Call for Project Proposals

STUDY ON YOUTH CLIMATE ADVOCACY IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

2020

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 Regional Programme Energy Security and Climate Change in Sub-Saharan Africa of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung has been operational since 2017 with its head office in Yaoundé, Cameroon. 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 adaptation/mitigation efforts in Sub-Saharan Africa countries.

During the last Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in February 2020, UNECA Executive Secretary Vera Songwe stressed the role and importance of youth to respond to global climate change. In industrialised countries, youth movements such as Fridays for Future have gained considerable attention and prominence and their representatives have been invited to climate negotiations. Special formats such as the Children and Youth Constituency to the United Nationals Framework Convention on Climate Change (YOUNGO) have granted the youth the possibility to raise their opinions and concerns. However, few is known about the youth advocacy on climate change in Sub-Saharan African countries, their impact, their forms of organisation and their opinions on climate change and its impacts.

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is therefore seeking to examine the role of youth organisations in Sub-Saharan African countries and their participation in decision making.

2. Main objective

The main objective is to understand the role of African youth in shaping national, regional and global climate responses and consequently improve and enable more effective and efficient participation. The following questions (not exhaustive) could be answered:

- To what extent are youth representatives able to present their inputs into the NDCs?
- Are youth delegates able to participate in country’s UNFCCC COP delegations?
- To what extend have state and non-state actors provided youth with the opportunity to participate in national climate debates?

3. Expected outcomes

The results of this study should enable CSOs and youth organisations to engage more efficient and effective on their public advocacy and oversight role in international climate diplomacy as well as in national climate debates. The study should also shed light on the forms and mechanisms of youth engagement in the climate change debate in Sub-Saharan African countries.

4. 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 terms of reference, all intended activities should be described in detail.

5. Expected deliverables

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

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

For this key deliverable:
- 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.

6. Qualifications

The successful bidder should demonstrate:

- Good knowledge of (youth) policy campaigning, regional and global climate change debates
- Experience in topics related to environment-water-climate change, preferably in the context of a research institution
- Good command of spoken and written English.
- Track record in the successful implementation of similar projects.

7. Terms of Payment

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

8. 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: armand.lele@kas.de

Deadline for submission: 12\textsuperscript{th} April 2020, 12pm GMT