REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT:  
CUSTOMS RISK MANAGEMENT EXPERT

ATAF strives to provide a platform to improve the performance of tax administration in Africa, driven by the firm conviction that better tax administrations will enhance economic growth, increase accountability of the states to their citizens and mobilise domestic resources more effectively.

To achieve this, the Strategic Plan indicates as a key output item of developing efficient and effective African tax administrations, the provision of tailor-made technical support and advisory services, delivered by internal and external experts, and facilitated through the Country Programmes Unit (CPU) operationalized within the Secretariat. To ensure that this is meeting the needs of its membership, ATAF must therefore provide technical assistance that targets building the effectiveness and efficiency in revenue mobilization, both in the short, medium, and long term. Therefore, ATAF would like to procure the services of an expert with demonstrated experience and a good understanding of Construction Sector Tax Auditing for ATAF member countries including developing and delivering learning products for participants to increase their understanding of Construction Sector Auditing.

Therefore, ATAF now invites eligible experts to indicate their interest for Individual Consultancy assignment in providing Customs Risk Management services to its member countries including developing and delivering learning products for participants to increase their understanding of Customs Risk Management.

The Customs Risk Management Expert duties and responsibilities will include:

The expert will be responsible for the following:

i. Assessing the existing risk management framework and procedures within the tax administration.

ii. Identifying potential areas of improvement and develop strategies to mitigate risks associated with cross-border trade.
Collaborate with relevant stakeholders including customs officers, trade partners, and other government agencies to gather insights and data for risk analysis.

Developing risk assessment models and tools to evaluate the likelihood and impact of various risk factors on customs operations.

Implementing risk management protocols and procedures to streamline customs processes and enhance compliance with regulatory requirements.

Providing training and support to customs personnel on risk management techniques, tools, and best practices.

Developing a customs risk management guidebook and/or manual.

Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of risk management initiatives and make recommendations for continuous improvement.

Staying abreast of developments in customs regulations, international trade practices, and emerging risks to ensure the effectiveness and relevance of risk management strategies.

The Individual Consultant is expected to have the following key competencies:

- A relevant Master's degree or equivalent
- Minimum 5-10 years of demonstrated work experience in customs operations, risk management and international trade.
- In-depth knowledge of customs regulations, trade compliance standards, and risk assessment methodologies.
- Strong analytical skills and the ability to interpret complex data sets to identify trends, patterns, and potential risks.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders.
- Demonstrated experience in developing and implementing risk management strategies in a customs or trade environment.
- Relevant certifications or qualifications in customs administration, risk management, or related fields would be an advantage.
- Experience in the provision of technical assistance on customs and trade issues.
- Good knowledge of the customs and tax systems in Africa.
- Good report writing skills.
- Knowledge and use of virtual platforms for delivery of technical assistance.
- Good command of the written and spoken English, and computer literacy.
- Excellent strategic, analytical skills, ability to maintain confidentiality, and fluency in French and Portuguese are added advantage.
The Customs Risk Management Expert will be recruited for a period of 45 days spread over the period 01 July 2024 to 31 October 2025.

Interested consultants may obtain clarification at the email address below.

Attention:

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Terms of Reference and application link can be accessed through https://rb.gy/93ovwu

Deadline for submitting expressions of Interests is 31 May 2024

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