

THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY



A CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FORMULATION OF A POLICY ON ANTI-PIRACY, COUNTERFEITING AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Request for Expression of Interest

The East African Community (EAC) has secured funds from the Investment Climate Facility for Africa (ICF) in order to formulate a policy to combat piracy and counterfeits, and to protect intellectual property rights in the EAC Partner States, as well as at the EAC supra-national level. It is expected that the policy will guide the formulation of regional harmonised laws and enforcement mechanisms to arrest the proliferation of counterfeit products.

Background

In recent years, the East African Business environment has been inundated with a broad range of counterfeit and pirated products. This phenomenon carries serious negative impacts on public health and safety. Counterfeit products also discourage foreign and local investment, and stifle creativity, innovation and growth of local industry. In order to formulate policies and ways of combating this threat, The EAC intends to commission a study and recommend a policy to deal with counterfeit products.

Work will be undertaken in two distinct phases. Phase one will focus on development of a regional anti counterfeiting and piracy policy, while Phase two shall focus on developing a draft bill for enactment into a regional law by the East African Legislative Assembly. The present Request for Expression of Interest is limited to Phase One only. Interested consultants or firms should visit www.eac.int or www.icfafrica.org websites to see the Terms of Reference, and understand the details of the scope of work. The key components, however, are:

1. Undertaking a study to identify and evaluate sources, causes, forms and the magnitude of counterfeiting, piracy and intellectual property violations in the EAC Partner States.
2. Recommending an appropriate anti-counterfeiting and piracy policy for EAC Partner States.

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The EAC Tender Board is seeking to engage the services of an eligible Consultant preferably a firm, in response to the above, to undertake Phase One of the project. Interested individuals and firms must submit their application clearly showing their qualifications to undertake this kind of study. This should include a description of similar assignments undertaken, consultancy experience in conditions similar to those in the EAC region, and qualifications of staff who would undertake the study. The Expression of Interest, one original plus four copies, must be delivered in the English language only, in a sealed envelope [marked "Expression of Interest in Consultancy for Formulation of Policy on Piracy, Counterfeits and Property Rights"] and forwarded through registered post to the Secretary General, East African Community at the address below. It should reach the Secretary General on or before 1200 hrs East African Time on Monday 14th January 2008. Please note this is not a request for proposals. Expressions of Interest received will be reviewed solely to prepare a shortlist of consultants, who will then be invited to submit technical and financial proposals through a separate letter of invitation.

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