STANDARD TEMPLATE FOR TENDERS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title of Consultancy: Analysis of cross-border corruption risks in selected African countries (REAP project)
Application Closing Date: 9 August 2023
Consultancy Start and End Date: mid-August to 24 September 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 Secretariat (TI-S) in Berlin is seeking a consultant to write a report analysing the risks of illicit financial flows (IFFs) linked to corruption in selected African countries, based on research already conducted by nine TI national chapters in the region, as part of the REAP project.

The Rallying Efforts to Accelerate Progress – Africa Inequalities Initiative (REAP) is a response to the European Commission’s call to accelerate progress towards reducing income and wealth inequalities in Africa, in order to benefit those most left behind.

Civil society has proven to be a trigger of systematic change, advocating for marginalised sectors, and pushing for transparency reforms across the world. Therefore, this project seeks to empower civil society actors in their endeavour to be stronger governance actors. To achieve this, REAP stands upon three pillars: two are focused on the national level – in Kenya and South Africa –, and a third one focuses on the impact of illicit financial flows on inequality, from a regional and global perspective. At this level, the project aims to foster stronger regional and global action to disrupt mechanisms enabling IFFs, tax evasion and tax avoidance undermining the sustainable development of countries in Africa. This will be achieved through strengthening CSOs’ capacities and influence to contribute to policy formulation and to monitoring and supporting the implementation of commitments that consider, reflect, and advance the priorities and needs of those most left behind.

The REAP initiative includes a research component carried out in partnership with local organisations, which will generate evidence on the extent, types, and impact of IFFs, tax evasion and tax avoidance in the region, highlighting innovative tools and approaches to tackle them. This evidence will establish the groundwork for advocacy endeavours to promote and push for the implementation of strong regional and global commitments that take into consideration the experience and needs of African countries.

The research already conducted aimed to identify and understand the risk factors (vulnerabilities and threats) that might lead targeted countries in Africa to be origin and/or transit jurisdictions of IFFs, based on the combination of 16 indicators. It covered Ethiopia, Congo-Brazzaville, Côte d’Ivoire, Kenya, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, and Zambia, and comprised two main elements:

• Compilation of data on proxy indicators to assess threats and vulnerabilities on the following areas:
Institutional capacity
- Political instability
- Corruption
- Informal economy
- Compliance with AML/CFT
- Use of cash
- Financial secrecy
- Relevance of extractive industry
- Anomalies in cross-border corporate ownership
- Financial globalisation
- Commercial globalisation

- Qualitative research: surveys and key informant interviews on the following:
  - Relationship between predicate offences and IFFs mechanisms
  - Frequent routes of IFFs in the country
  - Capacity and challenges of countries to prevent IFFs and recover assets
  - Contextual factors and proneness to IFFs

The aim of the consultancy is to analyse and present the data collected in a compelling manner to help understand and assess IFF threats and vulnerabilities in each of the nine countries and draw actionable policy recommendations that will inform regional and global advocacy efforts.

OBJECTIVES

- Inform TI’s advocacy to disrupt mechanisms and networks that facilitate IFFs connected to corruption.
- Compile a regional report assessing IFF threat and vulnerabilities across 9 countries based on research conducted by TI national chapters and highlighting trends and recommendations that can be used for regional and global advocacy.
- Propose solutions to potential challenges such as missing data in some countries.

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINE

The main deliverable is the regional report analysing the evidence gathered by the nine national chapters participating in the project. The final report should be submitted by 24th September 2023, and a draft report should be sent for feedback by 12th September 2023.

- By August 27th: reading and assessing existing reports and documentation compiled by TI national chapters and propose an approach to analyse and present the data collected by the national chapters in consultation with research and advocacy staff at TI-S and agree on next steps.
- By August 30th, propose and agree with the research and advocacy staff on an outline for the report and presentation of the findings
- By September 12th: drafting of the report, in close collaboration with research and advocacy staff at TI-S
- By September 24th: finalisation of report based on TI-S feedback

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.
SELECTION CRITERIA

The Consultant should have the following qualifications:

- University degree in a relevant academic field (political science, social sciences, economics, law or similar)
- Substantive knowledge on illicit financial flows, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering
- Excellent research and analysis skills
- Excellent writing/editorial skills
- Experience of working with clients in civil society, particularly advocacy-oriented NGOs
- Fluency in English (written and spoken)

Knowledge of the region and targeted countries in the relevant topics (i.e., money laundering, corruption, tax evasion, tax avoidance) is an asset.

In addition, due to the European Commission procurement rules, application is open only to nationals of the following countries, or legal persons established in one of the following countries:

- EU / EEA Member States and the UK
- IPA II beneficiaries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Republic of North Macedonia)
- Developing countries and territories, (included in the OECD-DAC list of ODA recipients), which are not members of the G20 group
- Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) covered by Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union

REMUNERATION AND COSTS

The Consultants 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.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

The application should include the following documents in English:

- Proposal including quotes
- Motivation letter and Curriculum Vitae
- One sample of relevant previous work (confidentiality guaranteed).

Please indicate “Analysis of cross-border corruption risks in Africa” in the subject line of your email application. Applications should be sent in English by email to reap-consultancy@transparency.org by close of business of 9 August 2023.

Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.
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