



TERMS OF REFERENCE:

CONSULTANT TO UNDERTAKE A POLITICAL ECONOMY ANALYSIS ON DEMOCRATIC LOCAL GOVERNANCE PROCESSES AND THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

1. Background and context

Democracy Works Foundation (DWF) is a southern African non-profit organisation focused on democracy development in the region. With headquarters in South Africa, DWF works through its country offices to provide tools to develop resilient democracies. As an independent foundation, it builds and promotes inclusive, equitable and sustainable consensus democracies by providing tools, platforms and content to strengthen democrats, democratic culture and democracy institutions. DWF works on the supply and demand side of democracy.

DWF is currently implementing a U.S. Department of State project in Angola, the CSO Capacity Building for Credible Local Elections (CAB4CLE) Project. The Project Goal is to build the Angolan civil society capacity to effectively champion for democratic governance and contribute to the holding of credible local government elections. The anticipated outcomes are as follow:

Outcome 1: Enhanced capacity and knowledge for civil society to undertake evidence-based advocacy for democratic local governance and to meaningfully participate in local electoral processes.

Outcome 2: Increased capacity and knowledge for the citizenry to meaningfully participate in the local governance electoral processes.

Outcome 3: Increased engagement of National level electoral stakeholders including the CNE, political parties, government institutions to facilitate joint reflection and learning as well as addressing issues that contribute to credible electoral processes

The Project will benefit: a) civil society organisations working in the democratic space at national and provincial levels; b) organised youth and women groups focusing on democracy and governance sectors at the local level; c) the National Electoral



Commission (CNE); d) Municipal and District Electoral Commissions; and e) political parties and media organisations at the local level. The project is implemented by DWF in partnership with three CSOs, the National Counselling Centre (NCC), Rede Terra, and Mbakita based in the provinces of Luanda, Huambo and Cuando Cubango. Through and with these implementing partners, the project will reach out to a wide range of other local CSO actors as well as other relevant stakeholders nationwide.

With the anticipated local government elections in mind, the project is designed as an iterative process involving learning, standards development, capacity development, building democratic cultures, and civic participation.

Thus, as part of the inception phase of the project in Angola, DWF seeks the services of a qualified and experienced consultant to conduct a political economy analysis focusing on democratic local governance processes and the role of civil society. The consultant will work under the supervision of the DWF Angola Country Director/Project Manager in close collaboration with the Deputy Regional Director.

2. Scope of the work and specific tasks

The political economy analysis on democratic local governance processes and the role of civil society will seek to provide insights into Angola's democratic local governance as well as the anticipated local government elections on the one hand while on the other hand assessing comprehensively the role that civil society actors can play in advancing the cause for the same.

Accordingly, and using political economy analysis framework, the consultant is expected to perform the following specific tasks:

- i. Assess in detail the context (historical, political, legal, socioeconomic) and state of democratic local governance in Angola with focus on identifying the opportunities and challenges facing the deepening the processes of democratic local governance;
- ii. Identify and unpack the key actors (both formal and informal) that (in practice or potentially) advance or undermine the democratic local governance process including the local government elections/electoral processes



- iii. Identify and analyse the (inter) relationships, positions, interests and the incentive framework of these actors vis-à-vis the deepening of democratic local governance as well the holding of democratic local government elections;
- iv. Within the framework of this PEA, identify and analyse the role that civil society actors can play in supporting the deepening of democratic local governance and the holding of democratic local government elections
- v. In the light of the foregoing identify and analyse, issues, opportunities and challenges that civil society actors are (will be) confronted with in advancing the cause for democratic local governance as well as the holding of democratic local government elections;
- vi. Based on this PEA, make actionable recommendations that are consistent with the objectives of this project

3. Approach and Methodology

The assessment is to be conducted within a period of 40 days at the maximum from the time of signing of the contract. A total of 25 consultancy days at most is envisaged. In responding to this call for expression of interest, the consultant is requested to submit a letter expressing interest to undertake the political economy analysis on democratic local governance processes and the role of civil society with the following as annexes:

- 3.1 A detailed CV with at least three contactable referees;
- 3.2 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 for conducting the study;
- 3.3 A financial proposal, including daily rate and inclusive of all travel and subsistence.

4. Deliverables and Timeframes

The key deliverables of the political economy analysis on democratic local governance processes and the role of civil society will include the following:

- 4.1 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. The final version of the inception report will build on the consultant's technical proposal



- 4.2 Presentation of draft political economy analysis on democratic local governance processes and the role of civil society assessments to be presented to DWF and key stakeholders, including CSOs;
- 4.3 Final political economy analysis on democratic local governance processes and the role of civil society report including feedback given at the validation meeting presented;
- 4.4 A process report documenting the consultant's own reflections on how he/she executed the assignment and identifying key lessons from which DWF can learn.

5. Qualifications and experience of the Consultant

The consultant must demonstrate:

- 5.1 Strong experience and knowledge about the civil society, governance and politics in Angola;
- 5.2 Prior traceable experience in undertaking similar assignments;
- 5.3 Consultants must not hold any official position or play any advisory or similar role in any political party or the government;
- 5.4 Proficiency in written and oral English
- 5.5 Those with relevant regional comparative experiences in local governance will have an added advantage.

6. 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 20 February 2023 to the following address: recruitment@democracyworksfoundation.org, with the title political economy analysis on democratic local governance processes and the role of civil society