



## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS

### Consultancy to Review the Adequacy of the Existing Legal and Policy Frameworks for Transparency and Accountability in the Extractives Sector

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#### 1. **TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN UGANDA'S EXTRACTIVES INDUSTRIES (TAUEI) PROJECT**

The Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) is implementing a project on *Transparency and Accountability in Uganda's Extractives Industries*. The project seeks to increase transparency and accountability in the extractives industry in Uganda, specifically mining and oil and gas sectors. Part of the project involves research to generate evidence to support advocacy activities with major stakeholders.

Accordingly, ACODE is interested in services of a competent researcher to **submit Technical and Financial Proposals** to undertake a review of *The Adequacy and Implementation of Policy and Legal Frameworks for Transparency and Accountability in Uganda's Extractives Industry*. The purpose of the review study is to assess the adequacy and implementation of the existing governance frameworks for transparency and accountability in Uganda's extractives industry, specifically mining and oil and gas sectors. This review will generate a critical synthesis of these provisions measured against international instruments, standards and best practices and an analysis of the extent of implementation of these provisions. The findings will be used to engage key stakeholders on how to promote transparency and accountability in Uganda's mining and petroleum sectors.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE REVIEW**

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The main objective of this study is to assess the adequacy and implementation of the existing governance frameworks for transparency and accountability in Uganda's extractives industry, specifically mining and oil and gas sectors. Specific objectives include:

- i) To examine the adequacy of Uganda's policy and legal frameworks vis-à-vis regional and international best practices
- ii) To interrogate the extent to which provisions on disclosure of payments and revenues, budget resource allocation and utilisation, bidding, and concession allocation, comply with key requirements of the national policies and laws, regional and international transparency best practices.
- iii) To critique Uganda's compliance/implementation of the provisions in national frameworks and international standards and/or best practices in the mining and oil and gas sectors
- iv) To generate practical recommendations for filling existing gaps, if any, in revenue disclosure, budget resource allocation and utilisation, bidding and concession allocation, and monitoring and enforcement of compliance with transparency and accountability provisions in the mining and oil and gas sectors.

## **APPLICANTS AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS:**

ACODE now invites eligible consultants/researchers who can offer services as specified in the attached Terms of Reference. The expression of interest should be accompanied by the researcher's CV which should demonstrate the following qualifications:

- a) Hold postgraduate qualifications from recognised university(ies) in development economics, development studies, social sciences, law, or related disciplines.
- b) Possess strong writing, analytic, presentation and stakeholder engagement skills.
- c) Have about 10 years of research experience; evidence of having previously undertaken similar assignments is required for this assignment.

### **2. Process Calendar**

Distribution of Call for Technical Proposals..... April 2018  
Closing Date for Call for Technical Proposals .....6<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
Selection and Notification of Successful Applicant(s) .....10<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
Period of work..... 10 working days from date of signing the contract, spread over 3 weeks  
Submission of Draft Paper & other products ..... within 15 days from signing of contract  
Minor adjustments may be made in these timelines where inevitable

### **3. Submission of Technical and Financial Proposals**

Submissions must enclose brief documents which include the following:

- a) A cover letter expressing interest, and also indicating name(s), contact details, and addresses of Lead Researcher(s);
- b) A 2-5 page technical document indicating the researcher's understanding of the ToRs, the research methodology and cost implications of this study, and availability and readiness to accomplish high-quality work and within the stipulated time;
- c) A budget indicating expected costs and professional fees not exceeding Uganda Shillings 15 million (UGX 15,000,000).
- d) Detailed, Up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CVs) of the Lead Consultant(s) and Assistants if any
- e) Where submitted as soft copies, these documents should be compiled in a single document. Where submitted as hard copies, these documents should be organised and filed in a soft/transparent folder before submission.
- f) All submissions shall be subjected to review by the Selection Committee and communication sent out to successful applicants.

**Note:** The 2-5 page proposal indicating understanding of the study's theoretical, methodological, empirical, policy, and practical (field-research) and cost implications must be delivered to ACODE offices or by email **4:00 pm** before the stipulated date.

## **4. CONTACTS AND SUBMISSION**

Expressions of interest and other communications should be sent to:

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