

Request for proposals (RFP)

Introduction

The Hague Institute for Innovation of Law (HiiL) invites relevant companies and /or individuals to submit a quote for developing 15 evidence-based best practices on preventing and resolving land problems.

HiiL and local researchers together develop guidelines for practitioners in the justice sector such as lawyers, mediators and paralegals. Justice guidelines are meant to support justice practitioners in their daily work. These practitioners could be lawyers, paralegals, judges, mediators, police and other professionals who directly engage with people.

Guidelines are inspired by the medical sector and consist of clear and actionable best practices, on how to deal with justice issues. They help practitioners with communication techniques, tools for de-escalation, mediation methods and other useful 'soft skills that are essential in dispute resolution.

Guidelines combine practice-based evidence (experiences from practitioners across Nigeria) and evidence-based practice (recommended interventions from internationally conducted studies). It is a living document. That means with new information, responses from practitioners and users should continually improve.

HiiL in Nigeria

HiiL (The Hague Institute for Innovation of Law) is a social enterprise devoted to user-friendly justice. That means justice that is easy to access, easy to understand, and effective. In the past 15 years, HiiL has developed a unique data-, research- and innovation-driven approach for delivering our mission. We worked in close collaboration with our national [partners](#) to ensure that what we do is closely connected with the national needs, knowledge, and political realities. Nigeria being a vast federation, HiiL has undertaken also a state-by-state approach, as recommended by the local stakeholders. The focus right now lies on Ogun State.

In Nigeria, HiiL undertook the JNS study in 2018. In the JNS, 73% of people interviewed reported experiencing a legal problem. However, only four out of ten of them manage to solve their problem completely.¹ Most of the problems reported are around disputes with neighbours, crime, money and land.² Better resolution and prevention of these justice problems are possible if we make justice solutions more user-friendly. By developing guidelines, we can increase the quality and capacity of justice practitioners and providers of justice services to resolve people's problems.

¹ <https://www.hiil.org/projects/justice-needs-and-satisfaction-in-nigeria/>

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Services requested

Service	Details
<p>Develop recommendations</p>	<p>The researcher will develop 15 recommendations on dealing with Land related justice disputes, according to the HiiL Guideline Methodology. Recommendations will focus on the topics identified by HiiL.</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Works together with the HiiL experts in The Hague and Nigeria on identifying interventions to compare and develop a research strategy. ○ Conducts research on Land disputes according to the HiiL Guideline methodology, which will be provided and introduced. ○ Write at least 15 recommendations according to the HiiL Guideline methodology.
<p>Collecting local best practices</p>	<p>Interview and observe practitioners in the field to understand their experiences in helping people with their Land dispute problems.</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support in gathering best practices according to the HiiL Guideline methodology. ○ Support in assessing best practices according to the HiiL Guideline methodology.

Profile of the contractor

The contractor is experienced in working with various research methods. The contractor knows the legal profession and is not afraid to expand research to other fields of work. The contractor speaks and writes English on a professional level (B1 or higher).

The professional background of the contractor is in the legal- or social sciences field. Preferably, the contractor has experience helping people with Land dispute problems. This could be as a lawyer, mediator or therapist for example. The contractor has a network that includes various legal professionals in Nigeria.

Researcher Requirements:

- A bachelor's degree in law, social science, international relations, or similar
- A Master's degree is preferable.
- Experience in the research field.
- Sound understanding of research methodologies.
- Interest and Knowledge of the Nigerian socio-political scenes and context.
- Considerable proficiency in Google Workspace Office.
- Problem-solving skills and critical thinking skills
- Practical experience in database management.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Timeline

We ask for a commitment of 16 to 24 hours per week. A bi-weekly check-in on progress with Tim Verheij of HiiL is included.

The proposed time period for the engagement is from 1 July to 30 November 2022. Note that the timing may shift due to the pandemic or political developments.

The proposal

We kindly request you to submit your CV, portfolio with examples of previous research assignments and a quotation for providing the services outlined above.

Proposals may be submitted on or before only through email to the following email addresses: tim.verheij@hiil.org. Proposals shall be submitted in English, signed by the company/individual, and with the subject line: "Researcher/name of company/Individual". All proposals must be accompanied by a CV and an overview with examples of previous research assignments.

The criteria for awarding contracts resulting from this tender are based on "best value for money". For the purpose of all tenders, HiiL defines "best value for money" as: a complete assessment of technical, organisational and pricing factors (quality, previous experience, reputation, delivery time, and other criteria related to the specifics of the research project).