

Call for Proposals

Strengthening the Participation of African non-Party Stakeholders in the UNFCCC Processes

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 UNFCCC COP 26 has been postponed to November 2021 and the delay of what was being termed a 'super COP', at which NDC updates and future climate change ambition were to be agreed, is a serious hurdle to implementing the global climate response. Africa is an essential player in the response, but while African governments and the African Group of Negotiators feature prominently in the multilateral negotiations, the voices of other African non-Party stakeholder groups, including youth groups, civil society organisations, local and regional authorities, women, academic institutions, political parties, and business, tend to be less meaningful.

In addition, slow Covid-19 vaccine roll outs in African countries and the possibility of vaccine passports being required at COP26 at the same time threaten the inclusivity of the COP, particularly for non-Party stakeholders, who would otherwise have enjoyed observer status. The importance of a successful COP 26 and the extreme urgency of integrated African climate change action suggests a need to identify and articulate the views and positions of such other stakeholder groups. Such voices are important not only to strengthen the African position internationally, but also to strengthen domestic positions within nationally determined communications (NDCs).

Effective climate change responses require the mobilisation of innovative responses and action at all levels of government, private sector and civil society. This is relevant not only at a national level, but also regionally and internationally where the role of non-Party stakeholder input and action has become an increasingly important driver behind the successes of the Paris Agreement and subsequent COPs. Robust voluntary climate action, high levels of public reporting and education, and lobbying from civil society, business and local governments were fundamental to the successful finalisation of the Paris Agreement at COP21.

Not only will a strengthened voice help to support African positions during the negotiations, but non-Party stakeholders have an important role to play in the development and revision of NDCs.

It is within this context that the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) seeks to support non-Party stakeholders in Sub-Saharan Africa to increase their meaningful participation in the UNFCCC processes.

2. Main objective

This activity aims to strengthen the voice of non-Party stakeholders in the UNFCCC processes via national and regional cooperation towards the COP 26 and also to support their role in the development and revision of NDCs.

3. Outcome

More concretely, the set of activities aims to:

- facilitate discussions for effective participation in COP26 negotiations towards the backdrop of the current global health situation
- support the preparation of shared positions among African non-Party stakeholders on priority issues forming the subject of negotiations at COP26, including mitigation ambition, climate finance and adaptation.
- bring to prominence the positions and views of identified African non-Party stakeholders and for the presentation or publication of such views prior to COP26 using regional and international platforms.
- capacitate identified African non-Party stakeholders in their involvement in the review and update of NDCs in 2021.
- strengthen African non-Party stakeholders to participate in the UNFCCC processes as well as building synergies among them for more effective contribution.

4. Expected deliverables

The project will consist of the following activities:

Component 1: Identification of relevant African non-Party stakeholders

Component 2. Creation of a suitable exchange platform for participants

Component 3: Design of Capacity Building and Training Materials

Component 4: Public Outreach Campaign

A detailed methodological approach and timeline should be included in the proposal.

5. Beneficiaries

African non-Party stakeholders with proven experience in climate action and some experience in outreach campaigns (selection of countries and exact number of participants to be determined with the successful applicant).

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:

- Track record on the successful implementation of climate change mitigation and /or adoption to climate change activities in the Civil Society sphere;
- Expert knowledge on UNFCCC processes and the implementation of the Paris Agreement
- Excellent command of spoken and written English and French
- At least 10 years of working experience in Sub-Saharan Africa, preferably with a focus on climate action and cooperation with Civil Society Organisations.

KAS welcomes applications from individuals or teams that reflect the diversity and variety of African societies.

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

The individual or team interested in this assignment are expected to submit one coherent proposal, including technical details, timetable and financial offer, including CVs and other relevant documents.

The financial proposal (budget estimates) must be submitted with an itemized breakdown of professional fees and activity expenses.

Please send all documents to: anja.berretta@kas.de.

Deadline for applications: 07.06.2021