



## **INVITATION TO TENDER FOR CONSULTING FIRMS TO SUPPORT IN ENHANCING MALAWI'S EXPORT READINESS AND MARKET ACCESS UNDER AFCFTA**

### **Introduction**

**The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)** is one of the Flagship Projects of Agenda 2063 Africa's development frameworks. The AfCFTA was approved by the 18th ordinary Session of Assembly of Heads of State and Government, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2012 which adopted the decision to establish an African Continental Free Trade Area and the Action Plan for Boosting intra-African trade as a key initiative whose implementation would promote socio-economic growth development. The AfCFTA aims at accelerating intra-African trade and boosting Africa's trading position in the global market by strengthening Africa's common voice and policy space in global trade negotiations. The aim is to create a single continental market for goods and services, with free movement of businesspersons and investments. The AfCFTA is expected to have a significant impact on the trade and economic growth of African countries.

It is from this background that GIZ designed the AfCFTA Support Programme which aims to improve the framework conditions for the AfCFTA. The Programme follows a multilevel approach on the continental, regional and national level. At the national level, the project supports member States (mainly Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Niger, Malawi, Rwanda, Tunisia, Kenya, Zambia) by working with relevant national trade support institutions, like trade ministries and government agencies, to implement the agreement. The main areas of programme intervention are institutional support, trade in services, trade in goods, investment, competition policy, digital trade and women and youth as well as mainstreaming sustainability issues and stakeholder engagement.

### **Objective of the assignment**

GIZ AfCFTA Support Programme would like to publicly invite consulting firms to provide experts who will enhance the capacity of policy makers and private sector on AfCFTA under the following topics:

1. Trade and Market Access Expert
2. Capacity Building and Training Expert
3. Trade Logistics and Distribution Networks Expert
4. Research and Data Analyst

### **Mode of Submission and Submission Deadline**

Terms of references and other tender documents can be requested via the following email address: **ProcurementMW@giz.de ONLY!!**

Your technical & financial proposals should be submitted via email in 2 separate PDF formats to: **MW\_quotation@giz.de** by **10th April 2025, 16:30p.m.**

Failure to comply with any of the tender rules shall lead to disqualification.