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## **RFA for Consultant to Assess the Management Framework and Effectiveness of Anti-Corruption and Transparency Units (ACTUs) in Delivering its Mandate Across Federal MDAs in Nigeria**

### **1. Background**

The Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANEEJ) is implementing the Civil Society Advocacy to Strengthen Anti-corruption Reforms in Nigeria (CASARN) project. The project is supported by the International IDEA under the Rule of Law and Anti-corruption (RoLAC II) project with funding from the European Union (EU) and aims to combat grand corruption in Nigeria through civil society advocacy and support for improved service delivery and anti-corruption reforms.

At the national level, the project targets initiatives that will strengthen the management framework of Anti-Corruption and Transparency Units (ACTUs) to revitalize and support the Independent Corruption and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) to repackage ACTUs for greater transparency.

The Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) was established by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) as one of the implementation mechanisms for its Mandate on prohibition and prevention of corruption especially in the Public Service. Anti-Corruption Units are established in Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of government and operate as autonomous outfits with functional linkages with the office of the Chief Executives of the MDAs.

By 2003, the Units were established in five (5) MDAs; and by 2008, two hundred and fifty-five units (255) were in operation, with considerable growth experienced over the years. The current number of ACTUs has increased considerably across federal MDAs in Nigeria.

Since its establishment, has the ACTUs satisfied the purpose for which they were set up? How effective are they in the delivery of their mandates? Are there challenges hindering the smooth operation of ACTUs? What is the level of cooperation or otherwise from the management of MDAs? How can the operations of ACTUs be improved?

To respond to all of these issues, ANEEJ seeks the services of a consultant to assess the management framework and effectiveness of ACTUs. The report will contribute to the advocacy efforts targeted at strengthening the management framework of ACTUs to revitalize and support the Independent Corruption and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) to repackage ACTUs for greater transparency.

## **2. Objective**

The overall objective of this consultancy is to evaluate the management framework of ACTUs, assess their effectiveness in the delivery of its mandate and provide actionable recommendations to improve their operations.

## **3. Scope of Work/ Terms of Reference**

The Consultant is expected to:

- Examine/review the current legal, operational, and administrative frameworks governing the operations of ACTUs including ICPC Act 2000 and the Standing Order of the Operations of ACTUs
- Assess the contribution of ACTUs to the broader anti-corruption work of ICPC
- Assess the role of the management of MDAs in promoting or limiting the work of ACTUs
- Evaluate the effectiveness of ACTUs in promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance within MDAs.
- Provide case studies of successes and failure if available where ACTUs have succeeded or faced challenges in delivering its mandate
- Identify gaps in the current framework and operational structural of ACTUs
- Identify other challenges that are currently limiting the proper functioning of ACTUs
- Make specific recommendations to improve the status quo and propose how to reposition and revitalise ACTUs for greater efficiency

The assignment will involve

- Desk review of relevant publications
- Interview with the leadership OF ICPC
- Interview with ICTUs leadership in selected MDAs, management of MDAs, CSOs and others
- Writing of report

## **4. Deliverables and timelines**

- Inception Report: Detailed methodology, work plan, and specific timelines within 2days of signing the contract
- Assessment tool - 1 day
- Holding interview with identified stakeholders - 9 days
- Submit draft report to ANEEJ for review – 2 days
- Present the report at a stakeholders' meeting for validation and discussion and use the feedback from stakeholders to review the report – the date of the meeting will be scheduled by ANEEJ and made known to the consultant
- Submit final report to ANEEJ – 1 day

## **5. Duration**

The consultancy is expected to last **15 days** starting from the date of signing the contract.

## **6. Remuneration**

The remuneration is as contained in the budget with the consultant.

## **7. Qualifications and Experience**

I. Qualification - A first degree or higher in Governance, Public Policy, Law, Social Sciences, or related fields

II. Experience - Proven experience in anti-corruption, public sector governance, or transparency-focused projects and working with Nigerian MDAs or anti-corruption bodies like ICPC is an added advantage

III. Evidence of previous similar work done

IV. Strong analytical, research, and report-writing skills

## **8. Application Process**

Interested individuals are required to submit the following:

- Expression of interest indicating their suitability for the work and evidence of previous work done
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the lead consultant and team members (if applicable).

## **9. Submission Deadline**

All proposals must be submitted by Friday, November 25, 2024, to [procurement@aneej.org](mailto:procurement@aneej.org) or physically at our Head Office: 39, Oyaide Avenue, off Benoni, GRA, Benin City.