RFI

Request for Information (RFI) for

WhatsApp Business Platform (WABA) – Messaging & Voice Enablement

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1. Introduction

Etisalat Afghanistan is exploring opportunities to onboard a vendor for the provision of a WhatsApp Business Platform (WABA) that includes messaging, voice calling, and enterprise enablement features.

This initiative has two tracks:

- Track A Etisalat Internal Usage: Direct integration with Etisalat's own systems (e.g., billing, customer portals, MyEtisalat app, and customer care/chatbot systems).
- Track B Reseller Model: Providing WABA services as a white-labeled solution that Etisalat can resell to enterprise clients in sectors such as banking, healthcare, education, logistics, and public services.

Vendors may respond for:

- Track A only
- Track B only
- Track C (both A and B)

2. Objectives of the RFI

Through this RFI, Etisalat aims to:

- Understand vendor capabilities for WABA messaging and voice enablement.
- Assess feasibility of direct integration with Etisalat's internal systems.
- Evaluate reseller enablement models including enterprise onboarding and support.
- Explore commercial approaches (e.g., OPEX, revenue share).

Review operational support models aligned with ITIL best practices.

3. Information Requested from Vendors

3.1 Platform Capabilities

 Features of your WABA platform (messaging, multimedia, templates, chatbots, APIs, dashboards).

- Support for dynamic, multilingual templates and interactive features (buttons, quick replies).
- Voice enablement (middleware bridging WhatsApp with SIP/WebRTC).
- White-labeling options.

3.2 Etisalat Internal Integration (Track A)

- Ability to integrate with Etisalat's:
 - Billing systems (for charging/usage reporting)
 - Customer portals (for triggering campaigns)
 - MyEtisalat App or care systems (to display chatbot/voice interactions)
- Secure APIs and documentation to support integration.

3.3 Reseller Enablement (Track B)

- Multi-tenant, role-based dashboards for enterprise clients.
- Enterprise self-care portals for campaign management.
- Reseller view for Etisalat to manage onboarding and billing.
- Reporting and analytics for usage and revenue tracking.

3.4 Operations & ITSM

- SLA commitments (availability, uptime, support).
- Support model (24/7, escalation levels, dedicated account team).
- Compliance with ITIL-aligned ITSM processes:
 - o Incident management & escalation
 - RCA for major incidents
 - Change management with rollback
 - DR/BCP readiness
- Documentation provided (Admin guide, API guide, troubleshooting manual).

3.5 Commercial Models

Revenue share or OPEX-based proposals (zero CAPEX for Etisalat).

- Flexibility in pricing (per template, per MSISDN, license-based).
- Local currency billing support.
- Examples of existing commercial agreements with telecom operators.

3.6 Vendor Experience

- Previous deployments with telecom operators or enterprises.
- Scalability of solution (concurrent sessions, enterprise clients).
- References and case studies.

4. Submission Details

- Submissions must include:
 - o Company profile
 - Track(s) proposed (A, B, or C)
 - o Technical and commercial information as outlined above
 - o Point of contact details

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