

E T Consultant

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Location:	Colombo,Sri Lanka
Required Language(s):	English
Preferred Language(s):	
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Description

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Digital Development Global Practice

The Digital Development Global Practice (DD) is part of the Bank's Infrastructure Practice Group. It plays a critical role in enabling the achievements of the Twin goals and the Sustainable Development Goals. Digital technologies are transforming firms, governments, and people's lives; and with the digital economy growing at a rate significantly higher than that of the global economy, it offers emerging economies a unique opportunity to leapfrog traditional paths for development through digital solutions.

Collaborating across technical, geographic and institutional boundaries, the Digital Development team helps design and deliver ICT-enhanced solutions to a diverse range of clients. The team supports clients through advisory assistance to establish policy and regulatory environments that allow the widespread use of technology and create a trust environment; and lending operations by building infrastructure to connect the unconnected, or enabling digital government shared platforms (cloud, digital identification, payments etc.).

For more information, please visit: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/digitaldevelopment>

The DD Global Practice is led by a Director supported by six Practice Managers with specific regional and global responsibilities. The IDD06 Unit is responsible for Digital Development activities and portfolio in the South Asia region, including lending, supervision, and analytical work.

IDD06 is looking for a Extended Term Consultant [ETC] to be based in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The ETC will report to the Practice Manager, and will support the unit's engagements in Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

Duties and Accountabilities:

The ETC will be responsible for:

Develop a strong network to lead DD program implementation in Sri Lanka and Maldives in liaison with senior government officials, local and regional institutions, private sector, and development partner agencies.

Contributing to and leading the design, preparation, and supervision of World Bank Group-financed digital development related programs in Sri Lanka with a particular emphasis on stimulating development of digital connectivity infrastructure through PPPs and regulatory/policy reforms, promoting development of digital public infrastructure (e.g. digital identification, payments, data exchange) for improved service delivery, and digital skills and innovation for jobs and growth.

Advising on strategies, best practices, and design of programs to develop the foundations of the digital economy. This may include leading complex technical assistance activities and providing ad hoc technical and strategic expertise on the design of the overall policy, legal, regulatory, and institutional framework for the ICT sector and wider digital economy.

Participate in complex technical assistance activities and provide ad hoc technical and strategic expertise on a range of ICT policy and regulatory issues to promote competition, investment, and innovation in the telecoms sector, and to stimulate the downstream development of value-added digital platforms to improve service delivery.

Liaising and providing guidance to colleagues working in other sectors (including social protection, agriculture, health, education, energy, financial services, transport, urban, etc.) on how to leverage digital technologies and shared platforms/digital public infrastructure to improve service delivery and efficiency in the respective sectors and to stimulate digital innovation, entrepreneurship, and investment in those sectors by private sector actors.

Developing innovative and practical approaches to solving difficult policy, investment, and operational issues for selected high priority telecommunications, digital public infrastructure, data governance, or other digital economy related activities.

Preparing and contributing to the publication of best practice notes in the DD sector and for other World Bank teams across Global Practices, focusing on the DD agenda.

Representing the DD GP and the Bank at digital development related for a and events, as well as liaison in the above areas with key external partners.

Selection Criteria

Master's degree in telecommunications, law, economics, engineering, public policy, or related field with a minimum of eight years of experience in ICT / Digital Economy policy and regulation and/or ICT project design and implementation, or equivalent combination of education and experience.

INCLUDE TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

Strong network within Sri Lanka's digital sector, including in the public and private sector; familiarity of the Maldives' digital ecosystem is preferred

Excellent conceptual and analytical skills, including ability to think strategically and innovatively about the role of Digital Technologies for socioeconomic development and for transformation in other sectors of the economy.

Proven and robust expertise in digital infrastructure policies, strategies, institutions, and regulations needed to support development and for the success of Bank interventions and national digital capabilities.

Proven expertise on a few new areas of ICT competence, such as digital regulation, governance of data and platforms, cybersecurity, data protection.

Strong understanding of dependency and relationship of modern digital infrastructure and enabling regulatory environment with digital business models, platforms, solutions and services

Firm understanding of digital technology and digitally enabled business model trends relevant to socio-economic development in the context of Sri Lanka, and preferably in the Maldives, and enthusiasm to stay abreast of new innovations.

Strong client and partner engagement skills, taking responsibility and accountability for timely response to client queries, requests or needs, working to remove obstacles that may impede execution or project success.

Excellent written communication skills in English as demonstrated in a proven track record of effectively delivering technical information in a clear, easily understandable and effective manner.

Excellent presentation skills, using charts, graphs and other data presentation techniques appropriately to communicate data, technical information, or complex concepts to non-specialists.

Strong drive for results, taking personal ownership and accountability to meet deadlines and achieve agreed-upon results.

Strong business judgment and analytical decision making, analyzing facts and data to support sound and logical business decisions.

Proven ability to function effectively as a team member of multi-disciplinary teams and resolve conflicts constructively.

Prior work experience in other countries in South Asia and good knowledge of sector issues across regions will be a plus

Willingness and ability to travel.

Proficiency in English is essential

WBG COMPETENCIES

Lead and Innovate - Develops innovative solutions.

Deliver Results for Clients - Proactively addresses clients' stated and unstated needs.

Collaborate Within Teams and Across Boundaries - Collaborates across boundaries, gives own perspective and willingly receives diverse perspectives.

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