



ITU-EC Project

Harmonized ICT Policies in ACP countries

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

Call for application n° HIPSSA/WA-5.2.1/REG (d)

Title:	Senior ICT Regulatory Expert specialised on Open Access and Licensing
Country:	Preferably WATRA member countries and/or HIPSSA beneficiary countries
Duty Station:	Work at home and field mission to workshop's location
Type of contract:	Special Service Agreement (SSA)
Starting date:	26 April 2010
Ending date:	30 May 2010
Duration of appointment:	10 working days within above stated period
Payment:	Lumpsum for work at home and on site plus travel expenses (air travel and perdiem)

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 Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission and the German technical cooperation, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ),
- the direction of the ITU-EC HIPSSA Project Coordinator and the West African Telecommunications Regulators Assembly's (WATRA) Executive Secretary and the Head of Sector Project ICT for Development at GTZ.
- 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 West Africa (AO-WA) and as well as the members of the WATRA Ad-Hoc Working Group on submarine cables regulation.

The regional expert will be part of a team and work in collaboration with one international expert. The team will be responsible for developing regulatory Guidelines on Open Access to Submarine Cables (hereunder "the Guidelines") and associated Licensing and Interconnection Framework in West Africa (hereunder "the Framework") to guide ECOWAS and WATRA Member States to harness the benefits for consumers of broader access to international bandwidth at affordable prices. The team is coordinated by the International expert (cf. JD HIPSSA/SA-5.2.1/INT).

The Guidelines shall define a set of regulatory principles, conditions and objectives that secure access at a reasonable price to submarine cable infrastructures in the sub-region. The Framework shall compile a set of regulatory measures that include but are not limited to a template regional licence, a reference interconnection offer template and regional cost benchmarks. The regulatory measures shall be relevant to and seek to leverage the regional scope of the Framework.

The documents shall take into account the provisions of ECOWAS Supplementary Acts on Telecommunications and cover the following topics:

1. Access to submarine cables and
2. Access to landing stations by
 - 2.1. Submarine cable operators and
 - 2.2. Nationally licensed network operators.
3. Access to landing stations via
 - 3.1. own infrastructure taking into account right of way
 - 3.2. capacity services provided by third party through backhaul/backbone infrastructure

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

1. Assessment

- 1.1. At national level, the regional expert shall
 - 1.1.1. Conduct a review of ECOWAS/WATRA member states' national policies, legislations and regulations (adopted or under preparation, being drafted or pending adoption) related Open Access provisions (including licensing interconnection and wholesales issues).
 - 1.1.2. Conduct a comparative analysis, using the above structure of these national policies, legislations and regulations
 - 1.1.2.1. highlighting their similarities and differences, respective strengths and weaknesses and
 - 1.1.2.2. their degree of alignment with NEPAD Protocol on Policy and Regulatory Framework.
 - 1.1.2.3. the results of this comparative analysis shall be summarized by the expert into tables.
 - 1.1.3. and identify best practices within the ECOWAS/WATRA region regarding the different cases identified above.
- 1.2. The expert shall use presentations and outputs of the GTZ/WATRA Workshop on regulation of submarine cables held in Accra (Ghana) on 17 and 18 November 2009 as inputs and to orientation to its work.
- 1.3. The collection of these documents will be facilitated by the ITU/HIPSSA team with the support of ECOWAS Commission, WATRA Secretariat and WATRA Ad-Hoc Working Group.
- 1.4. The expert will received indications from the international expert regarding a common analysis framework to compare national, regional and international acts (cf. HIPSSA/WA-5.2.1/INT). 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 review and comparative analysis.

2. Drafting

- 2.1. The expert will discuss, review and comment the draft guideline and framework as well as the corresponding explanatory notes prepared by the Senior International Expert (cf. JD HIPSSA/SA-5.2.1/INT) in order to ensure that the regional concerns are appropriately reflected. Written comments shall be provided in the documents.
- 2.2. These first drafts shall be presented and reviewed during a WATRA Ad-Hoc Working Group's meeting before being submitted to ECOWAS Commission and ECOWAS ICT Ministers Conference. Additional terms of reference will be provided for these future steps.

(Note: These drafts shall be presented and reviewed during a WATRA Ad-Hoc Working Group's meeting and further submitted to public consultation. Once adopted by WATRA, the documents could be submitted to ECOWAS Commission for consideration in the view of having them presented to the ECOWAS ICT Ministers Conference for adoption. Additional terms of reference will be provided for these future steps)

Concrete deliverables:

1. Assessment and comparative study reports of ECOWAS/WATRA Member States national policies, legislations and

regulations and corresponding presentations shall be delivered by **Monday 10 May 2010**.

2. Comments on the draft guideline and framework as well as the related explanatory notes shall be delivered by **Monday 24 May 2010**.

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

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 Open Access, Licensing and Interconnection relevant to the post.

Languages:

Excellent command of English and French. Outstanding written communications skills. Knowledge of Portuguese, another ECOWAS official language, is an advantage.

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