

Limited Solicitation

Consultancy: Tracking COVID-19 Regulatory Measures in Africa

The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) seeks an individual or organizational research consultant for a 3.5-month consultancy (beginning in September 2020 and ending December 31, 2020). The consultant will provide regular updates, following a [methodology](#) provided by ICNL, to entries regarding various African countries included in the ICNL-ECNL global [COVID-19 Civic Freedom Tracker](#), as well as to the [African regional responses page](#). Total payment for this consultancy is \$1,400 USD. Applications are due September 15, 2020. For details and application instructions, please see below.

The Tracker

In March 2020, ICNL and its alliance partner, the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL) launched the COVID-19 Civic Freedom Tracker to consolidate information on governments' responses to the pandemic that affect core rights and freedoms. ICNL's COVID-19 Civic Freedom Tracker aims to keep civic space healthy by monitoring government responses to the coronavirus pandemic, with a focus on emergency laws. The Tracker is based on publicly-available information, collected by ICNL, ECNL, our global network of civil society partners, and members of the public. It has been a go-to source for data on the rights implications of COVID-19, cited by a number of media outlets, as well as by the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression in his [report](#) to the UN Human Rights Council.

Scope of Work

As state responses to COVID-19 evolve, the consultant will be responsible for maintaining the update of the Tracker with measures that restrict fundamental freedoms in Sub-Saharan Africa, drawing on publicly-available and verifiable information. Specifically, the consultant will assist the ICNL Africa team to:

1. Monitor the introduction, extension or withdrawal of measures, obtain corresponding primary source documents, and summarize key implications of these measures for inclusion in the Tracker;
2. Obtain primary source documents for some measures that are already recorded in the Tracker;

3. Develop a reference document with quick links to official sites documenting measures for different countries in Africa; and
4. Assist in updating the [African regional responses page](#).

While monitoring will generally cover the entire region, the Consultant will be asked to focus more attention on certain countries in Central Africa, East Africa, Southern Africa, and both Anglophone and Francophone West Africa. The list will be shared with the successful candidate. The Consultant will pay special attention to the following: (i) Emergency laws or policies; (ii) Assembly & gathering restrictions; (iii) Regulations affecting free expression; (iv) New surveillance measures; and (v) News reports of abuse/violence in the enforcement of COVID restrictions.

Application Instructions

To apply for the Research Consultancy, applicants must submit the following items by **September 18, 2020**:

- Cover letter / Statement of Interest, including a description of past and current experience with legal monitoring, comparative legal research or other relevant expertise (one-page);
- Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV), or other statement of work history and education; and
- A writing sample.

All application materials should be submitted in English. However, **applicant must be fluent in both English and French**. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis through **September 18, 2020**.

Applications should be emailed to africa@icnl.org, with reference made to “COVID Tracker Consultancy” in the subject line. Questions related to this consultancy can be emailed to the same address. Please **do not** include cost information, as the compensation rate is fixed at \$1,400 for the consultancy.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the following factors:

- Compliance with eligibility requirements and application procedures;
- Experience working with and analyzing the legal environment for civil society and civic freedom in Africa;
- Quality of the Cover Letter / Statement of Interest and the Writing Sample;
- Commitment to producing high quality work in a timely manner.