AU unveils blueprint for expanding agricultural trade in Africa

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The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the African Union Commission’s Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Development (AUC-DARBE) have launched a guide to boost intra-African agricultural trade under the new African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement.

Currently, intra-African agricultural trade is estimated to be less than 20 percent with a small share of Africa’s total agricultural trade being with other African countries and yet Africa is a net food-importing region of commodities such as cereals, meat, dairy products, fats, oils and sugar, importing about USD 80 billion worth of agricultural and food products annually.

Agricultural commodities such as vegetable oils and cereals have been recording low production growth rate combined with high demand growth. According to FAO, African countries are vulnerable to logistical and international distribution disruptions, such as those resulting from the COVID-19 restrictive measures. However, this has also created opportunities for the development of regional value chains in certain commodities thus increasing intra-regional trade in Africa.

The AfCFTA began trading on 1 January 2021 and is the largest free trade area in the world in terms of the number of countries covered representing a market of 1.2 billion consumers. FAO Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Africa Abebe Haile-Gabriel said during the launch of the FAO-African Union publication that was virtual that the Framework for Boosting Intra-African Trade in Agricultural Commodities and Services is a blueprint for expanding agricultural trade between African countries and aims to unlock the potential of the agricultural sector to contribute to sustainable and inclusive growth for Africa.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES AND COOPERATIVES

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CROP DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

KENYA CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE PROJECT (KCSAP)

Credit No: P154784-KE

INVITATION TO BID FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MOTOR VEHICLES

TENDER NO: MOALF&C/SDCCAR/KCSAP/004/2020-2021

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for supply and delivery of Motor Vehicles.

2. The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives and Agricultural Research now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for supply and delivery of Motor Vehicles:

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Bids will be evaluated and contract awarded to the lowest evaluated responsive bidder.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the Kenyan Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures as stipulated in the World Bank guidelines and will be open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations. In addition, the bid documents are available at the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives and Agricultural Research, Kigoma House, Lower ground floor, Lavington, Nairobi.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives and Agricultural Research, Kigoma House, Lower ground floor, Lavington, Nairobi.

5. Bids must be delivered to the address below and submitted on or before 26th May 2021, at 10.00 a.m.

   East African Time

6. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders’ representatives and anyone who choose to attend.

7. All bids must be accompanied by a “Bid Security” in the form of a Bank Guarantee of Kenya Shillings One (1) Million.

8. Complete tender documents (Original) and one copy are to be enclosed into a plain, sealed envelope clearly marked with the tender reference number and to be deposited in the tender box at Kigoma House and be addressed to:

   Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives
   State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural Research
   Kigoma House
   Cathedral Road,
   P.O. Box 10052 - 00100 Nairobi
   Telephone: +254-20-2717878

   Head - Supply Chain Management Services
   FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
   State Department for Crop Development & Agricultural Research

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THE NATIONAL TREASURY

PLANNING

TENDER NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

PROVISION OF SOVEREIGN DEBT ADVISORY SERVICES

TENDER NO. TN/EOI/001/2020-2021

1. The Government of the Republic of Kenya through the National Treasury wishes to appoint a Sovereign Debt Advisor to support the National Treasury in debt management in respect of part of its external commercial debt obligations.

2. The main objective of the assignment is to provide liability management advisory services to the Government of Kenya in respect of its external commercial debt obligations.

Scope of work

This shall inter-alia include the following functions:

1. Detailed review of the terms and conditions of the underlying debt instruments and evaluation of the selected external commercial debts identified for liability management purposes.
2. Detailed analysis of the cost and risks in each of the instruments and the terms of the loans.
3. Prepare a report on the terms of the instruments and the conditions of the loans.
4. Provide advisory support in the execution of the objective of the liability management operation.

The National Treasury now invites eligible firms in the provision of Sovereign Debt Advisory Services in low, medium and emerging markets to submit an expression of interest to provide the above services.

The expression of interest will be evaluated in respect of experience of the advisory firms in the provision of sovereign debt advisory services with at least five years demonstrable technical capacities and relevant experience as is considered important for a further bidding process (Request for Proposals – RFP). To avoid conflict of interest, the National Treasury reserves the right to exclude any other companies by act of soliciting or acting on behalf of commercial tenders to the Government of Kenya's external commercial debt (except those sole acting on behalf of commercial tenders to the Government of Kenya, either directly or indirectly).

Interested firms are invited to send proposals indicating their:

1. Profile
2. Experience in the provision of sovereign advisory services in low and emerging markets
3. Details of the record in successfully negotiating sovereign debt management with commercial lenders
4. Professional team and level of expertise in sovereign debt management

Requests for further information or clarifications from interested eligible sovereign debt advisory firms should be addressed to:

   The Principal Secretary
   The National Treasury
   Harambee Avenue
   5th Floor, Room 519
   P.O. Box 30007 - 00100 Nairobi
   Tel: +254-39-2332920
   Email: procurementsovereign@norton.co.ke

   Completed expression of interest documents to be enclosed in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked "EOI for Sovereign Debt Advisory Services" shall be addressed to:

   The Principal Secretary
   The National Treasury
   Harambee Avenue
   5th Floor, Room 519
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   and be deposited in the tender box provided at the Treasury Building, 5th Floor, Harambee Avenue, Nairobi, so as to be received on or before 26th May 2021 at 11.00 a.m.

   All Bid Documents must be sequentially sealed / paginated.

   The expression of interest will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend the opening at The National Treasury, Treasury Building, conference room, 5th Floor, Room No. 603 on Friday 28th May, 2021 at 11.00 a.m.

   HEAD, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
   FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY / NATIONAL TREASURY

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