

Senior Technical Assistance Expert/Team Leader

Technical support (including on 'evaluations') to manage the Support Measures (Technical Assistance Component) for the Multiannual Indicative Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA MIP)

About the project

We are seeking an exceptional Senior Technical Assistance Expert/Team Leader for a four-year contract funded by the European Union: Technical support (including on 'evaluations') to manage the Support Measures (Technical Assistance Component) for the Multiannual Indicative Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA MIP).

The EU-funded Technical Cooperation Facility of the Support Measures constitutes part of a financial envelope in the Multiannual Indicative Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA MIP), which allows DG INTPA unit A.02 for Regional and Multi-Country Programmes for Africa, as well as other DG INTPA Units, EU Delegations (EUDs) and potentially other key stakeholders in Sub-Saharan Africa, to make use of technical assistance. Technical assistance is needed to translate through appropriate programme identification, formulation, and implementation of the political and strategic priorities formulated in the SSA MIP into concrete activities achieving the intended impact. Technical support is also needed for monitoring of actions and to implement evaluation services to assess the results achieved through the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (NDICI-GE) support, as well as stakeholder consultations, negotiations, policy dialogue and development related to the EU cooperation under the SSA MIP and its priorities.

The contract will provide technical assistance services for DG INTPA, EUDs and other key stakeholders in Sub-Saharan Africa. The service contract will cover the following activities:

- **Technical assistance** related to all phases of intervention cycle management (including identification, formulation and implementation) of actions (programmes/projects) implementing the SSA MIP, including in SSA MIP priority areas and components: Human Development; Democratic Governance, Peace and Security, Culture; Green Transition; Digital and Science, Technology and Innovation; Sustainable Growth and Decent Jobs; Migration and Forced Displacement; Support to Investment; and actions in countries in complex settings.
- **Primarily portfolio evaluations** should shed light on the relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of the portfolio of actions (programmes/projects) under observation and provide recommendations on possible improvements to implementation. Thereby, its findings will lay the ground for identification and formulation processes for upcoming actions as well as provide input to the next programming phase.
- **Other eligible requests for technical assistance**, such as support to dialogues, capacity development, coordination between the EU and its Member States with regards to joint implementation, public policy formulation, studies related to intervention cycle managements, and coordination with relevant entities (e.g. International Financing Institutions, Regional Economic Communities).

About the role

The anticipated contract start-date is 1 September 2025 with a contract duration of 48 months and the Key Experts will be based in Europe. The Senior Technical Assistance Expert/Team Leader should demonstrate the following experience:

Qualifications and skills

- A level of education corresponding to at least 5 years' completed university studies in Economics, Political science, Social science, Development Studies or a relevant, directly related discipline;
- Demonstrated excellent communications and negotiating skills;
- Excellent writing and oral presentation skills in English;
- Excellent leadership skills and proven successful experience in project coordination and team management;
- Experience in establishing good working relationships with a wide range of stakeholders at national and/or global levels. Experience related to Sub-Saharan Africa is an advantage;
- Coordination skills, such as ability to provide guidance and build a connected and informed team able to address all matters related to planning, delivery and sustainability of the services;
- Expertise in project management (including coordination, planning, note-taking and reporting, liaising with experts and stakeholder groups, drafting ToRs for the provision of short-term technical expertise and organising the selection of experts, assisting the experts in the organisation of events);
- Experience and knowledge of the financial and administrative requirements of EU contracts.

General professional experience

- At least 10 years of professional experience, covering identification, formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, programmes and projects in areas related to the SSA MIP priority areas or its components;
- At least 5 years' experience in strategic coordination related to the above professional skills.

Specific professional experience

- Demonstrable expertise in leading technical teams and programmes, and ensuring coherence with international partners and initiatives;
- Experience and knowledge of EU development policy, cooperation programmes and procedures.

How to apply

To express interest and learn more about the project, please send an up-to-date CV, preferably in EU format, to rashmi_crockford@landell-mills.com including your anticipated daily fee rate in EUR. Please send any queries regarding this role to the same email address. The deadline for applications is Friday 18 April 2025, but we're considering applications on a rolling basis and early application is encouraged.