



THE AFRICAN CAPACITY BUILDING FOUNDATION | FONDATION POUR LE RENFORCEMENT DES CAPACITES EN AFRIQUE

AFRICAN GOVERNANCE OUTLOOK

EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS

(Country Research Teams)



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Introduction

The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) have agreed to collaborate to implement the African Governance Outlook project (AGO). ACBF has been tasked within the framework of a MoU, to undertake the piloting of AGO in selected countries in Africa. This joint effort forms part of a deepening partnership between the two institutions, in keeping with the principles of Paris Declaration and Accra Agenda for Action on harmonization of donor efforts.

Background

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has a mandate to support its Regional Member Countries (RMCs) to enhance efficiency, accountability and transparency in the management of public resources. In keeping with this mandate, AfDB has, over the years, played leadership role in developing capacity and shaping regional discourse on financial governance in Africa through a number of initiatives. The latest effort is the decision of the Bank to publish the African Governance Outlook, which is expected to be an authoritative voice on issues pertaining to financial governance in Africa. When launched, AGO is expected to assert international recognition and reputation similar to the African Economic Outlook publication of the Bank and the African Governance Report of ECA among others.

AGO Framework

Using a customized financial governance assessment framework, the AGO will, among other things: (i) Monitor governance performance and trends in Africa over time; (ii) Support policy dialogue with RMCs; and (iii) inform the Bank's country strategies, operational programming and results monitoring in the area of financial governance, and thereby enhance quality at entry of its operations.

Design of AGO's analytical framework is informed by two key factors in current governance assessments, namely: (i) the need to go beyond quantitative data to explain country financial governance performance by drilling down the underlying political and economic factors; and (ii) a shift from general, comparative country assessments to more focused, targeted and contextualized analysis.

Implementation Arrangements

AGO will be implemented in a three stage, iterative process. These are (i) Data Generation; (ii) Capability Analysis; and (iii) Trend Analysis.

Field Partnerships

ACBF seeks to appoint Country Research Teams - Think Tanks, academic institutions and Individual Consultants, to conduct country research involving – (i) Desk Review of country financial governance; (ii) capability and trend analysis, guided by a set of indicators and sources of information to be provided in an Operational Manual.

Detailed research methodology would be discussed at an Inception Workshop to be organized for all the national teams.

Profile of Field Partners

Field Partners must have expertise in either or combination of public financial management; political economy analysis, economics, development studies or any other relevant areas of research. Prior work experience in similar research would be an advantage.

Interested Institutions / Researchers should contact ACBF through the under-mentioned by submitting at least four CVs of prospective team members not later than January 20, 2012.

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Shortlisted Institutions/Researchers would be contacted with detailed ToR and proposed fee levels after receipt of expression of interests.