

# Expression of Interest

## Publishing 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 Expression of Interest is to identify suitable publishers 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.

## **III. Services sought**

KAS is looking for a partner publisher for the aforementioned journal, which focuses on interdisciplinary research and analysis of policy, economic, social and technical areas within the broad Rule of Law framework in the Sub-Saharan region. Whereas the contributors are mainly from Sub-Saharan Africa, the targeted readers are from different parts of the world. The journal will be published in two main languages, namely English and French (either simultaneously or separately) as an online publication with up to four editions per year.

The contractual relationship which is limited to a duration of four years (renewable) shall include the realisation of the following services:

- a. the publisher agrees to publish the journal by electronic means "open access", as well as to promote it in an appropriate manner within the scope of the available possibilities in consultation with external editorial staff as shall be sourced and contracted by the Foundation, e.g. by sending out publishing directories, brochures and review pieces;
- b. the publisher operates a micro page for the journal on the internet, which contains in particular detailed information about the journal.

## **IV. Selection Criteria**

Reputation and experience of the publisher as well as their experience in publishing legal journals or other relevant journals are critical considerations. In the foregoing, the publishing house should meet the following criteria:

- a. it should have the technical capabilities and capacities to implement the planned publications, in particular the "open access" publication of the journal;
- b. the publisher should have previous experience in publishing academic journals on legal topics related to the Sub-Saharan region and working with local institutions such as universities, and individual academics. The publisher should have experience and reputation in the field of law as well as social and political science;
- c. the publisher should already be established in the area of law as well as political and social science and have a corresponding reputation, preferably not limited to the Sub-Saharan region but of international extent;

- d. its mandate includes the publication of literature in different countries of the Sub-Saharan region. The publisher should therefore have a correspondingly broad outreach in these regions.

## **V. Costs**

In order to guarantee that the publisher's work is within the financial means of Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, we request that the publisher 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**

Any interested publisher wishing to participate in the procurement procedure is invited to hand in a comprehensive application as well as the completed questionnaire as attached below together with all relevant documents including at least **3 referees** via e-mail **info.nairobi@kas.de** not later than **11 November 2022**.

## PROCUREMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

## KAS LEGAL JOURNAL

Name of publishing house: .....

Name of contact person: .....

Address: .....

Postal code: ..... City: .....

Country: .....

Telephone: .....

E-Mail: .....

Website: .....

1. What is the overall size of your publishing house? Please provide the geographical location(s); the number of employees; financial statements; a description of your company's activities, if other than publication.

2. Does your company have experience in publishing journals (in particular legal journals)?

 Yes No

If yes, specify the name(s) of the journal(s).

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3. Do you have experience in publishing free-to-access/open-access journals?

 Yes No

*If yes, please specify.*

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4. Do you have experience in publishing literature from Sub Saharan Africa?

 Yes No

*If yes, please specify.*

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**I certify the accuracy of the above-mentioned information. I recognise the right reserved by KAS to verify with the listed firms/organizations the accuracy of any information submitted in response to the above-mentioned questionnaire or otherwise submitted to KAS. I further authorise KAS to disqualify the firm I represent from the competition in the event that any of the above information is found to be false, erroneous or ambiguous.**

Place: ..... Date: .....

Name and title of the authorised representative: .....

Signature: .....