



## **Employment Opportunity**

### **High Level Statistics Consultant to Perform Assessment of the National Statistical System**

To assist the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in the preparation of a National Statistics Development Strategy (NSDS), the government is seeking to engage a high level expert to conduct an independent and comprehensive assessment of the Bahamas' National Statistical System (NSS). The primary aim of the assessment is to establish the current state of affairs of the system and the identification of statistical development needs, while taking into consideration national development goals and priorities. The assessment will not only take stock of statistical gaps, but will also assess the overall capacity and readiness to address new and emerging statistical needs in The Bahamas.

#### **Job Summary**

The Consultant will conduct an assessment of the institutional, governance, managerial and strategic concerns in the NSS, including sector specific concerns (economic, social, environmental and multi-domain statistics) and statistical processes. This will be accomplished through the collection of primary data, desk review of administrative data, other relevant documents and, in collaboration with the Component Coordinator, the Project Implementation Unit and in consultation with the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), through regular consultation meetings with key stakeholders.

#### **Main Responsibilities**

- Submit a proposed assessment framework for the NSS and outline of the report.
- Co-organize and facilitate the conduct of consultation meetings with data producers (from various government ministries), users and other stakeholders in the NSS (i.e., private sector/business community, academia, media, civil society, development partners, etc.) as part of the assessment activities.
- Prepare a draft assessment report on the status of NSS institutions, the governance arrangements and overall management, including recommendations on strategic directions to improve/develop the statistical system in terms of data collection, processing, dissemination and communication; what data gaps to address and how; improvements in data quality in the NSS; addressing data user needs; capacity building and resource mobilization for sector statistics.
- Revise and finalize the NSS assessment report in collaboration with the Component Coordinator and in consultation with the IADB, and taking into consideration comments from key stakeholders. The final report should include recommendations to be considered in the preparation of the strategic statistical plan/NSDS and a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the findings of the assessment.
- Prepare the NSDS roadmap following an agreed outline; facilitate regular consultations with the Component Coordinator, PARIS21 Secretariat and IADB.
- Prepare and submit end-of-contract report containing Activities and outputs delivered; issues and challenges encountered; and recommendations for improving the NSS assessment process.

#### **Qualifications and Experience**

- Ph.D. (preferred) or Master's degree in statistics, economics or related fields or equivalent work experience.
- At least 15 years of work experience in official statistics, with in-depth knowledge of the work of national statistics offices (preferably in the Caribbean or Small Island Development States (SIDS), strategic planning on statistics, coordination of national statistical system, and statistical indicator systems, etc.
- Knowledge and/or experience in Bahamas statistical system or another similar SIDS country in the region.
- Knowledge of issues in official statistics and current developments in international statistical systems.
- Good analytical, writing, and presentation skills and fluent in reading, writing, and speaking English.

Qualified applicants must submit resumes electronically to the Project Manager at [tonyaadderley@bahamas.gov.bs](mailto:tonyaadderley@bahamas.gov.bs) on or before **April 4<sup>th</sup> 2017**