



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

A REVIEW OF EXISTING POLICIES AND LEGISLATIONS GOVERNING PROPERTY ACQUISITION/OWNERSHIP AND REGISTRATION IN NIGERIA

Background

It is a common knowledge that Nigeria, like many other countries in Africa suffers severe leakage of its public resources through corrupt means. Public funds that could be better used to address critical sectors for national development, such as health, education, electricity, roads, and other infrastructural projects for the social, political and economic well-being of the country are diverted by some Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs) and Civil Servants. The Proceeds of such crimes are often times hidden in foreign safe havens or are used for the acquisition of private property within and outside Nigeria.

As a direct response to the situation, the Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice, ANEEJ has designed a project entitled “*Tackling corruption through improving transparency in property ownership*”. One of the objectives of the project is to promote relevant policies that limit the capacity of politically exposed persons and their collaborators to acquire property with proceeds of crime and through corrupt practices.

Approach

As an approach, a preliminary work needs to be undertaken, which is to review existing policies and legislations governing property acquisition/ownership and registration in Nigeria. The purpose of this study is to understand why certain persons are able to successfully acquire property in Nigeria with proceeds of crime, without recourse to the source of income of such persons.

The research seeks to answer the following questions:

1. What are the existing laws or policies governing property acquisition, ownership and registration in Nigeria?
2. What gaps exist in such laws and policies?
3. How can such gaps be remedied?
4. What efforts have been made by the anti-corruption agencies (ACAs) to seize property of political office holders, politically exposed persons, and corrupt civil servants in Nigeria linked to proceed of corruption?

Task

ANEEJ seeks to engage a consultant who will review existing policies and legislation governing property acquisition/ownership and registration in Nigeria and in the process provide answers to the four questions mentioned above. The consultants will also interface with:

- Abuja Geographic Information System (AGIS)
- Federal Capital Development Agency (FCDA),
- Anti-corruption Agencies and,



- Any other agency concerned or involved in regulating property acquisition, ownership and registration in Nigeria,
- Civil society organizations.

Scope of work

The consultant is expected to work within two weeks in Abuja to produce the report. The report should capture:

1. a review of existing laws or policies governing property acquisition, ownership and registration in Nigeria
2. the gaps which exist in such laws and policies. It is also expected to identify policy gaps in dealing with corrupt practices related to landed property acquisition and registration in Abuja.
3. provide clear findings regarding the gaps in the laws and policies, and proposing recommendations for closing such gaps
4. capture the efforts that have been made by the anti-corruption agencies (ACAs) to seize property of political office holders, politically exposed persons, and corrupt civil servants in Nigeria linked to proceeds of corruption.

The consultant is expected to submit a comprehensive report capturing all areas stated in the expression of interest to ANEEJ.

Timeline

- The consultant is expected to work within two weeks to deliver the report to ANEEJ, specifically, from August 30, 2017 to September 13, 2017.
- The consultant is at liberty to plan on how to deliver the work within the time frame but should within the first week interface with the relevant government agencies and CSOs, as well secure copies of laws or policies where applicable.
- The consultant is expected to write and submit a draft report to ANEEJ by September 11, 2017
- Upon receiving feedback, the consultant is expected to write and submit a final report by September 13, 2017

REQUIREMENTS

- Degree in social sciences (Preferably post graduate degree)
- Minimum of three (3) years' experience working or providing consultancy services in a similar area
- An extensive experience in designing and operationalizing systems
- Familiarity with government's current anti-corruption disposition and effort
- Excellent writing skills
- Experience working within Abuja

**Supervision**

The consultant will be supervised by ANEEJ Executive Director, Rev David Ugolor. A draft report and other clarification will be sought from him via david@aneej.org, info@aneej.org.

Application timeline

The Consultant/consulting firm is invited to apply showing his/her competencies in an expression of interest letter and his/her CV, sent to info@aneej.org not later than August 29, 2017

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The consultant will be expected to present the report during a brief validation meeting to get feedback from stakeholders at a later date.