



Central Bank of Nigeria

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY PROSPECTIVE TRAINERS OF OPERATORS, NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND SUPERVISORS OF MICROFINANCE BANKS (MFBs) IN NIGERIA

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) in collaboration with the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) is establishing a Microfinance Certification Programme for Operators, Non-Executive Directors and Supervisors of Microfinance Banks in Nigeria. In pursuance of this objective, the Bank hereby invites applications from suitably qualified training service providers or tertiary educational institutions to provide microfinance training under the certification programme.

OBJECTIVE

The main objective of the Microfinance Certification Programme is to enhance knowledge base and impart microfinance skills and competencies on a sustainable basis in the fledgling microfinance sub-sector, thereby creating a critical mass of knowledgeable and highly skilled operators required to develop and drive the nascent microfinance banks towards the achievement of the policy objectives of expanding access to finance, empowerment of the poor and the low-income groups, employment generation and economic development.

SCOPE

Prospective Microfinance Training Service Providers (MTSPs) will be selected based on the under listed criteria and all successful MTSPs will be required to undergo a train-the-trainer (TOT) programme. The successful training organizations will subsequently be required to provide structured training across the country, based on the approved curricula for the certification programme. Thus, the successful and accredited training organizations will deploy their training facilities and their accredited faculty members to properly administer the content of the various modules in the certification programme before the participants sit for the examination to

be administered and certified by the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN) twice a year at the end of each training period. In order to bring the training closer to the operators, the MTSPs are expected to be spread across the six geo-political zones.

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

General Requirements

1. Evidence of registration with Corporate Affairs Commission, where applicable.
2. Comprehensive company profile including track record of relevant trainings previously provided, registered office address, functional contact e-mail address, mobile phone number(s) and facsimile number(s).
3. Curricula Vitae of at least four (4) faculty members.

Specific Requirements

Institutional Criteria

1. Must be a recognized training outfit or tertiary educational institution.
2. Must have a training centre to comfortably accommodate at least 50 participants at a sitting and standard training aids.
3. Must have in its employment at least four faculty members with proven track record of banking and related industry training experience.

Faculty Members' Criteria

1. Minimum of first degree from a recognized university (Masters and Doctorate degrees or other professional qualifications will be an added advantage).
2. Must have at least five years post qualification training experience in banking operations and management.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Applications or Expression of Interest should be accompanied by a non-refundable commitment fee of ₦100,000 in bank draft in favour of the Central Bank of Nigeria with the above listed document(s)/information enclosed in a wax-sealed envelop boldly marked at the top left corner:

"Expression of Interest to Train Operators, Non-Executive Directors and Supervisors of MFBS in Nigeria" (Ref: CBN/OFID/CERT/001)" and addressed to:

The Coordinator,
Microfinance Certification Programme Coordinating Unit,
Other Financial Institutions Department,
6th Floor, Wing A
Central Bank of Nigeria
Corporate Head Office,
Central Business District, Abuja

OR

The Coordinator,
Microfinance Certification Programme Coordinating Unit,
Other Financial Institutions Department,
9th Floor, Central Bank of Nigeria,
Tinubu Square,
Lagos.

CLOSING DATE

Applications or the expression of interest must be received not later than 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 27th February, 2009 at any of the two addresses above.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- *Nothing in this publication shall be construed to be a commitment on the part of the CBN.*
- *Only the successful organizations shall be formally notified and their names posted to the CBN website (www.cenbank.org).*

Signed

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