

Call for Expression of Interest: Policy Analysis – Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda

The Collaboration on International ICT Policy in East and Southern Africa (CIPESA, www.cipesa.org) is seeking Consultants to study how current Information and Communications Technologies (ICT)-related policies and practices affect democratic governance in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. The study is in the context of the ICT4Democracy in East Africa Network (www.ict4democracy.org), which aims to encourage collaboration between democracy actors in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania with a view to catalysing the role ICT can play in enhancing civic engagement and improving governance. The outcomes of the study will inform awareness raising initiatives and advocacy for more progressive policies and practices on ICTs in governance and civic participation in the three countries.

Scope

The Consultants shall review government and non-government ICT initiatives in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda and examine how ICT-related policies and other legislation affect citizen participation and democratic governance. Among others, the study should cover the following:

- ICTs and political participation
- ICTs and social accountability
- ICTs and public services delivery
- ICTs and citizen engagement
- Open Data
- ICTs and Gender
- ICTs and youth
- Infrastructure and services development (including rural access funds)

Suggested Methods

- Literature reviews
- Policy analysis
- Overview of Web portal/ICT based tools

Deliverables

For each country, a narrative report not exceeding 20 pages should be prepared. The report should be of a critical and analytical nature.

Qualifications and experience required

- Excellent command of the English language
- Extensive knowledge of the African ICT sector and its role in development and governance.
- Experience in analysing ICT policies.
- A second degree in a relevant discipline
- Proven experience in undertaking research in the ICT4D field
- Ability to produce well-written reports in a plain and approachable text, demonstrating excellent analytical and communication skills

- A minimum of five years professional work experience

Duration of Assignment

The consultant will be hired for an initial period of one month starting May 2014.

To apply

Expressions of interest including a detailed CV, samples of similar work done, proposed methodology, the timeline for delivery, and proposed remuneration for the consultancy should be submitted in English to programmes@cipesa.org.

Proposals should also state which country or countries the applicant is interested in studying. Preference will be given to consultants based in each target country.

The deadline for submissions is 18.00hrs East African Time (EAT) on Monday April 28, 2014.

About CIPESA

The Collaboration on International ICT Policy in East and Southern Africa (CIPESA) is a thought leader in the area of research and analysis of policy and information related to Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs). CIPESA's work explores the meeting points and opportunities of the effective use of ICTs in support of development and good governance.

CIPESA is based in Kampala and works across East and Southern Africa in collaboration with networks, individuals and organisations in the private sector, government, academic and civil society.