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Project for Unique Identification for Regional Integration and Inclusion in West Africa (WURI-Niger)

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Public Procurement

EARLY MARKET ENGAGEMENT NOTICE

Preliminary market consultation for the design, supply, installation and maintenance of the information system for biometric identification for the WURI-Niger Project

I. Introduction

The Government of the Republic of Niger, through the Project for Unique Identification for Regional Integration and Inclusion in West Africa (WURI-Niger), financed by the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank, is preparing the acquisition of an integrated biometric identification system intended to support the implementation of the National Register of Persons (RNP).

In this context, the WURI-Niger Project wishes to engage in early dialogue with companies, system integrators, software publishers, biometric solution providers and other market actors in order to gather their observations and recommendations before the formal procurement procedure is launched. This approach is in line with the best practices for early market engagement recommended by the World Bank.

II. Objectives of the Consultation

This consultation aims to:

- Present to market actors the project objectives and the envisaged scope of the contract;
- Assess the interest and capacity of the international market to meet the project's needs;
- Gather comments on the envisaged functional, technical and operational requirements;
- Identify relevant technological innovations and international best practices;
- Obtain views on contractual arrangements, risks and success factors of the project;
- Foster broad and effective competition in the upcoming procurement process;
- Allow potential suppliers to anticipate their participation in the future selection procedure.

III. Project Presentation

The WURI-Niger Project aims to strengthen populations' access to a recognized and reliable proof of identity, thereby promoting their social and economic inclusion. In its current phase, the project plans to establish a national biometric identification information system enabling in particular:

- Biometric registration of persons;
- Management of a unique identifier;
- Biometric deduplication;
- Authentication of individuals;
- Integration with authorized government systems;
- Management of demographic and biometric data;
- Production of statistics and dashboards;
- Implementation of security, data protection and service continuity mechanisms.

The system will initially be deployed under the National Register of Persons (RNP) and must be scalable to support the scale-up of the national identification programme.

IV. Preliminary Description of the Envisaged Contract

The contract under preparation is expected to be executed over an indicative period of twelve (12) months, including the initial production deployment of the platform. It covers in particular:

1. Design and Architecture

- Overall architecture of the identification platform;
- Detailed design of application modules;
- Integration with MOSIP components and other third-party systems.

2. Supply and Installation

- Application software;
- Biometric components;
- Interoperability tools;
- Administration tools;
- Supervision and security tools.

3. Associated Services

- Configuration, customisation and start-up assistance;
- Data migration and integration;
- Testing and acceptance;
- User training;
- Corrective and evolutionary maintenance and technical support.

4. Security and Data Protection

- Access management;
- Logging;
- Encryption;
- Certificate management;
- Personal data protection;
- Business continuity and disaster recovery plan.

V. Discussion Topics

Suppliers will be invited to share their observations on the following elements:

- Possible technical architectures;
- Scalability capabilities;
- Integration approaches with MOSIP;
- Multimodal ABIS solutions;
- Hosting and cybersecurity requirements;
- Maintenance and support arrangements;
- Skills transfer mechanisms;
- Realistic implementation timelines;
- Main risks and mitigation measures;
- Any innovation likely to improve the system's performance and sustainability.

VI. Participation Terms

Interested companies are invited to express their interest by email no later than **23 June at 12:00 GMT**.

The submission must include:

- Company name;
- Country of establishment;
- Full name and contact details of the legal representative;
- Full name and contact details of the local representative or partner, if applicable;
- A brief presentation of the company's experience in digital and biometric identification systems.

Registered companies will receive detailed information regarding the consultation session.

VII. Early Market Engagement Meeting

- **Date:** 29 June 2026
- **Time:** 14:00 to 16:30 GMT
- **Venue:** WURI-Niger Project Coordination Unit, Quartier Francophonie, Niamey – Niger
- **Format:** In-person and videoconference
- **Working language:** French. Participation in English can be facilitated for companies that request it.

VIII. Next Steps

The information gathered through this consultation will enable:

- Refining the technical specifications;
- Adapting the procurement strategy;
- Strengthening competition;
- Improving the quality of the future Request for Proposals.

The contract is expected to be launched through an international competitive procedure with a request for proposals, in accordance with the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (September 2025).

IX. Important Remarks

This notice does not constitute a call for proposals, a pre-qualification, or an invitation to tender. Participation in this consultation confers no advantage in the future selection process. The information exchanged will be used exclusively for market preparation purposes. Responses may be taken into account in an aggregated and anonymous manner, and participation or non-participation will have no impact on future eligibility. The WURI-Niger Project reserves the right to modify the scope, timeline or modalities of the future contract.

X. Contact

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