



Republic of Kenya

Ministry of Industrialization,
Trade and Enterprise Development



STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE & ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR NOMINATION INTO THE INDICATIVE LIST OF PANELLISTS OF THE AfCFTA DISPUTE SETTLEMENT BODY

Article 20 of the Agreement Establishing the AfCFTA establishes a Dispute Settlement Mechanism which shall be administered by a Dispute Settlement Body (the “DSB”) established under Article 5 of the Protocol on Rules and Procedures on the Settlement of Disputes (the “Dispute Settlement Protocol”) to have oversight over the dispute settlement mechanism.

Article 10 (1) of the Protocol on Dispute Settlement requires AfCFTA Secretariat to establish and maintain an Indicative List of Panelists. Further, Article 10(2) provides that each State Party may nominate annually two (2) individuals to the Secretariat for inclusion in the Indicative List.

Duties and Responsibilities

- a. Adjudicate disputes where an amicable resolution to a dispute has not been achieved through consultations.
- b. Assist the DSB in discharging its responsibilities under the Agreement Establishing the AfCFTA
- c. Examine complaints and make assessments over compliance
- d. Determine whether the DSB should make recommendations and rulings on implementation.

Qualifications

For appointment into the Indicative List of panelists, a candidate must hold the following minimum qualifications:

- a. Holds a degree in a relevant discipline (Commerce, International Business, International Relations, Business Administration, Trade Law and Economics) from a recognized University;
- b. Have at least 5 years working experience in the relevant fields of International arbitration or International trade law, International Economic Law and other matters covered by the Agreement or the resolution of disputes under international agreement;

- c. Lawyers in private practice specializing in various aspects of trade law, particularly those who are experts in trade remedies, that is, those engaged in the areas of anti-dumping, safeguards and countervailing investigations are encouraged to apply.

In addition, applicants must demonstrate a high degree of professional competence, communication skills, fairness, good temperament, good judgment and commitment to public and community service.

Application Procedure:

- a. Candidates may submit manual (hand copy) or electronic (online) applications;
- b. All applications should be submitted together with detailed Curriculum Vitae, a copy of ID/Passport, copies of academic certificates, testimonials and any other relevant supporting documents;

Manual applications should be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked: “Applications for **NOMINATION INTO THE INDICATIVE LIST OF PANELLISTS**” by **22nd October, 2021** and delivered to;

THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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