

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

COUNTRY: Federal Government of Somalia (FGS)

NAME OF PROJECT: Regional Digital Integration Project (EA-RDIP)

PROJECT ID: P176181

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: Pricing and Interconnection Specialist

REFERENCE NO.: SO-MOCT-FGS-557026-CS-INDV

PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT: Mogadishu, Somalia

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE: August 15, 2026, at (2.00pm Local Time).

Project Background:

The Federal Government of Somalia has received a grant from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank toward the cost of the Regional Digital Integration Project (EA-RDIP). The Ministry of Communications and Technology (MoCT) intends to apply part of the proceeds of these Grants to finance for the position of *Pricing and Interconnection Specialist* in support of the implementation of the National Communications Authority (NCA) in the Federal Government of Somalia.

To support the National Communications Authority's (NCA) mandate to promote fair competition, consumer protection, investment, and sustainable growth in the telecommunications sector, the NCA seeks to engage a qualified *Pricing and Interconnection Specialist* to support market data collection and analysis, monitor regulatory compliance, coordinate with operators, prepare technical reports, and maintain regulatory databases.

The Regional Digital Integration Project (EA-RDIP) addresses connectivity needs for countries in the Horn of Africa region. The program aims to advance the regional integration of digital markets in Eastern Africa through supporting cross-border connectivity, harmonization of data and e-commerce regulations and policies, and removal of trade barriers, with the vision of establishing a Single Digital Market (SDM). The EA-RDIP project has four components, as briefly described below:

- *Component 1. Connectivity Market Development and Integration.*
- *Component 2. Data Market Development and Integration.*
- *Component 3. Online Market Development and integration.*
- *Component 4. Project Management and implementation.*

Scope of Work:

National Communications Authority's (NCA) mandate to promote fair competition, consumer protection, investment, and sustainable growth in the telecommunications sector. The NCA is implementing various initiatives related to interconnection, pricing regulation, infrastructure sharing, roaming, licensing, and universal access. To support the effective implementation of these activities, the NCA requires a dedicated *Pricing and Interconnection Specialist* to provide technical, analytical, administrative, and operational support to the NCA. *The Pricing and Interconnection Specialist* will contribute to the day-to-day implementation of regulatory activities related to interconnection, pricing, roaming, infrastructure sharing, licensing, and market analysis, while assisting in stakeholder engagement, monitoring compliance, maintaining regulatory records, and preparing technical reports. Also, the *Pricing and Interconnection Specialist* shall assist in collecting and analyzing market data, monitoring compliance, coordinating with operators, preparing reports, maintaining regulatory databases. For more details refer to the Terms and Reference (ToR).

Required Qualifications and Experiences:

The shortlisting criteria for the *Pricing and Interconnection Specialist* position are as follows:

- A Bachelor's degree in Telecommunications Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Economics, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Business Administration.
- Minimum of three (3) years of professional experience in telecommunications regulation, telecommunications operations, interconnection, pricing, market analysis, licensing, infrastructure sharing, or related fields.
- Demonstrated experience in telecommunications market analysis, tariff monitoring, regulatory compliance, or telecommunications policy implementation.
- Experience working with telecommunications operators, regulatory authorities, government institutions, development partners, or ICT sector projects.
- Experience in collecting, analyzing, and interpreting telecommunications market data and industry statistics.
- Experience supporting stakeholder consultations, industry engagements, workshops, and regulatory coordination activities.

Duration and Reporting of the Assignment: The *Pricing and Interconnection Specialist* will be engaged for a period of one (1) year to renewal on an annual basis based on satisfactory performance certified by NCA and availability of funds. The consultant will report to the client, the National Communications Authority (NCA), through its Director General as a supervisor; the consultant should submit written monthly and quarterly progressive reports with the review and satisfactory approval of the client.

The Ministry of Communications and Technology now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested Individual Consultants must submit their Curriculum Vitae (CV) and cover letter indicating that they are qualified to perform the services.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) can be found at the following website: <https://nca.gov.so/> or it can be forwarded to the applicant upon written request to the project generic email address indicated below.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement in Investment Financing - Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services dated July 2016 and revised in November 2017, August 2018, November 2020 and September 2023, ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The selection will be conducted in accordance with the procedures for selection of Individual Consultants set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) Borrowers dated September 2023 (Procurement Regulations).

Interested Consultant may obtain further information in a written communication to the below project generic email address during office hours from 8:30am to 3.30pm local time (Excluding public holidays).

A Complete application of Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Cover letter should be submitted electronically (by e-mail) to the address below on, or before **August 15, 2026, at 2.00pm, (Local Time) marked clearly as "Expression of Interest for Pricing & Interconnection Specialist; SO-MOCT-FGS-557026-CS-INDV)"**

To: Procurement Office, EA-RDIP
Project Implementation Unit (PIU)
E-mail: **procurement.ea-rdip@moct.gov.so**

And;

Copy to: The Director General of NCA. E-mail: **Dg@nca.gov.so**