



ITU-EC Project

Harmonized ICT Policies in the ACP countries

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Support for Harmonization of the ICT Policies in Sub-Sahara Africa

Call for application n° HIPSSA/SA-1/REG (d)

Title : Regional ICT Policy, Legal and Regulatory Expert

Type of contract: Work at home

Starting date : 25 January 2010

Ending date: 20 February 2010

The remuneration offered cannot be higher than 340 USD per working day for an International P-5. Both base salary adjustment and DSA are based on location and subject to variation. For detailed information, please refer to conditions of employment for ITU technical assistance project personnel.

Description of 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.

Description of duties

The expert will work under the supervision of the ITU-EC Project Manager for Harmonization of ICT Policies in ACP countries, the direction of ITU-EC HIPSSA Project Coordinator and in close collaboration with the SADC Secretariat. The expert will also liaise as needed with ITU-D Regulatory and Market Environment Unit (RME) and the Human Capacity Building (HCB) Division of the BDT and the ITU Regional Office for Africa (ROA) including the ITU Area Office for Southern Africa (AO-SA).

Under the SADC guidance the Expert may, in process of his/her work, consult the stakeholders such as CRASA (Communications Regulatory Authority of Southern Africa) and SATA (Southern Africa Telecommunications Operator's Association) among others.

The regional expert will be part of a team coordinated by a senior international expert (cf. JD HIPSSA/SA-1/INT) and including a senior regional expert (cf. JD HIPSSA/SA-1/SRG).

The team will be responsible for reviewing and updating the following documents (or drafting a new set)

1. relevant Chapters of the SADC Protocol on Transport, Communications and Meteorology (1997),
2. Telecommunications Policies for SADC (June 1998) and
3. Telecommunications Bill Model for SADC (June 1998),

hereafter the "existing SADC ICT Policy and Legal Framework". The team will be responsible for drafting

4. SADC Policy Framework on Convergence.

This policy document shall provide guidelines for SADC Member States to address challenges of convergence and support them in taking full benefit of the related technology and market evolutions.

This set of four documents is hereafter referred to as the "updated SADC ICT Policy and Legal Framework".

The expert's duties covers:

a. Assessment of SADC ICT Policy and Legal Framework:

1. The expert will conduct interviews of key stakeholders in collaboration the senior international expert and will co-draft an interview's report with the senior international expert (cf. JD HIPSSA/SA-1/INT).
2. The expert will be responsible for completing the collection of all SADC Member States' ICT Policy and Legal documents (like national ICT Strategy or Telecoms Act) supplementing the ones registered with the ITU's ICT Eye and guaranteeing it is exhaustive.
3. The expert will prepare an overview of all current national Policy and Legal Framework and identify best practices in an Assessment Report.
4. The expert will submit it to the senior regional expert for comments and communicate to the senior international expert a revised version of the documents taking into account the received comments (cf. HIPSSA/SA-1/SRG).
5. The expert will review and comment the associated presentation materials (presentations of interviews and assessment reports and the list of broad evolutions and specific changes as well as explanatory notes). Written comments will be provided in the document.

b. Comment on updated SADC ICT Policy and Legal Framework:

1. The expert will review, discuss and comment the draft documents of the updated SADC ICT Policy and Legal Framework and associated explanatory notes prepared by the senior international expert (cf. JD HIPSSA/SA-1/INT) in order to ensure that the regional concerns are appropriately reflected. Written comments shall be provided in the documents.

The final draft documents shall be presented and reviewed during a consultative SADC 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

1. Draft interviews and assessment reports taking by 8 January 2010.
2. Final version of the above reports taking into consideration discussions and comments by senior international and senior regional expert by 13 January 2010;
3. Comments on the draft of the four documents (amended SADC Protocol on Transport, Communication and Meteorology, new SADC Policy Framework on Convergence, new SADC Regional Policy on ICT and new SADC ICT Model Bill) as well as on each related explanatory note shall be delivered by 25 January 2010.
(Note: the copyright for all documents produced under the project shall be vested with ITU and SADC.)

Qualifications and experience

1. Advanced university degree in 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 service and access, relevant to the post.

Languages

Excellent command of English. Outstanding written communications skills. Knowledge of other SADC official languages (French and Portuguese) will be an added advantage.

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