



## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS

STUDY ON Contract Transparency in Uganda's Petroleum and Mining Sectors

### **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*. Part of the project involves undertaking research that will generate evidence to support engagement activities with duty bearers. One of the studies focuses on contract transparency in the petroleum and mining sectors, the findings of which will feed into the on-going efforts<sup>1</sup> to improve transparency in these sectors in order to make the sectors beneficial to Ugandan citizens.

Accordingly, ACODE is calling for **submission of Technical and Financial Proposals** from competent researchers who can undertake a study on *Contract Transparency in Uganda's Petroleum and Mining Sectors*. The main purpose of the study is to *assess the level of transparency in the contracting processes in the oil and gas and mining sectors in Uganda and of compliance with both national and international standards and best practices related to contract transparency in the mining and oil and gas sectors*. The study is intended to generate recommendations that can improve transparency, openness, and monitoring of contracting processes and contract obligations in order to improve accountability in the country's petroleum and mining sectors.

#### **1. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:**

Transparency in the oil and gas and mining sectors is one of the necessary conditions for efficient management of petroleum and mineral wealth for the benefit of citizens. Given this realisation, the Goal of this study is **to assess the level of transparency in the contracting processes in the oil and gas and mining sectors in Uganda and of compliance with both national and international standards and best practices related to contract transparency in the mining and oil and gas sectors**. The study seeks to achieve the following specific objectives:

- i) To assess the extent to which provisions in Uganda's frameworks (policies, laws, and regulations) reflect regional and international/global standards and best practices on contract transparency in the petroleum and mining sectors;
- ii) To analyse practical experiences of contract transparency in Uganda's mining and petroleum sectors;

- iii) To examine the factors that affect (militate against and/or support) compliance with contract transparency standards in Uganda; and
- iv) To generate recommendations for improving contract transparency in Uganda's petroleum and mining sub-sectors.

## **2. 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.

### **3. 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 .....	15 working days spread over 6 weeks
Submission of Draft Paper & other products .....	within 20 days from signing of contract
Minor adjustments may be made in these timelines where absolutely inevitable	

### **4. 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 20 million (UGX 20,000,000).
- 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.

## **5. CONTACTS AND SUBMISSION**

Expressions of interest and other communications should be sent to:

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