

## Call for Proposals: Development of a Policy Brief on Data Governance related topics

### What is the Africa Data Governance Hub (ADGH)?

The [Africa Data Governance Hub](#) is an online platform designed to foster collaboration among data governance actors and share resources in Africa. Our goal is to ensure that data governance organizations across the continent work together on complementary policy issues, advocate collaboratively, and share learning experiences. The platform is jointly managed by [Niyel](#) and [Pollicy](#).

The Africa Data Governance Hub (ADGH) invites **six (6)** qualified consultants/ research institutions/ or organizations to develop a series of policy briefs (6) **(Each applicant is required to submit one proposal for one policy brief)**, aimed to provide a clear, concise summary of critical data governance issues and recommendations to guide informed decision-making and improve data practices.

The resulting policy briefs will analyze the current trends, gaps, and best practices in data governance regulation and offer concrete policy recommendations for policymakers, and the international community to design effective data governance while maintaining a balance between data protection issues, privacy rights, and human rights. They will help to boost the capacity of policy and decision-makers, research institutions, and civil society organizations to develop and implement evidence-based policies. The policy briefs will be published in both English and French.

### Policy Brief Topics

The policy briefs should cover the key topics on data governance listed below.

1. Data Governance: Advancing Data Governance: A Framework for Africa
2. Transparency and Accountability: Transparency and Accountability as Trust Builders in the African Data Governance Ecosystem
3. Data Protection: Strengthening Data Protection in Africa for Safe Cross-Border Data
4. Digital Rights: Promoting Digital Rights in Africa: Challenges and Recommendations
5. Additional Topics
  - a. National-level data sharing.
  - b. Data silos.
  - c. Data partnerships.
  - d. Gendered data/gendered perspectives.

### Scope of Work

The selected consultant(s) will be responsible for:

1. Conducting a literature review on existing data governance frameworks and policies.
2. Engaging with key stakeholders through interviews, surveys, and focus groups.
3. Identifying and analyzing relevant case studies from African countries.
4. Creating a concise and accessible policy brief that summarizes research findings, analyzes policy implications, and provides practical recommendations.
5. Drafting and incorporating feedback from the Africa Data Governance Hub Advisory Council, Niyel, and Pollicy to finalize the policy briefs.
6. Disseminating the policy brief to relevant stakeholders, and different platforms other than the Hub.

The consultant for this call for proposals should have a strong background in data governance, including expertise in data management frameworks, privacy regulations, and policy formulation. Additionally, the candidate should demonstrate a proven ability to translate complex data governance issues into clear, actionable policy briefs tailored for policymakers and industry stakeholders.

## Timeline

**The project is expected to be completed within a maximum of 45 days from the start date for each policy brief.** The milestones must include:

1. Submission of a description of the methodology of research, the scope of the policy brief, including the issue to be addressed, the target audience, and the key objectives.
2. Submission of a first draft of the policy briefs.
3. Submission of final policy briefs incorporating feedback.

## Proposal Procedure

To apply for this opportunity, please submit a proposal of your proposed topic, to [ykallali@niyel.net](mailto:ykallali@niyel.net), in copy ([recruiting@niyel.net](mailto:recruiting@niyel.net)), no later than **September 6, 2024**, with **“ADGH Policy Brief”** as the subject line, including as attachments:

- A cover letter with a brief introduction of the applicant or organization and relevant experience and qualifications.
- A detailed description of the methodology and approach for developing the policy brief.
- A proposed timeline for completing the deliverables, and,
- An unedited writing sample in English or French.

The proposed timeline for drafting and finalizing the analysis is September–November 2024 for the first policy brief. The policy brief should be written in English or French and should not exceed 3-4 pages in length (1000-1500 words). The selected researcher/consultant/organization will be asked to deliver a first draft of their thematic analysis including an initial report outlining the approach, methodology, and timeline for the development of the policy briefs, and a final version of the policy briefs, incorporating feedback and revisions. An honorarium of \$500 will be provided to each selected member for each policy brief.

## Evaluation Criteria

The applicants and selected proposals will be identified based on a thorough evaluation by a selection committee that includes Pollicy, Niyel, and the Advisory Council Members of the Africa Data Governance Hub. The selected applicant will be notified by September 16, 2024. Proposals will be evaluated based on:

1. Understanding of the project objectives and scope.
2. Clarity and feasibility of the proposed methodology and work plan.
3. Relevant qualifications and experience.
4. Quality of previous work.
5. The feasibility of the proposed timeline for completing the deliverables.

For any inquiries or further information, please contact Phillip Ayazika ([phillip@pollicy.org](mailto:phillip@pollicy.org)) and Yossra Kallali ([ykallali@niyel.net](mailto:ykallali@niyel.net)). We look forward to receiving your proposal and collaborating on this important initiative to advance data governance in Africa.

**More about us:**

[Niyel](#) is an international advocacy, campaigns and public affairs firm based in Dakar, Senegal. Niyel works to promote public policies conducive to the development of all and to influence practices to ensure that as citizens, individuals, and communities, we understand the social, political, and cultural issues related to our daily lives.

[Pollicy](#) is an award-winning East African feminist civic technology collective. Pollicy's work and research span across the use and implementation of data and technology to engineer social change. Pollicy has researched ways through which Africans can take back control of their data and reimagine new ways of tech ownership.