



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**Country: ECOWAS**

**Fund: ECOWAS**

**Ref: ECW/DIGITALISATION/01/07-2024/ms/om**

**Assignment Title: recruitment of an individual consultant for the Development of a Regional Open Data Instrument**

The ECOWAS Commission has made provision in its 2024 budget to cover the costs relating to the above-mentioned mission.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include support *to develop a normative act that establishes common goals for ECOWAS member states. These goals aim to increase the availability of public sector data available by promoting and stimulating the use of open data, and to facilitate the implementation of specific measures at the national level. These measures are designed to accelerate the development of e-applications and foster innovation.*

The implementation period is 4 months renewable. The estimated start date is October 2024.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: [https://www.ecowas.int/procurement/procurement\\_m/intellectual-services/](https://www.ecowas.int/procurement/procurement_m/intellectual-services/)

The ECOWAS Commission now invites eligible individual Consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Each experience or qualification must be justified by a certificate of completion, a work certificate, a copy of a contract, etc. **Applications that fail to submit supporting documents as requested will be rejected.**

The selection criteria are:

### **Qualifications and skills**

- Must hold at least a Master's degree in law (public law or international law);
- Must have wide-ranging knowledge of digital economy legislation and in particular the legal framework relating to data governance (support with evidence);
- Must have wide knowledge of digital economy in the countries of the ECOWAS region (support with evidence);
- Must have organisational skills;
- Must have excellent capacity for analysis and synthesis and reports writing skills;
- Must have mastery of one out of the three official ECOWAS languages (English, French and Portuguese) and speak one of the other two languages.

**General professional experience**

- Must have at least ten (10) years’ work experience including five (05) year in digital matters (support with evidence);
- Experience in data will be valued (support with evidence)

**Specific professional experience**

- Must have experience in drafting normative texts;
- Must participate in the last (5) years in one (1) similar directive development assignment relating to digital affairs in a similar structure as ECOWAS as team leader (support with evidence).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section IV, paragraphs 1 to 5 of article 118 of the “ECOWAS Procurement Code”, September 2021 setting forth the ECOWAS policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Individual Consultant Selection method (IC)** set out in the ECOWAS Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 am to 4:00 pm (UT+1) Nigerian time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail by **1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 at 12 noon (UT+1) Nigerian Time.**

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