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JOB AND TASK DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Consultants on Financing for Development Policy

Division: Economic Policy Division

Reports To: Head of Section: Finance and Development Policy

General Information

The Economic Policy Division (EPD) is responsible for the Secretariat's programmes on national and international economic issues. It plays a key role in helping to identify solutions to the economic problems affecting Commonwealth countries; in achieving an international consensus on these solutions; and in providing advice to governments on policy development.

The Finance and Development Policy (FDP) Section in EPD focuses on the financing for development (FFD) aspects of the division's work on economic development. FDP's programme promotes policies that will ensure the adequacy of the international financial and development architecture for facilitating growth and development. It also aims to advocate for policies which could potentially address the needs and vulnerabilities of the membership, particularly the developing country member states. To achieve these goals the Section undertakes a broad range of research and analysis, policy development activities, consensus building and advocacy to promote Commonwealth solutions for addressing FFD challenges. These activities cumulatively contribute to the Section's strategic goal of advancing Commonwealth principles and values in global development and financing decisions. In parallel, they also contribute to the Commonwealth's global advocacy targets and outcomes.

The Section's ability to facilitate consensus building and to advocate solutions is underpinned by the successful hosting of three key high-level forums: the annual Commonwealth Finance Ministers (CFMM) and Central Bank Governors Meetings; as well as the Commonwealth - G20 dialogue and associated policy outreach activities.

The Commonwealth is seeking to establish a pool of specialist expertise which it can quickly access. Consultants will be approached to undertake specific assignments as required. The pool will remain valid for two years.



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Job Summary

The consultant/s will play a key role in supporting the research and analysis and consensus building activities of the sections financing for development work programme.

In line with the Commonwealth Secretariat's Strategic Plan 2013/14 - 2016/17, the priority areas of finance and development policy work will include:

- Global macroeconomic developments and implications for development
- Global economic governance
- Financial regulation
- International taxation
- G20 workings and policy
- Debt sustainability
- Innovative finance for development
- Global partnership for development
- International and national public and private finance
- Development co-operation
- IFI financing policy

Tasks

The Consultant/s will be required to undertake short term assignments on the above areas of research and advocacy. Specifically, these tasks may include:

- Undertaking research and analysis (at times to a publication standard)
- Preparation of policy papers and policy briefs
- Presentation of papers and findings
- Presentation and facilitation of discussion at Commonwealth, International and expert meetings and conferences

Person Specification

Education

Essential

Post Graduate qualification in economics and/or finance.

Desirable

A specialisation in international economics and/or International Development Finance



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Experience

The following will be required:

1. Substantial post-graduate research/policy development experience in the field of economics and/or financing for development or any other relevant field;
2. Experience of working as a consultant/expert for international and/or regional organisations dealing with financing for development policy issues; and/or research institution;
3. Experience in undertaking analytical work for helping with effective policy formulation and impact assessment;
4. Sound understanding of financing for development issues and the functioning of the global development and financing architecture;
5. Demonstrable track record in publications and policy research on financing for development issues; and
6. Experience of making presentations on analytical work to policymakers.

Competencies:

Applicants should be able to demonstrate:

- Strong analytical and excellent drafting skills and presentation skills.
- Expert knowledge of recent developments in international economic issues; and/or financing for development; and/or knowledge of the international development system;
- Proven ability to think laterally and apply innovative thought to policy problems and to develop practical policy recommendations;

How to Apply:

Individual experts, think tanks, consultancy companies, academic and research institutions are encouraged to apply.

Interested individual candidates should apply with their detailed CVs indicating educational qualifications, experience of professional engagements as indicated above, and a list of relevant analytical work undertaken and publications.

Interested organisations and companies should submit a capability statement demonstrating the requisite experience required and should include CVs of experts who would work on assignments (CVs should cover educational qualifications, experience of professional engagements as indicated above, and a list of relevant analytical work undertaken and publications).