

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title of Consultancy: Research on the intersection between land corruption and the climate crisis

Application Closing Date: March 31, 2023

Consultancy Start and End Date: 10 April-30 June 2023

Location of Consultancy: Remote

BACKGROUND

Transparency International (TI) is the global civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption. Through more than 100 chapters worldwide and an international secretariat in Berlin, Germany, TI raises awareness of the damaging effects of corruption and works with partners in government, business, and civil society to develop and implement effective measures to tackle it.

The [Transparency International Climate Governance Integrity Programme \(CGIP\)](#) intervenes to reinforce accountability from local to global level, and throughout the whole chain: from policy development to project implementation and monitoring. [The Land and Corruption in Africa \(LCA\) programme](#) seeks to address corruption in land management and administration in sub-Saharan Africa through research, advocacy, and awareness raising at the local, national, regional, and global levels. This consultancy is a joint venture between these two programmes at the TI Secretariat (TI-S).

To deepen our understanding of the way in how climate and land corruption intersect, TI-S is looking for a consultant to develop a **short research paper** looking at both the impact of land corruption on carbon emissions, as well as the ways in which the response to the climate emergency may present risks for land corruption. The research will combine a literature review with expert interviews to identify key impacts and corruption risks and suggest tentative recommendations to mitigate these risks, including the need for further research. This research would be a first step towards framing the issue and would be complemented by further research into some of the primary areas of corruption risk identified which would take place later in the year.

OBJECTIVES

Research objectives:

The main goal of the research is two pronged. The first aspect of the research should look at how land corruption may be negatively impacting climate efforts, including its impact on mitigation and adaptation strategies. The second aspect of the research should look at how climate change response may contribute to land corruption.

To this effect, the research is expected to:

- Identify the major impacts of land corruption on the climate effort and provide an overview of these impacts with two illustrative case studies
- Identify land corruption risks that are present in the climate response and provide a general overview of these risks with two case studies documenting how they may be vulnerable to corruption. Recommended areas to explore include green grabbing, land and mineral requirements in the green energy transition, land corruption risks, carbon offsetting and initiatives, and land use changes. Other areas of focus may emerge in the course of the research.
- Make recommendations for national governments, civil society, and donors and multilateral agencies on how to address the impact and risk of land corruption in this area and document three best practices.

Research Methodology:

The research should be partly desk-based, with a literature review of existing data sources, and partly empirical, with a series of semi-structured interviews with experts. The consultant and TI-S will work together to identify a list of relevant experts, which will include experts from the fields of land governance, anticorruption, and environment/climate work. TI-S and the consultant will also work to identify the four case studies that illustrate both aspects (impact and risk) by working with partners and with TI national chapters.

Based on these interviews and the review, the consultant will put forward a proposed outline for the research paper as well as the proposed case studies to include in the report. The report will be drafted over May with feedback from TI's land and climate teams and potentially partners in the land governance community. In accordance with TI policy, all research should clearly indicate and acknowledge all sources used and the reader should be able to trace the source of information in footnotes and bibliography.

The timeline is envisioned as follows:

- Step 1: Scoping exercise/literature review & interview guide development (Weeks 1, 2, 3)
- Step 2: Interviews with experts, partners and with representatives of chapters to identify potential case studies (Week 3, 4, 5)
- Step 3: Proposed document outline and case studies (Week 5)
- Step 4: Development of first draft (Week 6, 7)
- Step 5: Development of final draft based on feedback (Week 8, 9)

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINE

The expected deliverables are set out below:

- Proposed structure for the report (deadline May 14)
- First draft of the report about 6-8 pages in a style appropriate for the audience of policy makers, civil society practitioners, and the donor community (deadline May 21)
- A final report within two weeks after receiving and incorporating feedback on draft report. The report should follow TI's style guidelines which will be provided at the start of the consultancy (deadline June 15)

Please note that this timeline is tentative and can be revised once a research consultant has been selected and a research plan has been drawn up.

Suggested report structure:

1. Background/introduction
2. Impact of land corruption on the environment and on people including 2-3 case studies. The following areas should be covered:
 - a. Impact on greenhouse gas emissions and environmental damage
 - b. Impact on adaptation solutions
 - c. Tenure security & displacement with reference to impact on marginalised groups including land and environmental defenders and whistle-blowers.Land corruption risks in the climate change response and environmental and green initiatives including 2-3 case studies. The following areas should be covered:
 - d. Introduction to green grabbing
 - e. Carbon offsetting and carbon credit initiatives
 - f. The demand for land and minerals in the green energy transition
 - g. Land use changes and green grabbing
3. Recommendations for national governments, civil society, and donors and multilateral agencies on mitigating land corruption risks in the climate change response and environmental protection initiatives including further research needs. This section should include some identified good practice in tackling land corruption in the climate response and environmental initiatives, with examples. For examples, social accountability tools, investigative journalist, etc.

All presentations and reports are to be submitted in English, in electronic form, in accordance with the deadlines stipulated above. The Consultant is responsible for editing and quality control of language. TI-S retains the sole rights with respect to all distribution, dissemination and publication of the deliverables.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Consultant should have the following qualifications:

- Expertise in the fields of land governance and/or climate governance with significant proven experience producing research reports and recommendations on the topic
- Demonstrated experience with both qualitative and quantitative research methods
- Wide experience of working with clients in civil society and particularly advocacy-oriented NGOs
- Excellent writing and presentation skills in English
- Ability to operate under strict time limits and apply high production and technical standards for the purpose of maintaining a high level of professionalism.

REMUNERATION AND COSTS

The consultant should provide their estimated total fee as a lump sum or as standard daily or hourly rates as gross inclusive of taxes and other charges, as well as the number of estimated days to complete the consultancy.

For candidates based in the EU, EEA, UK, and Switzerland

Transparency International e.V. is registered as a Business Entity in Germany with VAT identification number DE273612486. EU reverse charge applies. Service providers should issue invoices with zero VAT.

Candidates who are based in Germany and do not charge German VAT must confirm their small entrepreneur status.

How to apply

Applications should be sent in English by e-mail to the TI-S Land team at landcorruptiontender@transparency.org by close of business of **March 31**. Please indicate "Climate & Land Corruption Research Consultancy" in the subject line of your email application.

The application should include the following documents in English, saved in one PDF:

- A short letter describing motivation and qualifications for the assignment including a brief overview of how the work will be approached, suggested timeline, methods, a sample literature list and key methodological considerations.
- A cost estimate of the above-mentioned services and outputs in euros.
- Curriculum vitae of the consultant.
- 2-3 samples of relevant research (confidentiality guaranteed).
- References from two previous consultancy clients whom TI could contact.

Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted and that it is unfortunately not possible to provide individual feedback on applications.

The Transparency International Secretariat is committed to creating an inclusive work environment where diversity is valued and where there is equality of opportunity. We actively seek a diverse applicant

pool and therefore welcome applications from qualified candidates of all regions, countries, cultures, and backgrounds.

Selection of candidates is made on a competitive basis, and we do not discriminate on the basis of national origin, race, colour or ethnic background, religious belief, sex, gender identity and expression or sexual orientation, marital or family status, age or ability. We kindly ask applicants to refrain from including in their application information relating to the above as well as from attaching photos.

DATA PROTECTION

When you respond to this tender and submit your application, you provide consent that Transparency International e. V. keeps your application materials for the period of ten years according to German legal requirements. Afterwards Transparency International will delete your application and any personal data included in it. If you have any questions, please reach out to dataprotection@transparency.org

GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING OVERHEAD AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

Overhead

Regular overhead expenses associated with the Consultants maintaining their place of business, such as rent, telephone, utilities or stationery, are included in the Consultant's professional fee, except where explicitly agreed otherwise in the contract.

Travel

Travel and accommodation expenses will as far as possible, and where applicable, be recovered from the institutions and companies hosting events or using the outputs provided by the Consultant.

Where such cost recovery is not possible, all travel is subject to prior approval by TI-S staff responsible for the financial management of the Project or TI Budget Line that will support the costs of travel. TI shall not issue travel advances to the Consultants. For accommodation or travel by air, rail or coach, they will instead have to contact TI-S that will make travel arrangements on the Consultant's behalf.

All travel booked by TI-S will include **travel health and accident insurance** with worldwide coverage and Economy class only; accommodation will aim to achieve best value for money up to a 4-star category.

Consultants shall be entitled to invoice TI-S **only** for local transportation and visa cost (if applicable).

Subsistence allowance (per diems) and expenses for individual meals cannot be claimed. These are part of the Consultant's business expenses.