope of work

Reporting and Time Schedules:

The Consultancy is estimated to be completed within a period of six (6) weeks. The Consultancy consists of working both in the project site and remotely. The consultant will primarily report to the Director of Programme Implementation and Coordination at NPCA or her designated officer. In undertaking this exercise, the Consultant will be expected to liaise frequently with the NEPAD Agency for clearance of each deliverable.

Selection Criteria

Applications may be submitted by Individual Consultants with proven experience and track record in conducting similar studies. Selection will be based on qualifications and experience stipulated below.

- i. At least a Master's Degree in Rural Development, Development Studies, Public Administration and Urban Planning or any relevant related discipline;
- ii. Demonstrated ability in working with government agencies, non-governmental organisations and partners in planning and policy formulation;
- iii. At least five (5) years of work experience, i.e. in contexts of Benin; and
- iv. At least seven (7) years' experience working on Rural Development and Planning.

Further, the Consultant must exhibit the following skills and competencies:

- v. Ability to work with minimum supervision;
- vi. Must be result oriented, team player, tact and exhibit high levels of diplomacy; and
- vii. Demonstrate excellent interpersonal and professional skills in interacting with government and other development partners.

The African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Expressions of interests (Cover letter, CV and certified copies of certificates) must be delivered to the address below by email on or before **May 10, 2019** 14:00 hours (South African Time). All EOIs must be marked "**73/NPCA/NRG/RF/ICS/2019 - Inception Study on Integrated Territorial Approach in Republic of Benin**" in the subject line of the email.

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