



**SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)  
(CONSULTANCY SERVICES)**

**BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES: THE GAMBIA, GUINEA, LIBERIA, AND SIERRA LEONE)**

**NAME OF PROJECT:** WAMZ UNIQUE BANK IDENTIFICATION (UBI) AND DIGITAL INTEROPERABILITY (DI) PROJECT

**PROJECT ID:** P-Z1-H00-098

**GRANT No.:** 2100155042468

**CONTRACT NAME:** Consultancy Services to recruit Two (2) Firms to:

- I) Conduct an initial GAP Analysis and produce and disseminate the Draft Harmonized Framework for the WAMZ**
- II) Assist and support the West African Monetary Institute to design and implement the Unique Bank Identification and Digital Interoperability Project for the financial sector of the WAMZ**

**BACKGROUND**

The West African Monetary (WAMI) has received a grant from the African Development Bank and the African Development Fund to finance the UNIQUE BANK IDENTIFICATION (UBI) AND DIGITAL INTEROPERABILITY PROJECT.

The principal objectives of the West African Monetary Zone (WAMZ) Unique Bank Identification (UBI) and Digital Interoperability project are to enhance financial sector efficiency, increase access to finance and foster greater regional Integration in the WAMZ. The WAMZ UBI project will entail the development of a KYC registry consisting of a database of customer unique identification numbers. The UBI number would be unique to each account holder with biometric features that can link the holder to all accounts owned or associated with them in the financial sector across the region. The project will seek to harmonize the customer identification framework across the region.

Item	Description	Contract Number/IFB Nos.
1.	Consultancy Services to conduct an initial GAP Analysis and produce, and disseminate the Draft Harmonized Framework (Working with the four participating countries but reviewing across the six WAMZ countries)	WAMI/AfDB/UBI/DPI/SERV/QCBS/01/23
2.	Consultancy Services with expertise in digital identity to assist and support the West African Monetary Institute to design and implement the Unique Bank Identification and Digital Interoperability Project for the financial sector of the WAMZ	WAMI/AfDB/UBI/DPI/SERV/QCBS/03/23

**SERVICES INCLUDED UNDER THIS ASSIGNMENT**

**Lot 1: Consultancy Services to conduct an initial GAP Analysis and produce, and disseminate the Draft Harmonized Framework**

The services included under this lot-1 are:

- to develop and disseminate a harmonized customer identification framework to support the UBI implementation in participating countries that aligns with existing national and regional regulations and ensures cross-border utilization of the UBI.
- To evaluate the current digital identity management framework in member states, conduct an initial gap analysis, and produce a draft harmonized customer identification framework.
- Dissemination of the approved customer identification framework and capacity building for key sector stakeholders. The Firm will be required to complete the assignment within twenty-four (24) months.

**Lot 2: Consultancy Services to assist and support the West African Monetary Institute to design and implement the Unique Bank Identification and Digital Interoperability Project**

The services included under this project are:

- To Design for each country, a UBI system architecture that incorporates findings from the in-country research and infrastructure mapping and aligned with regional interoperability guidelines.
- Design a regional UBI architecture that will ensure interoperability and effective cross-border usage of the UBI within the financial sector.
- Conduct workshops with technical stakeholders to validate requirements and gather feedback on proposed designs. The estimated duration of the contract is within three years.

The West African Monetary Institute now invites eligible consultancy firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc). Consultants may constitute joint ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

Eligibility criteria, the establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants" October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at [www.afdb.org](http://www.afdb.org).

Interested eligible firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday through Friday (excluding public holidays).

Expressions of interest (soft or hard copy) must be delivered to the address below on or before **28<sup>th</sup> August 2024** by 17:00 hours and marked: **WAMZ UNIQUE BANK IDENTIFICATION (UBI) AND DIGITAL INTEROPERABILITY (DI) PROJECT**

1. Consultancy Services to conduct an initial GAP Analysis and produce, and disseminate the Draft Harmonized Framework (WAMI/AFDB/UBI/DPI/SERV/QCBS/01/23)

**Or**

2. Consultancy Services with expertise in digital identity to assist and support the West African Monetary Institute to design and implement the Unique Bank Identification and Digital Interoperability Project for the financial sector of the WAMZ (WAMI/AFDB/UBI/DPI/SERV/QCBS/03/23)

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**Note: interested applicants are to contact the above address for the Terms of Reference (TOR) or visit WAMI website: <http://wami-imao.org>**