



Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO CONDUCT TYPOLOGY ON MONEY LAUNDERING ARISING FROM ELECTRONIC COUNTERFEITING AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) THEFT

1. In recent years, the prevalence of electronic counterfeiting and intellectual property (IP) theft in West Africa has become more pronounced. Notwithstanding the lack of definitive data, the two phenomena, especially electronic piracy generate substantial illicit proceeds in the region. In all the capitals of countries in West Africa and in major cities and towns, pirated electronic materials are commonly sold on the streets, especially on major roads with heavy traffic.
2. The substantial illicit proceeds generated through electronic counterfeiting and IP theft present a serious challenge to anti-money laundering (AML) efforts in West Africa. Specifically, these proceeds provide criminal groups, with not only complementary income but also more sources to invest in serious crimes.
3. In view of the ML risks associated with electronic counterfeiting and IP theft, and considering GIABA's mandate to support its member States in the fight against ML, there is need for a deeper understanding of these crimes in terms of their extent and manifestations in West Africa.
4. GIABA now plans to recruit Individual Consultants to conduct Typology Studies on the Money Laundering (ML) risks associated with electronic counterfeiting and IP theft.

Nature of the Assignment

5. The assignment involves conducting a typologies study that would produce the following outcomes:
 - A comprehensive overview of the extent of electronic counterfeiting and IP theft in the country;
 - A comprehensive mapping and analysis of existing legal, regulatory, supervisory, institutional frameworks for combating electronic counterfeiting and IP theft and related ML in the country;
 - A comprehensive mapping of frameworks for international cooperation against electronic counterfeiting and IP theft;

- An understanding of the manifestations of the two phenomena through analysis of specific cases/examples and identification of the types of people involved and the methods and techniques they use;
 - A general understanding of the factors that undermine efforts against the two phenomena; and
 - Practical policy and operational recommendations for effective actions against the two phenomena and related ML
6. GIABA now invites Individual Consultants to express interest in providing these services. Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, etc.).
 7. Consultants will be selected through Consultants Qualification procurement method and ECOWAS honorarium and DSA rates shall be applied.
 8. Expressions of interest must be delivered by e-mail to the address below by Monday 9th March, 2015 noon GMT, with the consultancy title clearly identified on the submission.

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