

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

COUNTRY: SIERRA LEONE

DIGITAL INNOVATION FOR GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND SECTOR TRANSFORMATION (DIGEST)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR OPERATIONS & MEDIA (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Country: Sierra Leone

Project: Digital Innovation for Government Efficiency and Sector Transformation (DIGEST)

Sector: Governance / ICT

Project ID: P-SL-GB0-003

Grant No.: 5900155019311

1. Background

The Government of Sierra Leone has received financing from the African Development Bank Group toward the cost of the Digital Innovation for Government Efficiency and Sector Transformation (DIGEST) Project and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for **Consultancy Services – Business Development and Investment Advisory Services (Individual Consultant)**.

The services included under this project/activity are:

- Develop and maintain a pipeline of digital enterprises, investment opportunities and strategic partnerships aligned with DIGEST priorities.
- Support the investment readiness of selected startups and SMEs, including business-model refinement, investor materials and access-to-finance pathways.
- Map and engage relevant investors, development partners, corporates, ecosystem actors and potential strategic partners.
- Advise on business-development and partnership approaches for Felel Tech City and the operationalisation of the Sierra Leone Innovation Investment Fund (SLIIF).
- Support the preparation of investment briefs, partnership concept notes, pitch materials and other business-development documentation.
- Facilitate targeted investor, partner and ecosystem engagements; document agreed actions and follow up on partnership opportunities.
- Provide periodic progress reports, including pipeline status, opportunities secured, constraints and recommendations for the Project.

The assignment is expected to be completed within eight (8) months from the date of contract commencement.

The Ministry of Communication, Technology and Innovation (MoCTI), now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's ***"Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants"*** (2008, revised 2012), which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below no later than 1st September 2026 at 5:00 P.M and mention "**Consultancy Services – Business Development and Investment Advisory Services**".

Please respond to:

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