



UNDERTAKING THE COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT OF FY 2025/26 BUDGET TO CLIMATE CHANGE INTERVENTIONS IN THE NDPIV

Call for Proposals

1. Introduction-Project Background

The Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) is a regional Public Policy Think Tank based in Uganda, working in the East and Southern Africa sub-regions on a range of public policy issues. ACODE's business is public policy research and analysis, policy outreach and capacity building. It is one of the leading think tanks in Sub-Saharan Africa recognised among the Top-100 Think Tanks worldwide in 2017 Global Think Tank Index published by the University of Pennsylvania. One of ACODE's programmatic focus is Environment and Natural Resources Governance (ENRG), Economic Governance (EG), Democracy, Peace and Security (DPS) and Science, Technology and Innovations (STI). Under the ENRG programme, ACODE is implementing a 4-year project that aims at **"Strengthening Civic Engagement, Voice, Service Delivery and Climate Justice in Uganda"**. This partnership between Denmark and ACODE is also supported by Sweden, the Netherlands, and Ireland. The project will be implemented in 12 districts of the West Nile and 8 districts in the Karamoja sub-regions of Uganda. The project has 4 result areas namely, Outcome 1: Strengthened Institutional framework for enhancing citizens' participation in monitoring of public expenditure for service delivery monitoring and handling of corruption; Outcome 2: Strengthened national and district level policy, regulatory frameworks and institutional capacity for climate justice; Outcome 3: Climate most affected vulnerable communities have their concerns adequately addressed and Outcome 4: Youth, women and other marginalized groups empowered and organized to meaningfully shape outcomes of decision making processes. This assessment, therefore, contributes to outcome 2 to strengthen national and district level policy, regulatory frameworks and institutional capacity for climate justice in Uganda.

2. Background

An annual Certificate of Compliance Assessment of the National Budget to the National Development Plan is conducted by the National Planning Authority (NPA) to determine the extent of alignment between the two documents. The overall goal of the Certificate of Compliance is to legally institutionalise the alignment between the national planning frameworks and the annual budget, ensuring that the budget supports the implementation of the plan. This is supported by the Public Finance Management Act, Cap 171, Section 13(7), which states that Budget Estimates must be accompanied by a Certificate of Budget Compliance for the Previous Financial Year issued by the National Planning Authority before being laid before Parliament by the Minister of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development. Further, Section 30 of the National Climate Change Act, Cap 182, requires the Minister responsible for climate change matters, in consultation with the Chairperson of the National Planning Authority, to issue a certificate certifying that the Budget Framework Paper is responsive and contains adequate allocation of funding to climate change measures and actions.

Against this background, a Consultant is required to undertake a compliance assessment of the FY 2025/26 annual budget to the climate change goals, objectives, interventions and targets mainstreamed in NDPIV. The overall purpose of the assignment is to evaluate the degree of compliance of the annual Budget for FY 2025/2026 with regard to climate change goals, objectives, interventions, and targets outlined in the Fourth National Development Plan (NDP IV). It should be

noted that the implementation of the climate measures/interventions in NDP IV must be accompanied by a commensurate allocation of financial resources in the budget. The assessment's findings will provide valuable insights into the effectiveness of budget allocations in addressing climate change and promoting sustainable development, ultimately informing evidence-based decision-making and policy implementation.

3. Objectives of the Assignment

Specifically, the assignment seeks to:

- a) Evaluate the financial resources allocated in the FY 2025/2026 budget to climate change interventions in NDP IV;
- b) Evaluate the alignment of the FY 2025/26 budget to the prioritised NDPIV climate change interventions.
- c) Identify the emerging issues, key messages and recommendations to inform and guide the monitoring and implementation of climate change interventions in NDP IV; and,
- d) Inform and enhance advocacy and lobbying for climate change mainstreaming in budgets and reporting frameworks at the national and sub-national levels.

4. Key Activities

Discuss and build consensus on the assessment tool and the priority NDPIV programmes to be assessed;

- a) Reviewing the climate change goals, objectives, and interventions outlined in NDP IV and Uganda's updated NDC;
- b) Hold working sessions with NPA, CCD to review the BFPs, the draft performance assessment reports, the Ministerial Policy Statements and the relevant programme projects for financial allocations to climate change activities in NDP IV;
- c) Write a comprehensive report detailing the findings, emerging issues and recommendations

5. Scope of the Assignment

The activity will assess the alignment of the FY 2025/26 National Budget Framework Paper (BFP) with the priority NDPIV programmes (11 programmes) and Uganda's updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC). The Assessment tool will be drawn from and fully aligned to the overall tool used by the National Planning Authority to undertake the Certificate of Compliance Assessment of the National Budget to the NDPIII for the Year 2024/2025. Adjustments will be made to the Certificate of Compliance Assessment of the National Budget tool to align it with NDP IV.

6. Duration of the assignment

The assignment will be completed within 14 calendar days. The final report is expected to be submitted to ACODE by 17th February 2025.

7. Deliverables from the Assignment

By the end of the assignment term, the consultant shall be expected to deliver:

- An Assessment Tool for Climate Change Assessment
- A Report of the Assignment to inform the overall report
- A comprehensive Assessment report of the findings

8. Minimum Qualification and experience of the Consultant and other requirements

The consultant(s) are expected to hold the following qualifications in order to be eligible for this assignment.

- a) An advanced Degree in Economics, Environment and Natural Resources Governance
- b) A strong Governance background, particularly work in climate change and budget analysis
- c) A strong Environmental Justice background with proven experience
- d) At least 10 years' experience in budget analysis, climate change work
- e) A demonstrated high level of professionalism and an ability to work independently and in high-pressure situations under tight deadlines.
- f) Strong interpersonal and communication skills.

9. Payment terms

The payment terms for the consultant will follow a breakdown as follows:

- a) 40% upon signing of the contract and delivery of the inception report
- b) 60% upon approval of the final report

10. Criteria for Evaluation of Bid

Only those applications which are responsive and compliant will be evaluated. Offers will be evaluated according to the Combined Scoring method, in which educational background and experience with similar assignments will be weighted at 70%, and the price proposal will account for 30% of the total score. The applicant receiving the Highest Combined Score that has also accepted the General Terms and Conditions will be awarded the contract.

11. Application Process

The technical and financial proposals in PDF format should be sent by mail to: procurement@acode-u.org by 17:00 hrs on May 23, 2026.

12. Reporting

The Consultant will report directly to the Project Manager, who will provide oversight during the course of undertaking the assignment.

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