



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Title of the mission: Finalization of the legal and regulatory framework to govern the digital economy sector in West Africa.

Country: Nigeria

Name of project: Western Africa Regional Digital Integration Program (WARDIP)

Grant No.: E264-3W

Reference No.: NG-WARDIP-ECOWAS-437342-CS-CQS

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS Commission) has received financing from the World Bank toward the implementation of the **Western Africa Regional Digital Integration Program (WARDIP)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the finalization of the new legal and regulatory framework to govern the digital economy sector in West Africa, while integrating of contributions from the different Member States and ensure that the draft legislation is updated to reflect new advances in the sector.

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/

ECOWAS Commission now invites eligible firms (“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. **The qualifications and relevant experience of the consultants must be supported by documents such as copies of contracts, certificates of good performance, etc. The absence of supporting documents is eliminatory.**

The evaluation criteria are:

- The firm must have general experience in carrying out studies related to digital economy policy research, strategy or regulation formulation within the last five (5) years.
- The firm must demonstrate that they have carried out at least two (2) similar assignments related to the development of a legal and regulatory framework for the digital economy at the national or regional level during the last five (5) years.
- At least one (1) of these similar assignments must have been carried out in Africa.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Consultant’s Qualifications based Selection** set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the email addresses below during office hours *0900 to 1700 hours Nigerian Time*.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the addresses below by e-mail by **16 September 2024 at 12 noon Nigerian Time (GMT+1)**.

ECOWAS Commission

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