

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: INDIVIDUAL FIELD RESEARCH SERVICES

The Nexus between Illicit Proliferation and Circulation of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SAWLs) and the Growing Threats of Terrorism and Violent Extremism in Africa.

Background

The African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT), Algiers is mandated to initiate and disseminate research studies and policy analyses periodically to sensitize Member States of the African Union on current trends in terrorism and violent extremism in Africa. This is with a view to building knowledge-based capacity for preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism around the continent.

In view of this, the Centre has allocated funds to conduct a research on **The Nexus between Illicit Proliferation and Circulation of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SAWLs) and the Growing Threats of Terrorism and Violent Extremism in Africa.**

Objectives

- 1) To determine the nexus between illicit proliferation and circulation of SALWs and the growing threat of terrorism and violent extremism in Africa.
- 2) To shed light on the illicit cross border circulation of SALWs and highlight linkages between terrorist groups and transnational organized crime networks engaged in smuggling and trafficking of weapons.
- 3) To identify gaps and good practices in existing legislation and enforcement of laws on issues related to illicit proliferation and circulation of SALWs at national level.

To this end, the ACSRT now invites Expression of Interest from eligible researchers to undertake the study above. Interested individuals should submit the following documents along with signed and sealed letter of Expression of Interest indicating their availability for at least 3 months:

- i. Detailed Resume,
- ii. List of verifiable previous experiences of similar study within the last three years,
- iii. Copies of certificates and diplomas,

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Submission of Expression of Interest

Electronic copy of the EOI in a readable Pdf file (in either English or French Language) must be received by email not later than **Monday, 15 August 2022 at 1500hours local time**. Late bid would be rejected.

All EOIs received would be evaluated based on individual's qualification and experience in field research works. Bidding document, including detail Terms of Reference (TOR) would be sent to short listed researchers that met our technical requirements for the final stage of the selection process.