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NORTHERN CORRIDOR TRANSIT AND TRANSPORT COORDINATION AUTHORITY

Statistician for the Northern Corridor Transport Observatory

1. Overview of the Organization:

The Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority (NCTTCA) is a Regional Inter-Governmental Institution composed of six (06) Member States of Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and South Sudan.

It was established and mandated by the member states to oversee the implementation of the Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Agreement (NCTTA), to monitor its performance and transform the Northern route into an economic Development Corridor making it seamless, efficient and smart. The Northern Corridor's Permanent Secretariat is based in Mombasa in the Republic of Kenya.

One of the NCTTCA's mandates is the monitoring of corridor performance through proactive collection, processing and dissemination of transport data to support the planning and operations of the Member States. It is in this perspective that the idea of establishing a Transport Observatory was conceived.

The Transport Observatory is a performance-monitoring tool for assessing the efficiency of the entire logistics chain of the Trade and Transport Corridor intended to provide key reliable information to policy makers in the region and facilitate formulation of policies that lead to improved transit and trade facilitation and cooperation between NCTTCA Member States.

The Northern Corridor Transport Observatory work first commenced in 2003; with support from SSATP kicking-off with a baseline study before the actual implementation activities started. In May 2011, Trade Mark East Africa (TMEA) and NCTTCA signed a funding Agreement for the development of a Transport Observatory project along the Northern Corridor. In April 2018, TMEA signed a new 3-year contract with NCTTCA to extend support up to 2021.

Whereas TMEA is committed to continue supporting the Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority (NCTTCA), the corridor authority is keen to strengthen the capacity of the institution's technical expertise for analyzing and developing various periodical reports for the Observatory. In this regard, NCTTCA and TMEA are sourcing for a Statistician to undertake research, analysis and development of reports on transport and trade facilitation along the Northern Corridor in East Africa and Great Lakes region.

2. Objectives of the Statistician Role

The overall objective of this role is to ensure that the Northern Corridor Transport Observatory can effectively analyze all the data sourced from the various modes to produce quality periodical reports geared towards monitoring and improving the corridor performance.

The Statistician's specific roles will be:

- (i) To participate in the development of the corridor performance indicators.
- (ii) To participate in the data sourcing and management with the intent of improving the data collection mechanism using the various data collection techniques.
- (iii) To review, together with the database expert, all data received from the various stakeholders to ensure high quality of data.
- (iv) To effectively and consistently develop periodical reports (weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual) for the Transport Observatory.
- (v) To ensure that all reports produced meet acceptable standards analytical studies with clear linkage of findings, possible causes and targeted remedies.
- (vi) To facilitate the maintenance of all dissemination tools developed for the Observatory including web portal, dashboard etc.
- (vii) To facilitate effective dissemination of all Transport Observatory reports in line with the strategies developed for the Observatory and the institution.
- (viii) To participate in various forums for the Transport Observatory work to enhance knowledge and experience sharing in the region on data analysis and reporting.
- (ix) To undertake administrative duties that would ensure effective execution of the role's expectation in line with the institution's policies.
- (x) To carry out evidence based research on issues affecting trade facilitation.
- (xi) Engage key stakeholders to get first hand qualitative information on status of implementation to improve quality of reports.

3. Recipient

Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority and the Trademark East Africa will be the recipient of the Statistician for the Observatory work. The Statistician will be stationed at NCTTCA Secretariat.

4. Scope or Deliverables

The Statistician will work closely with the team at the Secretariat assigned to work on the Transport Observatory to ensure that:

- (i) Key and effective performance indicators are developed and continuously reviewed.
- (ii) Required facilitation is done so that data for the Observatory is sourced, adequately analyzed and managed.
- (iii) All required periodical reports are developed in the right quality and frequency.
- (iv) Required facilitation is done so that all dissemination tools and channels for information and reports are updated.
- (v) All administrative assignments are executed in time and to the desired quality.

5. Methodology

The statistician is expected to achieve the objectives of this consultancy primarily by directly engaging in the day to day operation of the Northern Corridor Transport Observatory.

6. Reporting

The Statistician shall be reporting to the Director of Program, Transport Policy and Planning at the NCTTCA or any other designated officer within NCTTCA.

7. Timeframe

Period for the consultancy is expected to initially be two calendar years with the possibility of extension based on performance and availability of funds.

8. Coordination

The Statistician will be expected to frequently update TMEA's Programme Manager, Corridor Performance on the progress of this assignment. In TMEA, this assignment will be under the ICT for Trade and Transport Facilitation Directorate.

9. Qualifications/Basic Requirements

In performing his/her duties the Statistician will always be required to demonstrate following skills:

- (i) Good interpersonal, intercultural and organizational skills.
- (ii) Good writing and communication skills.
- (iii) Advanced information technology skills especially Microsoft Office (word, excel, access), SPSS or any other statistical packages; Knowledge of SQL is desirable.
- (iv) Good knowledge of English and/or French and ability to work in the other language will be an added advantage.

10. Minimum Qualifications:

- (i) Master's degree in Economics, Statistics, from a recognized university. Having qualifications in transport economics is added advantage.
- (ii) At least 5 years of extensive experience in Statistical Analysis and Reporting.
- (iii) At least 3 years of experience in handling data from Regional Trade and Transport environment.
- (iv) Appropriate Computer skills are a must.
- (v) Three years of continuous and related experience, with demonstrated and considerable knowledge of the subject areas.
- (vi) Demonstrate the ability of independently providing significant program support.

11. Language Proficiency

Proficiency in English or French language.

12. How to Apply

The applicant must submit his/her Curriculum Vitae, certified copies of Academic Certificates, testimonials and a Cover letter explaining why he/she is suitable for this position. Applicants are required to provide details of at least three referees, one of whom should be the most recent employer. Deadline for submission of applications is 28th May 2018, 05:00pm East African Standard Time.

Applications should be sent by email or hand delivered to:

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