

# MULTINATIONAL: THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)



## STUDY FOR THE PRAIA-DAKAR-ABIDJAN TRANSPORT CORRIDOR PROJECT

### GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

1. The ECOWAS Commission has received a Grant from the New Partnership for Africa's Development Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility ("NEPAD- IPPF") with Africa Development Bank (AfDB) acting as administrator of grant funds towards the financing of the Study for the Praia-Dakar-Abidjan Transport Corridor Project. The proceeds of this Grant is intended to be used for procurement of services under the Study. The Study will be jointly financed by NEPAD-IPPF and the ECOWAS Commission.

2. The objective of the Praia-Dakar-Abidjan Transport Corridor Study is to improve the essential transport infrastructure and services with the view to support regional trade, regional integration, and economic development primarily. The Study involves two distinct components: **i) Study to determine an optimal alignment for the Dakar-Abidjan Highway.** This will incorporate sections of the existing alignment, where necessary, to ensure route optimization for a six-lane (3-lane dual) carriageway highway, approximately 3,164 kilometers, between Dakar and Abidjan via Banjul, Bissau, Conakry, Freetown and Monrovia to facilitate a future study toward the effective implementation and **ii) Financial, Socio-economic, Legal framework and management structuring studies including preparation of bidding documents for the Feasibility studies of Praia-Dakar maritime link.** This component covers a) financial and socio-economic analysis (economic analysis (CBA), financial analysis (in NPV terms), fiscal analysis, VFM analysis, Procurement strategy etc.); b) propose a management model for the maritime link, which will include institutional & legal feasibility analysis; c) proposing a schedule of implementation and a risk analysis; and d) Drafting bidding documents.

3. The Study has the following Components:

	COMPONENT NAME	COMPONENT DESCRIPTION
1	<u>Highway Alignment study</u>	The Highway Alignment study shall consist of: (i) an assessment of the corridor to illustrate the current state of the proposed road network considering the immediate and future plans by the member states to rehabilitate or construct sections of the highway on new alignments; and (ii) determining the optimal alignment using a multi-criteria approach in choosing between options of the route within each member state of the Dakar-Abidjan corridor for investment considerations. This criteria analysis will include an economic, environmental and social impacts and ballpark cost estimates.
2	<u>Financial, Socio-economic, Legal</u>	The studies shall include: (i) conducting a financial and socio-economic analysis (economic analysis (CBA), financial analysis (in NPV terms), fiscal

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<u>framework and management structuring studies including preparation of bidding documents for the Praia-Dakar maritime link</u>	analysis, VFM analysis, Procurement strategy etc.); (ii) propose a management model for the maritime link, which will include institutional & legal feasibility analysis; (iii) proposing a schedule of implementation and a risk analysis; and (iv) Drafting bidding documents for the implementation of the project.
3 <u>Financial Audits</u>	Financial auditing and reporting carried out by an independent private audit firm

4. Procurement of contracts financed by NEPAD-IPPF will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the African Development Bank Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations, dated October 2015. Solicitation documents are expected to be available **in May 2021.**

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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