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TERMS OF REFERENCE

TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN ANTI CORRUPTION COALITION UGANDA AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION.

1.0 ACCU Background

Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU) was formed in January 1999 and formally registered as an NGO under the NGO Statute in 2004. ACCU brings together like-minded entities and individual actors whose pre-occupation is publicizing, exposing and advocating for curbing corruption in Uganda. ACCU with support from different Development Partners has been implementing interventions since 1999, with the aim of creating an accountable and corruption free society. At the national level, ACCU works with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) engaged in the accountability sector. At the local level, ACCU works with and through Regional Anti-Corruption Coalitions (RACCs) that are spread out in the various parts of the country and of recent grass root member organisations¹. This approach ensures that the citizens' voices are reflected into the national agenda.

2.0 Assignment Background

ACCU is currently implementing the Strengthening Civil Society and Citizen Engagement in Accountability Project (SCEAP). The objective for the project is to strengthen civil society and citizen engagement with government on implementation of anti-corruption laws, policies and accountability recommendations. This project is implemented in three regions and 9 districts; Luuka, Iganga & Mayuge for Busoga sub-region; Terego, Yumbe & Madi Okollo for West Nile sub-region and Masindi, Buliisa & Kikuube for Bunyoro sub-region. It is envisaged that the project will contribute to improved transparency and accountability in Uganda. This project focuses on tackling corruption in critical service delivery sectors like health, education, justice, infrastructure,

¹These include: TESO Anti-Corruption Coalition (TAC), Anti-Corruption Coalition of Busoga (ACCOB), Kick Corruption out of Uganda (KICK-U), Rwenzori Anti-Corruption Coalition (RAC), Midwestern Anti-Corruption Coalition (MIRAC), The APAC Anti-Corruption Coalition (TAAC), MAYANK Anti-Corruption Coalition (MACCO) and Karamoja Anti-Corruption Coalition (KACC).

environment and agriculture, which directly affect ordinary Ugandans. The project also supplements efforts by government accountability institutions in the fight against corruption.

3.0 Assignment Overview

Corruption in Uganda is deep-rooted, occurring in all sectors— public and private, and in a number of forms. It has continued unabated, despite the numerous anti-corruption efforts and commitments the State and Non-State actors have undertaken. There are still high incidences of corruption, adversely affecting service delivery, and ultimately impeding National Development.

The Anti-Corruption Act, 2009, defines corruption in terms of its various manifestations. However, contemporary corruption has increasingly become complex in form, nature and manifestation, often practiced in syndicates and systematic collusions, with a high level of concealment to beat even the most prudent anti-corruption systems.

At the present, the formal arrangement for fighting corruption has mostly concentrated at Government level, while linkages with non-state actors have remained weak and ineffective. Government passed the Zero Tolerance to Corruption Policy 2019 to effectively curb corruption in its various facets and developed a comprehensive five-year plan of action, the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS) to provide programme direction and guide anti-corruption agencies, Ministries, Departments, Agencies and Local Governments (MDALGs), Civil Society Organisations, Private Sector, Religious and Faith Organisations, Academia, Development Partners and the General Public to effectively respond to incidences of corruption within their sectors.

Additionally, a number of Policies, Laws and Regulations have been put in place to encourage participation of the different stakeholders in the fight against corruption. Uganda ratified and/or signed the UN Convention Against Corruption, and the African Union Convention on Prevention and Combatting Corruption which provides for the participation of the non-state actors in the fight against corruption. The National laws and policies (the Anti-Corruption Act, 2009 and the Whistleblowers Protection Act, 2010) also provide for the participation of non-state actors in combating corruption.

However, despite a favorable legal framework that provides for involvement of state and non-state actors in the fight against corruption, partnerships and collaborations in this area have been limited. As such ACCU would like to explore how to engage and collaborate with the private sector in the fight against corruption through hiring services of a consultant to develop guidelines for engagement and collaboration.

4.0 Objectives of the Consultancy:

To develop guidelines for engagement and collaboration between Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda and the private sector in the fight against corruption.

5.0 Nature of the Assignment:

The Consultant is expected to develop a clear methodology detailing how the assignment will be accomplished. Specifically, the Consultant is expected to:

- a) Review literature on CSO engagements and collaboration with the private sector.
- b) Develop guidelines for engagements and collaboration with the private sector.
- c) Use tools and any other agreed upon methodology that will deliver the assignment in a more efficient and effective manner.

6.0 Key Deliverables

The successful consultant is expected to produce the following:

- a) An inception report clearly detailing the understanding of the terms of reference, statement of methodology and budget.
- b) A first draft of the guidelines.
- c) Make a presentation of the guidelines during a validation meeting with ACCU.
- d) Produce the final versions of the guidelines (in soft and hard copy).

7.0 Period of Performance

This assignment will be conducted in the month of September, 2023.

8.0 Level of Effort Expectation

This Assignment is expected to have an LOE of 5 days.

9.0 Qualifications

The suitable candidate for this assignment is expected to possess;

- Graduate training in Law, Policy Analysis, Communication, Journalism, Information Sciences, Social Sciences or any other related qualification.
- At-least 5 years of experience in conducting similar assignments related to engagement between civil society and private sector (samples of previous work and referees should be attached to the technical proposal).
- Excellent knowledge of Uganda's accountability framework.
- Knowledge of policy analysis is required.
- Excellent knowledge and skills in document and data analysis.
- Strong research skills including analytical and report writing skills.

10.0 Reporting and Supervision

The Consultant shall work closely and report to the Advocacy Officer at ACCU.

11.0 Place of Performance

This assignment will be conducted in Kampala.

12.0 Submission of Proposals

Interested individuals or organisations should submit their Technical and Financial Proposals to the Executive Director, Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda on info@accu.or.ug with a copy to amarlon@accu.or.ug not later than September 20, 2023 at 05:00pm.