

Transparency International

Consultancy to develop a Data and ICT action plan under the Land and Corruption in Africa Phase II Project

Application Closing Date: 21 September 2022
Consultancy Start and End Date: 25 September-30 November 2022
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 Land and Corruption in Africa (LCA) Phase II (2021-2025) project builds on the solid foundation of knowledge, networks and learnings acquired from the implementation of the previous Land and Corruption in Africa project (2015-2019). TI-S and its chapters in Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Madagascar, and Cameroon will implement this project leveraging relevant expertise and networks acquired during LCA I in the target countries to expand and amplify impact in this new project phase. Specifically, the project will contribute to ensuring that 1) networks of citizens in Africa are better equipped and mobilised to demand transparency and accountability in the land sector; 2) a diverse and inclusive set of stakeholders from civil society to private sector advance anti-corruption initiatives to promote fair and transparent land governance; and 3) national and local decision-makers adopt anti-corruption laws, policies and measures to prevent and redress corruption in land distribution, acquisition, dispute management and sanctions.

The LCA II contemplates the development of open data or/and information and communications technology (ICT) solutions that contribute to the outcomes of the project. This includes solutions related to research and advocacy. TI is looking for a consultant to the project team to map existing open data and ICT solutions related to the scope of the project and to develop a 2-year action plan to conduct further research into land, corruption, and technology or/and engage with external partners to develop and disseminate data and ICT solutions.

The scope of the assignment would cover:

1. Conduct a mapping exercise of existing open data and ICT solutions to the scope of the project. This will include:
 - a. Review and assess research and pilots conducted under the LCA Phase I project
 - b. Review existing data management and tech solutions at TI that could be relevant for the LCA II project
 - c. Review relevant outcomes, work plans, and budgets under the LCA II project
 - d. Conduct interviews and surveys with relevant TI staff at the Secretariat and the participating Chapters
 - e. Conduct interviews with experts within the land governance community, particularly in the region of Sub-Saharan Africa
 - f. Desk review of existing research, resources, and solutions on the topic
2. Based on the scoping exercise, identify the following:

- a. Recommendations for further research on the topic including the scope of the research and the proposed methodological approach. Proposed research should include a gender and inclusive lens.
 - b. Recommendations backed by evidence from the mapping exercise for potential tech or data-based solutions or tools under the LCA II project, or to scale existing solutions, if relevant and appropriate. These tools may include those employed by the [Advice and Legal Advice Centres \(ALAC\)](#) and related to internal data management practices. Solutions should be assessed from a gender and inclusion lens.
 - c. Identification of partnership opportunities related to research or data and tech-based solutions.
3. Put forward a suggested two-year action plan (2023-2024) that will be rolled out by a dedicated TI Data and Technology Specialist and consultants and will include:
 - a. Research, communications, and advocacy outputs related to data and tech
 - b. The development or scaling of tech- or data-based solutions on the project
 - c. Partnerships to develop and/or roll out these solutions

Specific deliverables and timeline:

- Draft results of the mapping exercise and desk review: Due Oct 31
- Draft opportunities and recommendations based on scoping exercise: Due Oct 31
- Draft two-year action plan: Due Nov 15
- All finalised deliverables: Due Nov 20

The consultant will be expected to:

- **Meet with the LCA II team to review the terms of reference and clarify any questions.**
- Maintain regular communication with the team including weekly check-ins
- Provide drafts of all the above deliverables and work with the project team to implement any revisions to those drafts

Expertise Required:

- Background as an academic, researcher or data analyst with a focus on land governance, natural resources, or agriculture
- Strong analytical skills and working knowledge of topics related to open data, and the use of digital tools including GPS to address issues related to land and natural resources
- A strong understanding of the trends within the international land governance community
- Experience working within the Sub-Saharan Africa region preferred
- Experience in building and digital and open data tools preferred
- Experience with innovation and human-centred design methodologies considered an asset
- Fluency 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.

Guidance and quality assurance:

All presentations and reports should 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. The TI Secretariat retains the sole rights with respect to all distribution, dissemination, and publication of the deliverables.

Remuneration and costs

The Consultants should provide their estimated total fee as a lump sum or as standard daily or hourly rates.

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

Transparency International e.V. (Secretariat), (TI-S) 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.

Consultants 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 land-advocacy@transparency.org by close of business of 21 September 2022. Please indicate "Land and Corruption Strategy and Advocacy Consultancy" in the subject line of your email application.

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

- A letter describing motivation and qualifications for the assignment;
- A short overview of how the work will be approached, which methods will be used;
- A cost estimate of the above-mentioned services and outputs in euros;
- Curriculum vitae of key personnel involved in undertaking the assignment;

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