



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Consultancy to reformulate the Legal Framework on Voluntary Registration and Notification of Copyright and Related Rights into a Draft Protocol within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) is an Intergovernmental Organization created in 1976 under the Lusaka Agreement concluded under the auspices of the United National Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Membership of the organization is open to all states members of the African Union (AU) or of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). The present members of the Organization are: Botswana, Kingdom of Eswatini, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Kingdom of Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. (Total: 19 states)

At the Seventeenth Session of the Council of Ministers of ARIPO Member States that took place in Charlesville, Margibi County, Republic of Liberia, from 21 to 22 November 2019, the Council of Ministers approved the reformulation of the Legal Framework on the establishment of a regional voluntary copyright registration and notification system into a Draft Protocol for the adoption at a Diplomatic Conference to be held in Kampala, Uganda in 2020. This decision requires that the Secretariat of ARIPO engage a Consultant to reformulate the Legal Framework into a Draft Protocol. ARIPO therefore seeks to engage the services of a Consultant (this can be a company or individual) to undertake the assignment.

The Consultant should be a legal draftsman with at least 5 years of experience as a draftsman, have minimum of Bachelor of Laws degree, Postgraduate diploma in Law, knowledge of Intellectual Property, experience in research, analytical and drafting skills.

Interested Consultants are invited to obtain the Terms of Reference (ToR) from the ARIPO Secretariat by contacting the Secretariat at mail@aripo.org copy: procurement@aripo.org

Deadline: Submissions of proposals must be received on or before 31st December, 2019 at 1600 hours. No late submissions will be accepted.

Submission of proposals should be addressed to:

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