

Leveraging Integration Frameworks for Trade in Services and CSOs in the EAC (LIFTED)

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Consultancy Services to Conduct A Comparative Assessment of Competent Authorities And Their Classification And Registration Of ICT Related Professions

The Common Market is the second regional Integration milestone of the East African Community (EAC), which has been in force since 2010, in line with the provisions of the EAC Treaty. It follows the Customs Union, which became fully-fledged in January 2010.

Even with market access commitments in professional service markets, lack of recognition of foreign qualifications and experience act as a core impediment to trade in professional services, hindering the free movement of professionals across borders either in their capacity as individuals or as professional firms.

The East African Community (EAC) is committed to promoting regional integration and cooperation, including the harmonization of professional standards and regulations. This includes the field of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), which is a rapidly growing and evolving sector with significant implications for economic development and social progress.

However, there are currently many ways that ICT-related engineering professions are classified and regulated across the EAC Partner States. This can create barriers to the cross-border provision of ICT services and hinder the development of a regional ICT market.

The German Federal Ministry for Economic

Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the European Union (EU) through Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Tanzania and EAC has signed an agreement with EAC Secretariat to implement together a project "Leveraging Integration Frameworks for Trade in Services and CSOs in the EAC (LIFTED)". This project aims to increase Trade in Services (TiS) and facilitate the mutual recognition of professional qualifications within the East African Community (EAC)

The selected firm will assess the current state of classification and registration of ICT-related professions in the EAC. The assessment will identify similarities and differences in classification and registration, regulatory frameworks, as well as recommend whether regulation will enable or inhibit innovation and provide the best practices.

The findings of the study will contribute to a harmonised regional approach for the classification and registration of ICT-related professions in the EAC. This will support the removal of regulatory barriers to cross-border ICT services and promote the growth of the regional ICT sector.

Therefore, GIZ Tanzania/EAC is inviting interested and capable consulting firm from EAC partner states to tender for this project. The firm must have a strong network and demonstrate the necessary resources to complete the task successfully.

Interested firm should request for detailed tender documents from tz_procurement@giz.de no later than 10th March, 2025 and submit technical and financial proposals by email no later than 17th March, 2025.