



## 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/WA-1/FREQ**

<b>Title</b>	Senior Expert in spectrum management
<b>Country</b>	Liberia
<b>Duty Station</b>	Monrovia
<b>Type of contract:</b>	Special Service Agreement (SSA) for a lumpsum
<b>Starting date</b>	<u>15 February 2010</u>
<b>Ending date</b>	<u>30 May 2010</u>
<b>Duration of appointment</b>	10 working days at home and 4 working days in Monrovia
<b>Payment</b>	Lumpsum for work at home and on site plus travel expenses (air travel and perdiem)
<i>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.</i>	

#### **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.

In Liberia there is strong competition in the communications market, operated by GSM operators. Some years after authorization of an important number of GSM licenses, the Government decided to reduce the number of licenses taking into account the market size and inability of some of the operators to start the service. In addition, the lack of a fixed network for the country created a situation of non authorized use of frequencies the regulatory body, LTA, had no tools to control.

The new appointed Commissioners of LTA decided to request ITU to assist the Government in putting in place mechanisms for management, monitoring and control of the spectrum of frequency in Liberia.

In the meantime the Government of Liberia is also completing the transposition into national legislation of the six ECOWAS Supplementary Acts signed by the Head of States of the Community on 19 January 2007. The deadline for such transposition is end of February 2010. Taking into account such deadline Liberia Government has decided to prioritize the ITU assistance for the transposition of the Supplementary Act related to radio frequency management.

The objective of this Assistance is to provide Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) and the Government guidance on the development in legal and technical provisions in regulation and implementation of rules and procedures for frequency management and monitoring which will primarily focus on the creation/updating of a legal framework, ensuring the transposition of the ECOWAS Supplementary Acts A/SA.5/01/07 on management of radio-frequency spectrum into the national legislation.

## Description of duties

The consultant will work

1. under the supervision of the Head of ITU Regional Office for Africa
2. under the direction of the ITU Area Representative in Dakar and
3. in close collaboration with
  - a. designated national counterparts from Liberia Telecommunications Authority,
  - b. national Authorities of Liberia,
  - c. the ITU-EC Project Manager for harmonization of ICT policies in ACP countries and HIPSSA Project Coordinator,
  - d. the ITU-D Regulatory Environment and Market (RME) and Technology and Network Development (TND) units and
  - e. ECOWAS Commission's officers in charge of telecommunications and ICT.

### **1. Work at home**

- 1.1. Collect from national counterparts designated by Liberia Telecommunications Authority (i) the existing legislation, and rules for frequency management prevailing in Liberia, in particular for licensing, monitoring and invoicing and from ITU the ECOWAS Supplementary Act A/SA.5/01/07 signed on 19 January 2007.
- 1.2. Analyse the ECOWAS Supplementary Act A/SA.5/01/07 signed on 19 January 2007;
- 1.3. Analyse existing legislation, and rules for frequency management prevailing in Liberia, in particular for licensing, monitoring and invoicing;
- 1.4. Compare the existing legislation in Frequency management with the ECOWAS Supplementary Act A/SA.5/01/07;
- 1.5. Prepare proposals for amendment of existing legislation based on the above indicated comparison in collaboration with stakeholders including, but not restricted to, members of the National Transposition Task Force or Committee, as defined by ECOWAS ICT Ministers Meeting in Dakar in 2007.
- 1.6. Share the proposals for amendment with the national counterparts in order to seek their comments. The consultant will then revise the draft proposal and incorporate the comments and suggestions in the draft that will be presented, discussed and reviewed during the work in Liberia (see hereafter)

### **2. Work in Liberia**

- 2.1. Present and discuss with members of the National Transposition Task Force or Committee including Liberia Authorities and stakeholders the proposals for amendment of existing legislation based on the above indicated comparison during a validation workshop;
- 2.2. Incorporate in the above proposal any other provisions/procedures which results from discussions with members of the National Transposition Task Force or Committee including Liberia Authorities and stakeholders
- 2.3. Recommend a final draft legislation for adoption to meet the requirements of the ECOWAS Supplementary Act A/SA.5/01/07 signed on 19 January 2007;
- 2.4. Provide recommendations for setting up any other provisions/procedures on frequency management, licensing, and monitoring of frequencies based on best practices;
- 2.5. Perform any other task required by the mission and approved by ITU/BDT.

## Concrete deliverables

1. A report including an executive summary on radio frequency management complying with the template provided focusing on issues that should be taken into account when revising Liberia Legal Framework to meet the requirements of ECOWAS Supplementary Act A/SA2/01/07 including:
  - an assessment of the existing legislation
  - a presentation of international and regional best practices
  - recommendations based on the above best practices for setting up best in class procedures on frequency management, licensing, and monitoring of frequencies;
2. A first draft at the end of the work at home legislation for adoption to meet the requirements of the ECOWAS

Supplementary Act A/SA.5/01/07 signed on 19 January 2007;

3. Final draft legislation for adoption to meet the requirements of the ECOWAS Supplementary Act A/SA.5/01/07 signed on 19 January 2007 at the end of the work in Liberia;
4. A comparison table showing the existing legislation, the requirements of the ECOWAS supplementary Act A/SA.5/01/07 and the new proposals for amendment of existing legislation or creation of new legislation and procedures.

### **Qualifications and experience**

1. University degree or diploma in telecommunications, economics or finances (minimum 3 to 4 years' advanced studies beyond secondary school) with specialization in telecommunication or an equivalent level of education and specialization in the field relevant to the post.
2. At least 10 years of experience in management of the radio spectrum. Working experience with international telecommunications agencies or bodies is an advantage.

### **Languages**

Excellent command of English. Outstanding written communications skills.

***Please address applications, quoting above reference , to:***

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***with your Personal History File (PHF) and a short written proposal to the following email address:***

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