

Call for Proposals

Supporting Parliamentarians in Sub-Saharan Africa to prepare for COP26

1. Background and Context

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is a German Political Foundation providing policy analysis to political decision makers, supports political dialogue in and between countries and promotes capacity building in order to enhance international cooperation and regional integration. The KAS Regional Programme Energy Security and Climate Change in Sub-Saharan Africa has been operational since 2017 with its head office in Nairobi, Kenya. Through the coordination of activities in the Sub-Saharan part of the continent, the Programme has a mission to improve the political and social framework for climate friendly sustainable development, and stronger regional and international cooperation on energy security and climate change adaptation/mitigation in Sub-Saharan Africa countries.

The advent of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has had severe impacts on international climate diplomacy, culminating in the rescheduling of the 26th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP26) to November 2021. COP26 is considered to be the most important inter-governmental meeting since the Paris Agreement in 2015¹, because it will serve as the first review of the countries National Determined Contributions (NDCs) to limit the rise of global temperature to no more than 2C above pre-industrial levels.

However, as governments and parliaments around the world are currently trying to minimize the negative impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is important to assure that the review process of the NDCs will remain a priority on the political agenda. In addition, the COP26 presents a crucial opportunity for Sub-Saharan African countries to raise awareness for climate change adaption and mitigation from an African perspective.

In this context, Parliaments play a crucial role in overseeing the ongoing implementation of the Paris Agreement by linking national climate change efforts to the global ambition to limit global warming. In addition, they can define the importance of adaptation and mitigation to climate change on the political agenda and allocate the necessary budget to the national commitments expressed in the NDCs. Parliamentarians hold their governments accountable in meeting the Paris Agreement, they shape national climate policy and link with their constituencies to promote awareness and dialogue on climate change related impacts.

2. Main Objective

This call seeks to gather proposals from leading international institutions on how to strengthen parliamentary capacities to prepare for COP26 and its related review of the National Determined Contributions. The project will be implemented in Sub-Saharan African countries.

¹ <https://www.unenvironment.org/events/un-day/un-framework-convention-climate-change-unfccc-cop26>

3. Outcome

- A customized, virtual training course for Parliamentarians from Sub-Saharan African countries. The training should underline meaning and significance of the upcoming COP26 as well as supporting capacity building for the relevant key stakeholders in climate diplomacy.
- Enforced peer-to-peer exchange
- Complimentary material for participants (training manual, policy briefs etc.)

4. Expected Deliverables

The deliverable is a set of activities that will be able to fulfil the expected outcomes. Deliverables should include:

- A desktop review to identify the key capacity needs and areas of intervention.
- Gathering of information from parliamentarians or other stakeholders regarding emerging issues and challenges related to the role of parliaments in the upcoming COP26 negotiations.
- Design of a training curriculum with an implementation schedule for parliamentarians in relevant committees that addresses the identified issues and challenges.
- Suitable activities to foster and strengthen peer-to-peer learning

A detailed timeline of the deliverables should be included in the proposal.

For all deliverables:

- The successful bidder will update KAS frequently on the process of compiling the deliverables (via email or phone or in person).
- The successful bidder will be asked to revise the planned activities to take into consideration questions and feedback from KAS.

5. Beneficiaries

Parliamentarians in relevant committees from Sub-Saharan Africa.

6. Methodology

KAS welcomes innovative methods to achieve the outcomes listed above. Proposals should clearly describe the intended methodology and its linkage to intended outcomes.

In responding to this call for proposals, all intended activities should be described in detail.

7. Qualifications

The successful bidder should demonstrate:

- a. Track record in the successful implementation of activities with parliaments and parliamentarians in Sub-Saharan Africa
- b. Strong background in climate diplomacy
- c. Excellent command of spoken and written English
- d. At least 10 years working experience in international cooperation, preferably with a focus on Sub-Saharan Africa

8. Terms of Payment

Terms of payment will be outlined in the contract of agreement after consultation with the successful bidder.

9. Call for expression of interest/proposal submission

Individuals or organisations interested in this assignment are expected to submit proposals (both technical and financial) with CVs of the proposed team. The technical proposal should include a detailed outline of all intended activities, a timeline, CVs of all team members (name/position within the team/qualification/task for each member/number of working days) and should reference the qualifications mentioned above. The financial proposal should be submitted with an itemised breakdown of all expenses (professional fees and activity expenses).

Please send your proposals to: anja.berretta@kas.de

Deadline for submission: 28th October, 12pm GMT.