



CALL FOR RESEARCH OR INNOVATIVE PROPOSALS/SOLUTIONS ON- STRATEGIC INTEGRATED STEPS TO INCREASING THE TAX BASE, VOLUNTARY TAX COMPLIANCE, AND ENHANCE SUSTAINABLE DOMESTIC REVENUE MOBILIZATION

Background

In 2018, the Liberia Revenue Authority developed the Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) Strategy FY 2018 -2022 for implementation from 2018-2022. The Government of Liberia and His Excellency, Dr. George Manneh Weah, approved the strategy as an integral part of the Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD). The main objectives for the DRM Strategy are to finance the PAPD and enhance inclusive growth as well as to attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The DRM represents an inclusive effort to expand the revenue base, increase voluntary compliance, enhance sustainable domestic revenue mobilization, and lessen reliance on external assistance. The document results from extensive consultation with various stakeholders as the LRA sought to solicit shared national perspective and direction on how Liberians can collectively expand the tax base, increase voluntary compliance, and enhance sustainable domestic revenue mobilization.

As part of the implementation of the DRM Strategy, the Liberia Revenue Authority is taking the lead to organize a Revenue Symposium as part of its Taxpayers Appreciation Programs. Participants will include government functionaries, the business community, academia, tax practitioners, customs brokers, civil society, and the public and shall be drawn from the government, business community, intellectual class, student community, researchers, tax practitioners and customs brokers, civil society and the public. To the extent possible, participants shall also be invited from other revenue authorities across Africa, to join the the Taxpayers

Appreciation Programs. Their presence would lead to the sharing of experiences in the revenue brainstorming sessions in crafting a way forward for increasing Liberia's Revenue Basket. The event will also include a hackathon (the coming together of people to solve problems) through the presentation of research proposals or innovative solutions for expanding the revenue base and mobilization domestic revenue.

Hence, this is a call for interested firms (Private, Non-Governmental and Governmental)/individuals to submit research proposals or innovative solutions relevant to Liberia in one or more of the following thematic areas:

- Tax incentives: maximizing the benefits and minimizing the costs
- Domestic Revenue Mobilization: Challenges and Opportunities
- Tax compliance for small and medium sized enterprises (SME)
- Taxpayer Services
- Real property taxation
- Natural resources taxation
- Local government taxation

The research or innovative solution should be guided by the above thematic areas

Terms and Agreements

Interested participants are to be guided by the following terms and conditions:

- Participation is open to individuals and institutions
- Participants may request research information/materials from the LRA however, a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) must be signed
- There will be a panel of judges to evaluate the proposals or innovative solutions to select the best (3 – 5) based on the set of judging criteria published below
- Winners will be notified and are expected to present their winning proposals or innovative solutions as part of the upcoming Revenue Symposium

- LRA will present award(s) to the winners
- It is expected that all submissions will include original contents and use of any third party work must be properly referenced

Judging Criteria

The following criteria will guide the selection process for the winning proposals/innovations:

- Innovativeness of the solution or research proposal and its relevance within the Liberian Context and Resource Mobilization
- Sustainability of the solution and its ease of scalability and potential impact on domestic resource mobilization
- Feasibility and effectiveness of the proposed intervention
- Propose timeline for implementation

Date of Submission

Proposals are to be submitted on or before **Friday, October 29, 2021 at 2.00pm** for the National Symposium to the following email address: nationalsymposium2021@lra.gov.lr.

Contact

If you have any questions, or need additional information, or clarifications, please contact us at nationalsymposium2021@lra.gov.lr (anytime) or on phone numbers 0880572572/0770572572 (during official hours – Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm).