

# CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, COALITIONS AND NETWORKS MAPPING EXERCISE AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN ONLINE REGIONAL DATABASE

**Assignment Title:** Regional social movements, coalitions and networks mapping and development of an online regional database.

**Location of Assignment:** SADC Region

**Duration of Assignment:** 21 Working Days

**Effective Start Date:** 4 March 2024

**Reporting to:** The Secretary General

### Introduction

A regional non-governmental organisation is seeking qualified consultant(s) to conduct a mapping exercise of social movements, coalitions and networks and develop an online regional database of organisations working on social policy, debt, trade, tax, climate justice and public finance management in the Southern Africa region (16 SADC countries – Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe). The mapping will be done through a comprehensive desk review and collation of existing social movements, coalitions and networks data. The database will take the form of a searchable directory with key information such as contact details, locational details, and thematic focus areas.

### Background

Social movements, coalitions and networks play a crucial role in southern Africa, contributing significantly to various aspects of the continent's development and well-being. They have often contributed to promoting democracy and good governance; delivering essential services by often filling gaps in service delivery, especially in marginalized communities. Social movements, coalitions and networks can act as mediators in conflicts, facilitating dialogue between different groups and promoting peaceful resolutions among others. However, the nature and character of movements in the SADC Region is shifting and dynamic. This presents critical opportunities and entry points for meaningful engagement. It also presents the risk of exclusion, overlaps and duplication of effort. As such there is need for a clear mapping and understanding of the diverse and unique contributions of the various regional social movements, coalitions and networks working in the SADC region for strengthened institutional capacities of social movements.

### Objectives

- To create an online central repository of information about social movements, coalitions and networks operating in the region, including their areas of focus, geographical reach, and organizational structures.
- To create a platform for social movements, coalitions and networks to discover potential partners, share resources and expertise, and collaborate on joint initiatives.

- To showcase the valuable contributions of social movements, coalitions and networks to the region's development.
- To promote transparency and accountability within the sector by making information about social movements, coalitions and networks publicly available.
- To convene different working groups across SAPSN thematic areas of work and familiarize membership with SAPSN strategy, procedures, and membership modalities.

### **Roles and Responsibilities of the Consultant:**

The consultant shall:

1. Organize an inception meeting with the contracting organization.
2. Design and customize appropriate methodology for the assignment.
3. Provide a detailed work plan and budget. (The regional organisation reserves the right to check for reasonability, allocability and allowability of these costs)

### **Key Deliverables:**

An online database of regional social movements, coalitions and networks that are vetted and are operating across the various thematic areas in the Africa Region developed and submitted.

### **Duration of the Assignment:**

The assignment is expected to run for 21 working days from the date of awarding of contract.

### **Payment:**

Payment terms will be disclosed and agreed upon with the successful applicant.

### **Roles of the Organisation:**

The organisation shall:

- Provide access to relevant information necessary for execution of the tasks under this assignment and all the necessary support that may be required by the consultant during the assignment.
- Review and sign off deliverables
- Facilitate payment of the consultant upon satisfactory completion of assignment.

### **Reporting:**

For this assignment, the consultant will work closely with the Project Officer while reporting to the Secretary General.

### **Required Skills and Experience**

#### **Educational Qualifications:**

Advanced degree in a relevant area such as Social Sciences (Sociology/Public Administration/ Development Studies).

## Experience

- A minimum of 5 years of experience in convening, connecting, and strengthening African CSOs/ movements' institutional and technical capacities is required.
- Demonstrable experience in creating databases and directories is required.
- Experience in creating spaces and platforms for social movements, coalitions and networks to connect, deliberate, share and learn about topical policy issues affecting Africa and its citizens is an added advantage.
- Prior experience working with social movements, coalitions and networks, community organizations, or research projects can be highly valuable.

## How to apply:

If interested in the above-mentioned opportunity, please submit your application to [socialmovements@gmail.com](mailto:socialmovements@gmail.com) by **Monday 4 March 2024**. All applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.

