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FIELD VACANCY NOTICE

Title: International ICT Regulatory Expert specialised on Universal Access and Service	Type of appointment: P – 5 (International)	Post number (Ref.): HIPSSA/SA-2.2.2/INT (d)
Country: TBD	Duration of appointment: 20 working days	Deadline for application: March 1 st
Duty station: TBD	Date of commencement: March 8 th	Applications from women are encouraged

Duties:

Introduction

This ITU-EC joint project for “Harmonisation of ICT Policies in Sub-Sahara Africa” (HIPSSA) is building on the experienced gained with a pilot project funded by European Commission (EC) and ITU that led to the adoption of Additional Acts for telecommunications to the ECOWAS Treaty. It aims at developing and promoting harmonized policies and regulatory guidelines for the ICT market as well as building human and institutional capacity in the field of ICT through a range of targeted training, education and knowledge sharing measures. This project will result in the creation of harmonized regional and national policy, legal and regulatory frameworks conducive to significant investments in the ICT infrastructures and services.

For this activity, two teams will be set up. The first team will be responsible for reviewing and updating the existing Policy Guidelines on Universal Service and Access in SADC. The second team will be responsible for developing a regional Toolkit on Best Practices using Universal Access and Service Funds.

The expert will work under

- the supervision of the ITU-EC Project Manager for Harmonization of ICT Policies in ACP countries, the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Secretariat and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GTZ) (implementation organization for German Technical Cooperation),
- the direction of ITU-EC HIPSSA Project Coordinator and the Communications Regulators Association of Southern Africa’s (CRASA) Secretariat.
- in close collaboration with the ITU-D Regulatory and Market Environment (RME), the ITU Regional Office for Africa (ROA) including the ITU Area Office for Southern Africa (AO-SA) and as well as the members of the corresponding CRASA Universal Service Committee and CRASA Secretariat.

Detailed description of duties

The international expert will lead the second team and work in collaboration with a regional expert (cf. JD HIPSSA/2.2.2/REG) under the coordination of a senior international expert (cf. JD HIPSSA/SA-2.2.1/INT).

The expert will be primarily responsible for developing a regional Toolkit on Best Practices using Universal Access and Service Funds to guide SADC Member States when managing and funding universal access projects and universal service providers.

The development of this regulatory guideline shall be undertaken as follow :

1. Assessment

1.1. At regional level, the international expert shall

- 1.1.1. conduct a review of past and current regional frameworks for Universal Access and Service Funds (UA/SF) administration and regional assessments of national Universal Access and Service (UA/S) implementation strategies including among others FTRA 2009 Recommendations (Sepulveda).
- 1.1.2. conduct a comparative analysis of these regional frameworks highlighting their respective strengths and weaknesses. The expert shall summarize the results of this comparative analysis in a table.
- 1.1.3. compile and supplement past regional assessment in order to have an exhaustive benchmark of national achievements related to UA/S in Africa.

- 1.2. At international level, the international expert shall
 - 1.2.1. conduct a review of all international references and best practices in terms of UA/S implementation and UA/SF administration with some examples from the four continents that were not cover by point 1
 - 1.2.2. conduct a comparative analysis of these international references and best practices. The expert shall summarize the results of this comparative analysis in a table.
- 1.3. The collection of these documents will be facilitated by the ITU/HIPSSA team with the support of SADC and CRASA Secretariats.
- 1.4. The international expert shall define a common analysis framework to compare national, regional and international acts and communicate it to the regional expert (cf. HIPSSA/SA-2.2.2/REG). This common framework shall facilitate the reading side-by-side of their respective summary tables.
- 1.5. The expert shall prepare a slides presentation of the above reviews, assessments and comparative analyses.

2. Drafting

- 2.1. The expert will develop draft best practices taking into account the results and outcome of the assessment work at national (cf. JD HIPSSA/SA-2.2.2/REG).and regional levels and international best practices.
- 2.2. The draft best practices shall be submitted for preliminary comments to the CRASA Specialized Committee's or Task Team's members through the SADC Secretariat.
- 2.3. The expert will then revise the draft proposal based on these comments and taking into account the ones provided by the regional expert (cf. JD HIPSSA/SA-2.2.2/REG).

(Note: The final draft shall be presented and reviewed during a CRASA Specialized Committee's or Task Team's meeting in preparation of SADC ICT Ministers Conference during the 2nd quarter of 2010. Additional Terms of reference will be provided for these future steps.)

Concrete deliverables [Planned starting date is March 8th]:

1. Assessment and comparative study reports of regional Universal Access and Service implementation strategies and corresponding presentations to be delivered by 23 March 2010.
2. Assessment and comparative study reports of international references of UA/S implementation best practices and corresponding presentations shall be delivered by 23 March 2010.
3. Initial draft of best practices shall be delivered by 1 April 2010.
4. Revised draft of best practices and related presentation shall be delivered by 7 April 2010.

(Note: the copyright for all documents produced under the project shall be vested with ITU, CRASA and SADC.)

Languages:

Excellent command of English. Outstanding written communications skills. Knowledge of another SADC official language (French and/or Portuguese) is an advantage.

Qualifications and Experience:

1. Advanced university degree in economics, law, international law, ICT law or relevant fields, OR education in a reputed college of advanced education with a diploma of equivalent standard to that of an advanced university degree in one of the above-mentioned fields.
2. At least 10 years of progressively responsible experience in the field of Universal Access and Service implementation as well communication network planning and deployment as relevant to the post.

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EMOLUMENTS:

		Base Salary	
<i>Special Service Agreement</i>	per calendar day	US\$	} +Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)
<i>Short-term</i>	per annum	US\$	} paid in local currency at prevailing UN rate
<i>Intermediate-term (with dependents)</i>	per annum	US\$	+US\$ {Post
<i>Intermediate-term (single)</i>	per annum	US\$	+US\$ {Adjustment

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