

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

COUNTRY	GHANA
NAME OF PROJECT	GHANA DIGITAL ACCELERATION PROJECT
CREDIT NO	(P176126 IDA-70960-GH)
ASSIGNMENT TITLE	CONSULTANCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATORY SANDBOX FRAMEWORK
REFERENCE NO.	GH-MOC--286428-CS-CQS

The Ministry of Communications and Digitalisation (MoCD) has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) under the Ghana Digital Acceleration Project (GDAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to *engage the services of a consulting firm to develop a regulatory sandbox framework for the National Communications Authority (NCA)*.

The objective of the assignment is to:

- Develop a regulatory sandbox framework to provide a safe space for testing new technologies and innovative solutions in collaboration with the private sector. This framework should address licensing conditions, payment conditions, spectrum allocation and usage, numbering resources, competition, and data protection.
- Design a ‘Standard Operating Procedure’ (SOP) for the implementation and operation of the regulatory sandbox.
- Build the internal capacity of NCA staff and conduct stakeholder workshops to foster understanding and collaboration on the regulatory sandbox framework.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange with countries experienced in implementing regulatory sandboxes.

The assignment is expected to take four (4) months and will involve:

- Conducting desk research, stakeholder engagements, and consultations to gather inputs.
- Drafting and revising the regulatory sandbox framework and SOP based on feedback.
- Organizing workshops and capacity-building sessions for stakeholders and NCA staff.

Interested consulting firms must provide information demonstrating their qualifications to fulfill the assignment. Shortlisting criteria include

- Successfully developed at two Regulatory Sandbox framework in the country
- Successfully developed at least two ‘Standard Operating Procedure’ (SOP) for the regulatory sandbox.

- Evidence of work in developing countries, especially within Africa.
- Registered firm with at least ten years' experience in similar assignment.

The attention of interested consulting firms 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. Additionally, please refer to paragraph 3.17 for specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all partners shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information, including the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR), can be obtained during office hours (9:00 AM to 5:00 PM GMT) at the address below or via email at pcu.gdap@moc.gov.gh.

Expressions of Interest (one (1) original and four (4) copies) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail, or by e-mail) by 1600 hours GMT on March 3, 2025. Envelopes must be marked **"CONSULTANCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATORY SANDBOX FRAMEWORK"**.

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