

Expression of Interest

Editing of a Legal Journal

I. Introduction

Freedom, justice and solidarity are the basic principles underlying the work of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS). KAS is a political foundation, closely associated with the Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU). In pursuit of its objectives, the Foundation has established more than 100 offices around the world and supports projects in over 130 countries geared towards the promotion of democracy, rule of law and a social market economy.

KAS' Rule of Law Worldwide Program with regional offices in Latin America, Asia, Europe, Middle East and Africa seeks to promote rule of law principles in the aforementioned regions based on the Foundation's conviction that democracy, economic and social development are only achievable and sustainable where the rule of law thrives.

The Rule of Law Program for Sub-Saharan Africa has been supporting research and publication as one of the key strategies towards the realisation of the aforementioned objective in the region. The Program has been supporting the publishing of a high-quality online legal journal since 2008 under the name "KAS African Study Law Library". The journal comprises scholarly legal articles authored by participants of doctoral seminars organized by the Rule of Law Program for Sub-Saharan Africa of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation in cooperation with the journal's editorial director and a number of African Universities.

Articles feasible for publication are those, which, according to the joint assessment of the publisher, the editorial director and the respective professors working on site, are of good quality according to objective scientific standards. The possibility of being able to publish these papers, which have been evaluated according to objective criteria, at an international level is an essential element of the doctoral seminars and at the same time an important motivating factor for the participation of young doctoral students and university assistants with above-average qualifications.

The doctoral seminars essentially have the following procedure:

- a. The editorial director develops a proposal for a list of topics in consultation with the respective local partner, which is then coordinated with the head of the Rule of Law Program for Sub-Saharan Africa of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation;
- b. subsequently, the topics are discussed with the seminar participants, refined if necessary, updated and worked on locally;

- c. the seminar papers are corrected and checked for quality both by the respective partner on site and by the editorial management.

II. Objective

The purpose of this call for Expressions of Interest is to identify a suitable editor for KAS' consideration for the continued publication of the KAS Rule of Law Program's academic publication for the period between January 2023 and December 2026.

Publishable articles are those, which, according to the joint assessment of the publisher, the editor and the respective professors working on site, are of good quality as per the objective scientific standards. The possibility of being able to publish these papers, which have been evaluated according to objective criteria, at an international level is an essential element of the doctoral seminars and at the same time an important motivating factor for the participation of young doctoral students and university assistants with above-average qualifications.

III. Services sought

KAS is looking for an editor for the aforementioned journal, which focuses on interdisciplinary research and analysis in the field of law, politics, economics, social sciences and other technical areas within the broad Rule of Law framework in the Sub-Saharan region. Whereas the contributors are drawn mainly from the Sub-Saharan Africa, the targeted readership is an international one. The journal is published in two main languages, namely English and French either in the same or in separate editions, as the case may be.

The task of the editor is to primarily review submitted articles and prepare them for publication. This shall specifically entail the following responsibilities:

- a. to draw up an editorial schedule (timetable for editorial work) and to update it annually;
- b. to guarantee the uniformity of the structure of the different individual editions and the timely submission of manuscripts;
- c. to work out a schedule for the production process together with the publisher and to ensure that it is adhered to;
- d. to determine the content of the individual editions in agreement with the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, and to ensure the content of the journal is of high quality in terms of accuracy, validity, reliability, credibility, authority, readability and relevance to the journal's scope and objectives;

- e. to edit the manuscripts and pre-format them according to the publisher's specifications;
- f. to ensure proofreading by the authors;
- g. to work with and co-ordinate the work of guest editors, editorial assistants, and/or support staff, as the case may be;
- h. to deliver the final approved manuscripts to the Publisher in full electronic form.

In the foregoing, the editor shall,

- a. be responsible for compiling the publishable articles produced in the doctoral seminars conducted for the Rule of Law Program for Sub-Saharan Africa of KAS into a volume in coordination with the Director of the Rule of Law Program for Sub-Saharan Africa of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation,
- b. be responsible for reviewing the drafts of these articles and for the scientific monitoring of the development process of the individual articles, including the correction of the articles until they are ready for publication in coordination with the African law professors supervising them on site;
- c. be responsible for the scientific monitoring of the overall concept of each volume;
- d. be responsible for the acquisition of further articles in coordination with the Director of the Rule of Law Program for Sub-Saharan Africa, from other events organised by the Rule of Law Program for Sub-Saharan Africa with relevant topics and themes as the case may be.

IV. **Qualifications**

- a. PhD holder in law and/or other social sciences;
- b. minimum of ten (10) years' experience of editing academic articles in the field of law;
- c. competence in the use of, and navigation through the online submission and manuscript management platform;
- d. experience in handling, reading, writing and processing African legal literature;
- e. experience in working with institutions of higher learning in Sub-Saharan Africa in general. Experience and networks with Law schools and fields such as social and political sciences will be an added advantage;
- f. previous experience in editing journals is an added advantage.

V. **Costs**

In order to guarantee that the editor's work is within the financial means of Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, we request that the he or she outlines an average or approximate amount that will be charged per volume together with a listing of what the costs result from.

On average, there are four (4) volumes published per year comprising between 5 to 15 articles, with an average of 15 pages on a standard A4 page per publishable article.

VI. **Application Deadline**

All applications must be submitted not later than **18 November 2022** via e-mail info.nairobi@kas.de