



## Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDA)

### **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

#### (CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRMS SELECTION)

**ASSIGNMENT TITLE:** CONSULTING SERVICE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH, PREPARE AND DELIVER FIVE (5) COUNTRY REPORTS NAMEDLY TANZANIA, ZIMBABWE, BURKINA FASO, DRC AND THE SUDAN, IN ASSESSING THE NATIONAL LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HIGH LEVEL PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS ON ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS FROM AFRICA.

The Coalition for Dialogue on Africa has reserved a fund to cover the cost of recruiting a consulting firm to provide consulting service.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The main objectives of the assignment are (1) to prepare country reports on the state of implementation of the High-level Panel report on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa assessing the extent to which the HLP report recommendations were implemented in five countries, namely Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Burkina Faso, DRC and Sudan (2) put in place building blocks for Extractives Revenue Administration and Accountability Project through written review and advice on Concept to be provided by, facilitate broader consultations on concept, map potential partnerships and expertise necessary to deliver project and prepare report and present report on operationalizing the Concept

#### **SCOPE**

The consulting institution is expected to rendered the following services in close collaboration with the Coalition for Dialogue on Africa.

The consulting service has two deliverables: (1) compile Five (5) country reports on the state of implementation of the recommendations of the AU/ECA High-level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows. (2) consolidate the findings and lessons learnt aimed at enabling African governments to effectively tackle challenges posed by IFFs and improve on their revenue take from the extractive sector. These deliverables are inter-connected.

#### **I. Deliverable 1: Country reports on the state of implementation of the HLP report on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa.**

1. First a political economy analysis of the country, especially identifying and profiling the various competing interests and incentives facing policy makers and implementers in the governance and management of natural resources, the national budget and issues of illicit financial flows(IFF)
2. Briefly describe the wider economic context impacting on the country's IFF risk exposure to IFFs, noting all the channels through which IFFs occur in the respective countries – trade, finance, investments and corruption. Estimate, where possible the scale of outflows through these channels. How important is natural resource extraction?
3. Assess the specific nature of the IFF risks the country faces, and its overall vulnerability to IFF.
4. What are the implications for policy, audit and investigative purposes: What data sources exist to answer the questions above?
5. Assess the exposure of the country to tax heavens
6. What steps has country taken to stem IFF? What were their achievements?
7. A number of other points in connection with the extractive sector guiding issues detailed in the TOR to be presented

8. Synthesise Lessons learnt – main achievements and remaining challenges including on aspects that are common to many country and may be better addressed at regional level.
9. Propose recommendations for strengthening country capacity to stem IFFs including capacity building needs and measures.

## **II. Deliverable 2: Putting the building blocks in place for a capacity-building programme aimed at increasing the revenue take from the extractive sector.**

1. Review the initial concept that CODA will share, highlighting its core strengths as gaps, and highlighting its significance especially in the context of COVID-19.
2. Propose, and support CODA to facilitate, a process of consultation, taking into consideration, the current limitations of physical contact in view of COVID-19 for broader buy-in in the shaping of the project. Project Management and Coordination mechanisms to drive and oversee the implementation of such this extractives revenues project.
3. Conduct a bird's eye view of the political economy of natural resource governance and management, especially various competing interests and incentives facing policy makers and implementers in the governance and management of natural resources, the national budget and issues of illicit financial flows(IFF)
4. Undertake an exercise to map expertise within the continent that can be drawn upon to provide technical support for the projects.
5. Undertake a mapping exercise of strategic institutional partnerships for delivering the project.
6. Based on the consultations, propose achievable milestones and timeline for implementation.
7. Based on the above, prepare a report advising CODA on what it will take to implement such a capacity building programme continent-wide.

### **Invitation to Firms**

To this end, the Coalition for Dialogue on Africa now invites Expression of Interest from eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consulting firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: (i) Core business and years in business; (ii) Qualifications and Specific experience in the field of the assignment; (iii) Technical and managerial organization of the firm; (iv) General qualifications and number of key staff. Consultants are requested to submit relevant information pertaining to the above four shortlisting criteria only. Request for Proposals, including detail Terms of Reference (TOR) would be sent to shortlisted firms only for the final stage of the selection process.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form following the above shortlisting criteria to the addresses below via e-mail) by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 15:00 Hours Local Time, Addis Ababa.**

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