

**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP
TRANSITION STATES COORDINATION OFFICE
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**FULL FLEDGED FRAGILITY ASSESSMENT FOR LIPTAKO-GOURMA WITH A
FOCUS ON BURKINA FASO**

The African Development Bank, through the Transition States Coordination Office (RDTS), is interested in recruiting a consulting firm or association of consulting firms with expertise in conducting fragility assessments in Sahel countries, in conducting research/analysis with MDBs, in conducting economic and social surveys to conduct a full-fledged fragility assessment for Liptako-Gourma with a focus on Burkina Faso. This evaluation is a joint initiative of four institutions, namely the African Development Bank (AfDB), IFAD, UNDP, IsDB.

The overall objective is to establish sustainable conditions for an effective transformation of the region and the country with a view to stable development at the political, economic, environmental, security and socio-cultural levels. The specific objectives consist of (i) assessing the structural weaknesses of fragility, the constraints on the region and country's resilience capacities; (ii) assess the state of the priorities of the institutions strategies for addressing fragility and building resilience, and (iii) propose a strategic and operational engagement framework for institutions (improve institutional capacities, promote resilience at community level and promote private sector). The analysis must be sufficiently robust to reflect as faithfully as possible the current national and regional context, and to inform both strategic interventions and its contribution to the policy dialogue for peace security with the governments.

The research will have a regional scope with a specific focus on Burkina Faso. As the country is widely affected by regional spill over effects, a preliminary analysis of regional context in terms of fragility and resilience is expected. The national context analysis should provide an analysis of insecurity challenges with a focus on IDPs conditions in Burkina Faso. The firm will work in close collaboration with country offices of AfDB, IFAD, UNDP and IsDB and under the supervision of designated focal points. The study must provide analyses aligned, cumulatively, with the tools for assessing fragility and resilience of AfDB, IFAD, UNDP and IsDB.

The Transition States Coordination Office (RDTS) therefore invites consulting firms to express their interest in providing the consultation service described above. Interested eligible consulting firms or associations of consulting firms must provide information on their qualifications and experiences demonstrating their ability to conduct the research (documentation, references for similar services, experience in comparable assignments, etc.).

The eligibility criteria, short-listing and selection procedure will be in accordance with the Bank's procurement policy and procedure for the recruitment of firms. It should be noted that the interest expressed by a consulting firm does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include it on the short-list.

The duration of the consultation is estimated at six (6) months and is tentatively scheduled to begin on December 18, 2023. Interested consulting firms may obtain further information at the following e-mail addresses a.abdougado@afdb.org and a.l.sanogo@afdb.org during the Bank's opening hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Abidjan time).

Expressions of interest must be sent by email in English or in French to a.l.sanogo@afdb.org and a.abdougado@afdb.org no later than **November 20, 2023, at 5pm (Abidjan time)** with a subject line mentioning “*Full Fledged Fragility Assessment for LIPTAKO-GOURMA with a focus on BURKINA FASO*”.

SELECTION OF A SHORT-LIST

A shortlist of six consulting firms will be established following the call for expressions of interest, based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Score
General qualifications and experience in the countries covered by the study	40
Similar experience in the field of expertise of the assignment described in the expression of interest	40
Experience with MDBs in the field of research	20
Total	100