

**QUESTIONS ON TENDER TO DEVELOP POLICY AND REGULATIONS TO ENHANCE E-COMMERCE, DATA PROTECTION, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, AND PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE  
PROCUREMENT REF NO: CS/EGEE/14/02/25/ABM**

1- All the tasks are well detailed. However, I've a question with regards to the task related to PKI. In our experience, PKI is only a relatively small element in the overall digital communication context legislation with e.g. the document e-equivalence, digital signature etc.

So could-you confirm that the expected work is only about PKI and certificate authorities, and does not include other higher level legislation?

**Response:**

**We need a regional harmonized regulatory framework and approach for PKI regarding the issuance of digital certificates and e-signatures and the management and operations of the CAs. The regulatory framework will focus on providing guiding principles and approaches on ensuring securing operations. This means having a common approach on implementing PKI, ensuring the PKI is implemented, enforcement recommendation, standard operations etc.**

2- the RFP mentions a validation workshop with stakeholders. Could-you confirm that the workshop will take place in Lusaka (in order to evaluate travel cost for our staff) and whether we should include in the proposed budget the logistics cost of this event (room & equipment rental, catering, invitations)? if the logistic cost should be included, could-you give an approximate number of participants?

**Response:**

**Your role is to prepare the outputs to be presented in the workshop, to present the outputs to stakeholders and to prepare the workshop report.**

**The validation workshop will be held in any of the COMESA Member States (MS), we normally ask them to host meetings or workshops. Venue will be confirmed later in the due course of the assignment. The room hire, equipment rental, catering and invitations will be handled by the client (COMESA).**

**3- We write seeking clarification on the RFP for PROCUREMENT OF A CONSULTANCY FIRM TO DEVELOP POLICY AND REGULATIONS TO ENHANCE E-COMMERCE, DATA PROTECTION, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, AND PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE.**

We refer to paragraph 1 on page 1 which provides that the Request for Proposal (RFP) has been addressed to the following shortlisted Consultants: N/A. We seek clarification whether this RFP is open to all consultants or only shortlisted consultants in light of the N/A included in this paragraph on page 1.

**Response:**

**This RFP is an open tender, and all consultants are invited to submit their proposals for this assignment.**

