

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

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Country: Republic of Sierra Leone

Name of Project: Sierra Leone Digital Transformation Project

Consulting Services: Recruitment of a Consultant for the Review for the Cybersecurity and Crime Act 2021 and Development of Governance and Regulatory Framework

Reference No: XXXXXXXXX

I. Introduction

The Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) has committed to transforming its economy based on a more inclusive and human-centric digital growth and development approach. A high-level vision for the digital economy is articulated in the new National Digital Development Policy (NDDP), which was approved by the Cabinet in December 2021 setting the GoSL's vision to transform Sierra Leone into an inclusive digital economy and society and to leverage digital technology to support the GoSL to deliver on its national development plan effectively and efficiently. The Sierra Leone Digital Transformation Project (SLDTP) aims to expand access to broadband internet, increase digital skills and improve government capacity to deliver public services digitally. The project will support the development of a strong enabling environment for the nation's digital transformation and digital development agenda as articulated in the National Digital Development Strategy.

II. Objectives

The overall objective of this assignment is to undertake a comprehensive, evidence-based assessment of the Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Act, 2021 and the evolving national cyber landscape, and to develop a future-ready governance, legal, and regulatory framework that enables effective coordination, enforcement, collaboration, and resilience in Sierra Leone's cyberspace.

The assignment will support the Government to ensure that its cybersecurity and cybercrime framework is coherent, adaptive, enforceable, aligned with international best practices, and responsive to emerging technologies and threats.

Specifically, the consultant will:

- Conduct a thorough legal, regulatory, and institutional assessment of the Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Act, 2021 to determine its adequacy, relevance, effectiveness, and enforceability in addressing current and emerging cyber risks, cyber-enabled crimes, and digital vulnerabilities.
- Evaluate the coherence, alignment, and interoperability of existing policies, regulations, strategies, institutional mandates, and operational arrangements governing cybersecurity, cybercrime prevention, data protection, digital governance, critical infrastructure protection, and national security.
- Undertake a comprehensive desk review and benchmarking exercise against relevant regional and international legal instruments, frameworks, standards, and best practices, including but not limited to the African Union Convention on Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection (Malabo Convention), the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, ITU Global Cybersecurity Index, NIST Cybersecurity Framework, and ISO/IEC standards, to identify areas of convergence, divergence, and opportunity for reform.
- Identify legal, regulatory, institutional, operational, technical, and capacity gaps, overlaps, inconsistencies, and coordination challenges that may hinder the effective implementation of cybersecurity governance and cybercrime prevention in Sierra Leone.
- Clearly define and rationalise institutional roles, responsibilities, mandates, reporting lines, and coordination mechanisms across Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs), law enforcement bodies, regulatory institutions, national security agencies, the judiciary, private sector operators, civil society, and development partners, to ensure clarity, accountability, efficiency, and synergy in cyberspace management.
- Design and propose a fit-for-purpose regulatory framework supported by appropriate subsidiary legislation, operational guidelines, compliance mechanisms, and enforcement protocols, ensuring a balanced, risk-based, and proportionate approach to cybersecurity regulation and cybercrime control.
- Develop a comprehensive national cyber governance and coordination framework, including institutional architecture, multi-stakeholder collaboration mechanisms, public-private partnership models, incident response coordination protocols, information-sharing arrangements, and crisis management structures.
- Formulate a clear, actionable, and costed implementation roadmap, including short-, medium-, and long-term actions, institutional capacity-building measures, financing strategies, and sustainability mechanisms.

The Project Coordination Unit of the Sierra Leone Digital Transformation Project 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.

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” July 2016 Revised November

2017, August 2018, November 2020 and September 2025, Procurement Regulations setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Approved Selection Methods for Individual Consultants set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information and detailed Terms of Reference can be obtained at the link below:

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Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail on or before **26th June 2026 at 12:00 GMT**.

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Please indicate clearly the **Name of the Assignment** in the email subject heading and attachment as only electronic submission will be accepted.