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## **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**RFI NUMBER: RFI02/2026-2027**

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: AFRICAN COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES**

This RFI calls for suitably qualified suppliers to provide information to Competition Commission of South Africa (CCSA) regarding a request for African Competition Law and Policy Intelligence Resources.

**Issue date: 28 May 2026**

**Closing Date: 4 June 2026 at 11:00am**

**Extended Closing Date: 8 June 2026 at 11:00am**

**For enquiries contact CCSA Supply Chain Management E-mail: [tenders@compcom.co.za](mailto:tenders@compcom.co.za)**

This RFI is an invitation for person(s) to submit information(s) for the provision of the services as set out in the Specification contained herein. Accordingly, this RFI must not be construed, interpreted, or relied upon, whether expressly or implicitly, as an offer capable of acceptance by any person(s), or as creating any form of contractual, promissory or other rights. No binding contract or other understanding for the supply of services will exist between CCSA and any Respondents unless and until CCSA has executed a formal written contract with the selected supplier.

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

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### EXPECTED TIMEFRAME

RFI PROCESS	EXPECTED DATES
RFI Advertisement Date	<b>28 May 2026</b>
RFI Available from	<b>28 May 2026</b>
Compulsory Briefing Session Date & Time	<b>N/A</b>
Venue for Briefing Session	<b>N/A</b>
<b>RFI Closing Date and Time</b>	<b>4 June 2026 at 11:00am</b>
<b>Extended Closing Date</b>	<b>8 June 2026 at 11:00am</b>
Delivery Venue: <b>Electronics Submission</b>	<a href="mailto:tenders@compcom.co.za">tenders@compcom.co.za</a>
Contact details	<a href="mailto:tenders@compcom.co.za">tenders@compcom.co.za</a>

CCSA retains the right to change the timeframe whenever necessary and for whatever reason it deems fit.

Respondents interested in participating must register their interest by providing company name, contact person, telephone, cell number and email address to CCSA, please indicate RFI number on the subject line.

This will ensure that any addenda and clarification to this RFI are communicated to all participants.

## 1. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

- 1.1 Proof of registration on CSD report (Central Supplier Database)

## 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “**RFI**” - a request for information, which is a written official enquiry document encompassing all the terms and conditions of the information in a prescribed or stipulated form.
- 2.2 “**RFI response**” - a written response in a prescribed form in response to an RFI.
- 2.3 “**Respondent**” – any person (natural or juristic) who forwards an acceptable RFI in response to this RFI with the intention of being the main contractor should the RFI be awarded through a competitive bid process.

## 2. CONFIDENTIALITY

All information related to this request for information both during and after completion is to be treated with strict confidence. Should the need however arise to divulge any information gleaned from the service which is either directly or indirectly related to the CCSA, written approval to divulge such information will have to be obtained from CCSA.

The Respondents must ensure that confidential information is: maintained confidential; not disclosed to or used by any unauthorised person; so as to prevent any disclosure or unauthorised use with at least the standard of care that Respondents maintain to protect their own confidential information; only used for the purpose of considering and responding to this RFI; and not reproduced in any form except as required for the purpose of considering and responding to this RFI.

Respondents must ensure that: access to confidential information is only given to those of its partners, officers, employees and advisers who require access for the purpose of considering and responding to this RFI; and those partners, officers, employee and advisers are informed of the confidential information section and keep that information confidential.

This bid remains at all times the property of the Competition Commission of South Africa (CCSA). No rights other than as provided in this bid and in respect of the confidential information are granted or conveyed to bidder/s

Name of Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Respondent's contact person: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. The manner of submission of the RFI

- 3.1 Respondent shall submit RFI response in accordance with the prescribed manner.
- 3.2 Respondent shall submit one ***emailed submission*** including relevant supporting documents.
- 3.3 The original copy must be signed by an authorised employee, agent or representative of the respondent.
- 3.4 The subject line on the email submission must be clearly marked with the responding organisation's name and RFI number and description of RFI.
- 3.5 Respondent must clearly outline costing implications of the solution required, as well as any economic factors (i.e. exchange rate implication) that may pose a risk impact against said costing.

## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Competition Commission is a statutory body constituted in terms of the Competition Act, No. 89 of 1998 (the Act). It is one of three, independent competition regulatory authorities established in terms of the Act, with the other two being the Competition Tribunal and the Competition Appeal Court.
- 1.2 The Competition Commission is empowered by the Competition Act to investigate, control and evaluate restrictive business practices, abuse of dominant positions, mergers, undertake market inquiries and advocacy in order to achieve equity and efficiency in the South African economy.
- 1.3 The Competition Commission is a public entity listed in schedule 3A of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), and acts in compliance with section 217 of the Constitution of South Africa and applicable Public Procurement Regulations and Prescripts.
- 1.4 The Competition Commission) therefore invites suitably qualified service providers to submit information on knowledge resources, subscriptions, databases, or intelligence platforms capable of delivering comprehensive and authoritative intelligence or Information on African Competition Law and Policy Intelligence and Research, to support the Commission's Regulatory, Enforcement, Policy, and Research Functions.

## 2. SITUATION ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The Competition Commission of South Africa ("the Commission") is mandated to enforce the Competition Act and promote competitive markets in the public interest. In fulfilling its enforcement, advocacy, research, and policy-development functions, the Commission requires timely, accurate, and authoritative intelligence on competition law and policy developments across the African continent.
- 2.2 African competition regimes are evolving rapidly, driven by:
  - Increased merger activity and cross-border transactions
  - Expanded use of public-interest considerations
  - Growing enforcement against anti-competitive conduct
  - Legislative reforms and new competition statutes
  - Market inquiries and sector-wide interventions
  - The operationalisation of the African Continental Free Trade Area Competition Framework
- 2.3 Given the breadth, complexity, and pace of these developments, the Commission, through the Information Resources Centre (IRC)/Library, seeks to understand the availability, scope, and capability of specialist intelligence resources or subscription-based services that provide structured, current, and comparative African competition law and policy information.
- 2.4 This Request for Information (RFI) is issued to scan the market, assess available solutions, and inform future procurement planning in line with the Commission's Supply Chain Management (SCM) framework and applicable legislative prescripts.

### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Competition Commission of South Africa (“the Commission”) hereby invites suitably qualified service providers to submit information in response to this Request for Information (RFI).
- 3.2 The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to obtain detailed information on available knowledge resources, databases, intelligence platforms, subscription-based services, and expert or advisory offerings that provide comprehensive, current, reliable, and authoritative intelligence on African competition law, policy research and intelligence, encompassing the substantive and procedural legal frameworks, enforcement practices, institutional arrangements, policy instruments, and strategic approaches adopted by competition authorities across African jurisdictions.
- 3.3 This includes intelligence and analysis relating to anti-competitive conduct, merger control, market inquiries and studies, exemptions, public interest considerations, legislative and regulatory reforms, guidelines, jurisprudence, merger and conduct investigations, and comparative and cross-jurisdictional developments, as well as emerging continental initiatives such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) competition framework.”
- 3.4 The information obtained through this RFI will assist the Commission in understanding the market, available solutions, and capability of potential service providers, and may inform future procurement processes conducted in accordance with the Commission’s Supply Chain Management (SCM) framework, the PFMA, and applicable regulatory prescripts. This RFI does not constitute a request for proposal, quotation, or an offer to contract.

### 4. SCOPE OF WORK

Service providers are requested to provide information on resources or subscription platform that offer intelligence, analysis, and reference materials covering, but not limited to, the following areas across African jurisdictions:

- 4.1 Substantive Competition Law and Enforcement
  - Anti-competitive conduct (cartels, abuse of dominance, restrictive practices)
  - Exemptions and exemption regimes
  - Enforcement decisions and jurisprudence
- 4.2 Mergers and Acquisitions
  - Merger notification regimes and thresholds across African jurisdictions
  - Merger investigations and decisions
  - Cross-border and multi-jurisdictional merger analysis
  - Public interest assessments in merger control
- 4.3 Policy, Guidelines and Strategy
  - Competition guidelines, regulations, and policy instruments
  - Strategic policy developments and reforms
  - Soft law instruments and enforcement priorities
- 4.4 Market Studies and Inquiries
  - Market studies and sectoral assessments
  - Market inquiries and outcomes
  - Remedial frameworks and monitoring mechanisms
- 4.5 Legislative and Regulatory Developments
  - Competition statutes and regulations
  - Legislative amendments and reforms
  - Institutional and jurisdictional changes

#### 4.6 ACFTA Competition Framework

- AfCFTA competition policy developments
- Protocols, draft regulations, and institutional arrangements
- Interaction between national regimes and continental frameworks

#### 4.7 Comparative and Analytical Intelligence

- Cross-jurisdictional comparisons
- Trends and enforcement patterns
- Forward-looking and horizon-scanning insights

### 5. DELIVERABLES

Service providers should indicate whether their resource or subscription, platform can deliver the following (or equivalent):

#### 5.1 Core Intelligence Deliverables

- Regularly updated African competition law and policy content
- Jurisdiction-specific summaries and profiles
- Case law, decisions, and investigation summaries
- Legislative and regulatory change tracking

#### 5.2 Analytical and Value-Added Deliverables

- Expert commentary and analysis
- Comparative and thematic reports
- Trend analysis and enforcement insights
- Public interest and policy impact assessments

#### 5.3 Access and Usability Deliverables

- Digital platform or database access
- Searchable and filterable content
- Alerts, briefings, or newsletters
- Archival and historical access

#### 5.4 Support and Enablement Deliverables

- User onboarding and training (if applicable)
- Technical or editorial support
- Customisation or tailored reporting options

### 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

#### 6.1 Non-Binding Nature of the RFI

This Request for Information (RFI) is issued solely for the purpose of gathering information and assessing market capability. The issuance of this RFI does not constitute a commitment by the Competition Commission to procure any goods or services, nor does it create any contractual, legal, or other obligation between the Commission and any respondent.

#### 6.2 No Guarantee of Future Procurement

Submission of a response to this RFI does not guarantee participation in any future procurement process, nor does it imply that the Commission will issue a Request for Quotation (RFQ), Request for Proposal (RFP), or tender in respect of the services described herein.

#### 6.3 Costs Incurred by Respondents

All costs incurred by respondents in preparing and submitting information in response to this RFI shall be borne solely by the respondent. The Competition Commission shall not be liable for any costs, losses, or expenses incurred by respondents as a result of this RFI.

#### 6.4 Accuracy and Verification of Information

Respondents are responsible for ensuring that all information submitted is complete, accurate, and not misleading. The Commission reserves the right to verify any information provided and to request clarification or additional information where deemed necessary.

#### 6.5 Confidentiality of Information

Respondents must clearly identify any information regarded as confidential. The Commission will treat such information in accordance with applicable legislation, including the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) and the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA). Confidentiality claims must be substantiated and will not be accepted by default.

#### 6.6 Use of Information Submitted

The Competition Commission reserves the right to use the information submitted in response to this RFI for internal planning, benchmarking, market analysis, and demand-management purposes, including informing future procurement strategies and specifications.

#### 6.7 Compliance with Applicable Legislation and Policies

Any future procurement process arising from this RFI will be conducted in accordance with:

- The Public Finance Management Act (PFMA)
- National Treasury Regulations, Instructions, and Practice Notes
- The Commission's Supply Chain Management Policy
- Applicable constitutional and procurement prescripts

#### 6.8 Right to Amend, Cancel or Withdraw the RFI

The Competition Commission reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to amend, suspend, cancel, or withdraw this RFI at any time without incurring any liability to respondents.

#### 6.9 No Exclusivity or Preference

Participation in this RFI does not confer any preferential status, exclusivity, or advantage to any respondent in any future procurement process.

### 7 TIMEFRAMES

The duration of the prospective contract will be for period of 12 months.

### 8 GENERAL INFORMATION

Enquiries in respect of this RFI should be addressed to:

#### **SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGMENT**

E-mail: [tenders@compcom.co.za](mailto:tenders@compcom.co.za)

**All queries MUST be e-mailed**

**END OF THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DOCUMENT**