

Terms of Reference

Development of a National Export and Investment Strategy (NEIS)

National Consultant

Assignment title	National Consultant for South Sudan NEIS
Duration:	Approximately 40 days over a period of six calendar months (with possibility of extension)
EOD:	ASAP
Duty station:	South Sudan

Background

The International Trade Centre (ITC) assists developing countries to take advantage of expanding trade opportunities in an increasingly complex global environment. ITC supports trade impact for good by promoting sustainable and inclusive development goals through trade, focusing on the needs of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), trade support institutions and policy makers.

The Research & Strategies for Export (RSE) Section of the International Trade Centre (ITC) is currently developing South Sudan's National Export and Investment Strategy.

The principal outputs of the National Trade Strategy will be:

- A national export and Investment strategy document, aggregating sectoral and cross-sectoral strategies, that is endorsed by both the public and private sectors, complete with detailed plan of action;
- A strengthened public-private sector dialogue platform for export development;
- A strategy management framework for monitoring implementation and refinement of the strategy as and when required;

To achieve this, ITC will retain the services of a consultant to gather and process relevant information and to assist ITC and national stakeholders to complete the export strategy.

Duties and Responsibilities

The consultant will work under the direct supervision of the Senior Officer RSE and in direct collaboration with the focal point appointed by the Ministry of Trade.

The Consultant will perform the following tasks:

1. Become fully familiar with ITC's export strategy design process and methodology.
2. Undertake a literature review of national programmes, plans, and policies germane to the domain of the NEIS for South Sudan and prepare short summaries in English as required.
3. Collect information and transcribe the inputs, and conclusions, resulting from the consultations of stakeholders, including the Core Team, the National Strategy Team (NST), and specialized work groups throughout the ES design and management process.
4. Conduct relevant research, based on ITC's methodology and provide inputs to the NST's consultations and the National Export and Investment Strategy document.

5. Under the guidance of the focal point, facilitate team consultation at specific points during the NEIS design exercise.
6. Assist in the drafting of the export strategy document (both national and sectoral) and the associated plans of action and implementation management framework.
7. Ensure consistency and quality control, of all documents for review and the endorsement of NST, ITC's technical team, and other stakeholders such as donors and policy-makers.
8. Maintain regular contact with ITC's RSE Section and submit brief monthly status reports highlighting progress made and challenges encountered.

Qualifications, competencies and experience required

The Consultant will:

- Have extensive, first-hand knowledge in trade- and export-related issues in South Sudan.
- Have a university degree in a relevant discipline (economics, international trade and/or business administration).
- Have proven working experience with developing countries in the area of export development, economic development, commerce, or other related fields;
- Be familiar with South Sudan's institutions and their activities;
- Have a minimum of 10 years of progressively responsible postgraduate professional work experience in relation with trade policies
- Have excellent communication skills and a good drafting ability, as well as the ability to present and explain technical issues at a non-technical level;
- Have good interpersonal skills and the ability to interact with senior representatives of both government and the private sector.

Language

The Consultant will be fluent in written and spoken English.

Nationality

The National Consultant has to be a national of South Sudan.

Contact

Interested candidates are invited to apply by sending their CV, example of an unedited single-authored text with graphs or tables to cmanguila@intracen.org with the subject "Consultancy application".

Selected candidates must submit their application to the Consultants Roster: <http://www.intracen.org/itc/about/working-with-itc/itc-careers/current-job-openings/>

Please note that only candidates considered for interviews will be notified.