

Terms of Reference

STTA – Technical Consultant For Stakeholders Consultation on the Local Content Agency Act

Background

The Government of Sierra Leone’s development objectives are focused on supporting the private sector as the engine of growth. A Local Content Policy was developed in 2012 with the aim of ensuring that there are sufficient linkages between the local economy and Foreign Direct Investments.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry and UK’s Department for International Development (DFID) commissioned a study titled “Local Content Assessment Report” which was published in 2013. The report analysed the current level of local content utilization across key sectors, including estimation of market size and percentage of Sierra Leonean workforce in the value chains. The report also studied the constraints and proposed recommendations for local content development. The Local Content Compact (LCC) was signed on 27th November 2013 between The Government of Sierra Leone, German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), World Bank and DFID. The aim of the LCC is to develop a public - private sector owned implementation strategy to the Local Content Policy.

It is against this backdrop that the Sierra Leone Local Content Unit was established in October 2014 with the mandate to implement the Local Content Policy.

The President of the Republic of Sierra Leone formally launched The Sierra Leone Local Content Agency Act on the 17th of March 2016. The Local Content Agency Act seeks to strengthen the linkages between foreign companies or enterprises and the local economy as well as requires investors to meet a set of performance targets in their operations regarding skills transfer and improved technology. The Act establishes the Sierra Leone Local Content Agency, this being an autonomous institution to provide for the development of Local Content in a range of sectors of the economy, to promote ownership and control of productive sectors by citizens of Sierra Leone and to provide for other related matters.

Though some level of consultation and engagement was done both with the public and private sector prior to the launch of the Act, there is need for a wider and larger scale consultation to capture the views and concerns of all relevant stakeholders, as it is only through this means the Agency can guarantee participation and collaboration of key stakeholders as well as generate adequate information to aid the implementation of the act.

The Sierra Leone Local Content Agency is embarking on a nationwide consultation exercise to gauge stakeholders’ perspectives on the Local Content Agency Act 2016 and thus requires the services of a Technical Consultant to provide expertise as described in this terms of reference.

Scope of Work and Deliverables

The Technical consultant is expected to undertake the following tasks:

1. Develop a survey questionnaire on stakeholders' perception of the Local Content Agency Act. Questionnaire to target audiences from within Sierra Leone (such as Government, Private sector corporate and SMEs) and outside Sierra Leone (such as Industry representatives for potential foreign direct investors and Development Finance Institutions)
2. Provide technical expertise and guidance to the Agency in the strategic planning and rollout of nationwide consultation meetings and workshops on the Local Content Agency Act
3. Compile findings from the workshops and write a detailed report capturing findings and conclusions both from the workshops and survey questionnaire responses. Report to be of a standard acceptable to Government and Major Development Partners.

Required Education, Skills and Experience

Minimum Education:

- Qualified to Degree level, preferably in a social science
- Post Graduate studies in Statistical analysis, research

Experience & Skills:

- At least 10 years experience in Research, data analysis, surveys
- Ability to conduct and transcribe interviews
- Ability to analyse qualitative and quantitative data
- Ability to produce reports
- Fluency in English with good verbal and written skills

Reporting and Management

The Technical Consultant will report to the Head, Sierra Leone Local Content Agency

Duration

The Duration of the consultancy is a total of Thirty (30) days spread over a period of Three (3) months from August - October 2016