

Call for expression of interest to undertake a Political Economy Analysis of Energy and Water Resources Management and How Political Parties can play an active Role (in Lesotho, Malawi, and Zambia)

1. Background and context

Democracy Works Foundation (DWF) is a South African Registered regional organisation that is committed to empowering citizens with the tools to make democracy work. In partnership with the Centre for Multi-party Democracy (CMD-Malawi) and Freedom House in South Africa (FH-South Africa), DWF is implementing a three year USAID supported *Regional Political Party Strengthening Program (RPPSP)* in Southern Africa (presently focusing on Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Swaziland and Zambia). The program is designed to strengthen the democratic structures and institutions of political parties in Botswana, Malawi, Lesotho and Zambia as well as facilitate multi-stakeholder dialogue in Swaziland to better respond to, reflect and represent the needs of the citizenry, particularly in the areas of water and energy resources management.

2. The Political Economy Analysis (PEA)

As part of the inception phase of the programme, DWF seeks the services of qualified and experienced consultants to conduct a PEA focusing on energy and water resources management in Malawi, Lesotho and Zambia (one consultant per country). The main components of the PEA will include but not be limited to the following:

- 2.1 Undertaking a situational analysis of energy and water resources management in the mentioned countries. This is expected to provide an understanding of the state of affair with regard to how energy and water in the countries concerned are managed. In addition, it will among other things, require the PEA to look at relevant policies and strategies in place (or lack of the same) in a given country;
- 2.2 Identify and analyse the actors that are key in these sectors with regard to development and/or implementation of those policies and strategies;
- 2.3 Identify and analyze the incentive frameworks of the key actors and key stakeholders involved in the energy and water resources management in the concerned countries;
- 2.4 Draw up an analysis of how these policies, strategies and actors impact upon (influence) access to energy and water by the ordinary persons/communities and other beneficiaries

2.5 Identify areas of possible engagement for political parties in these sectors with the view of scaling up political parties' role in the management and access of these resources. This may be done through political parties' engagement with policies, strategies actors and communities.

2.6 In the process of identifying areas of political party engagement, the PEA should also shed light on the incentive framework for political parties to play this positive/active role. In other words, what would it take for political parties to play a meaningful role in these sectors?

3. Organisation and Management

Working under the supervision of the Regional Programme's Chief of Party or his representative, each of the country consultants shall undertake the PEA in close collaboration with DWF Country Directors in the targeted countries. The Country Directors will actively participate in and serve as part of the Consultant's core team for purposes of executing this assignment.

4. Approach and Methodology

The PEA will be a participatory process and it is to be conducted within a period of 30 days at the maximum from the time of signing of the contract. A total of 17 consultancy days utmost are envisaged. In responding to this call for expression of interest, the consultant is requested to submit a letter expressing interest to undertake the PEA in question, clearly specifying the country for which he/she is best suited, and with the following as annexes:

4.1 A detailed CV with at least three contactable referees;

4.2 A detailed technical proposal that should among other things demonstrate the consultant's understanding of the assignment and provide a detailed description of the methodology and implementation plan (time frame) for conducting the PEA in question and maximum number of actual consultancy days required

4.3 A financial proposal (indicating consultancy rate per day).

5. Deliverables and Timeframes

The key deliverables of the PEA will include the following:

- 5.1 An inception report submitted within five (5) days after signing of the contract. The draft report will be presented at the kick off meeting (virtual or physical) of this study and may have to be revised depending on comments and observations made at the kick-off meeting. Thus, the final version of the inception report will build on the consultant's technical proposal as well as taking into account comments and suggestions from the client following a kick-off meeting
- 5.2 A draft mission report (draft PEA) that will be presented to DWF and its partners for validation
- 5.3 An end of mission report (The PEA);
- 5.4 A process report that will document the consultant's own reflections on how he/she executed the assignment and identifying key lessons in this regard for DWF and its Consortium Partners to learn from

6. Qualifications and experience of the Consultant

The consultant must demonstrate:

- 6.1 Strong experience in water and energy resource management as well as knowledge about politics and political parties in Southern Africa in general and the given country in particular;
- 6.2 Prior traceable experience in conducting PEA;
- 6.3 Consultants must not hold any official position or play any advisory or similar role in the targeted countries;
- 6.4 Proficiency in written and oral English

7. Deadline and address for submission of the expression of interest

If you meet the specified qualifications, you are interested and you are available, submit your expression of interest by 13th April 2018 to the following address: recruitment@democracyworks.org.za, with the title "Political Economy Analysis" in the subject line of your email