

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTANCY



**ON A MID-TERM ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE'S PROGRESS IN
IMPLEMENTING THE UPR (2ND CYCLE)
RECOMMENDATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS(hrds)**

2019

**NATIONAL COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN
UGANDA**



ABOUT THE NATIONAL COALITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

The National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U) is a registered organization of various organizations and individual Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) that was formed in 2013. It seeks to strengthen the work of HRDs throughout the country through synergy and collaboration at national and international level to enhance the protection mechanisms for HRDs and their capacity to effectively defend human rights. NCHRD-U focuses its work in all regions in Uganda.

NCHRD-U's purpose is to protect and promote the work of HRDs in safe and secure environment through linkages with national, regional and international entities. Individuals and organizations working to promote the protection of Human Rights Defenders (HRD) in Uganda. Further information about the Organisation and what it does, can be found on our website: www.hrdcoalition.ug

1.0 .INTRODUCTION

During the Human Rights Council twenty-sixth session from 31 October to 11 November 2016, the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, established in accordance with resolution 5/1, undertook the review of Uganda during its 7th meeting, on 3 November 2016. The delegation of Uganda was led by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sam K. Kutesa. On 8 November 2016, at its 13th meeting, the Working Group adopted the report on Uganda. The process which was rapporteured by the troika of Mongolia, Morocco and Portugal attracted list of questions prepared in advance by Belgium, Czechia, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was transmitted to Uganda through the troika to inform the review. During the interactive dialogue with the Government of Uganda, 82 delegations from 82 countries made various observations, comments and eventually recommendations to Uganda.

Uganda accepted 143 recommendations from the various States. It differed 18 recommendations and rejected 65 touching on various aspects of human rights. Among the many all of the recommendations were some that have a great impact on the working environment of human rights defenders in Uganda. Uganda is currently in the implementation stage of its 2nd cycle of the UPR review. It is anticipated that around or during May/June, Uganda should be undergoing a mid-term

review to assess the progress of the implementation of the recommendations thus far, examine the challenges being faced in its quest for implementation and come up with potential solutions/recommendations that can be employed to guide Uganda in its efforts to implement in the remaining period before its 3rd cycle due in 2021.

As CSOs, it is vital, in tandem with their critical role of monitoring, documenting and reporting on the progress of recommendations to undertake an assessment of the progress of the State in implementing the same, with a view to engaging the State strategically to contribute or compliment to its efforts of implementation. As the co-convenor of the Human Rights Defenders' Cluster within the CSO National Stakeholders' Forum on the UPR, the National Coalition for Human Rights Defenders in Uganda seeks to engage the services of a consultant to undertake, on its behalf, an assessment of the status of implementation of all recommendations that were issued under the **UPR relating on human rights defenders and their work** in the country. The net should be cast wider to also include rejected recommendations by examining how, the fact that they were rejected by Uganda and as thus not on the agenda of the international community, has this state of affairs affected the HRDs and their operating space.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The purpose of the assignment is to undertake a mid-term assessment on State implementation of the UPR recommendations to Uganda on HRDs.

3.0 EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

The required outputs from this consultancy shall include but not limited to;

- I. A comprehensive report on the Status of mid-term implementation of the UPR recommendations on HRDs in Uganda;
- II. A policy brief or/and matrix describing the Summary of the state of implementation of the recommendations on HRDs in Uganda for advocacy purposes and easy dissemination;
- III. Two power point presentations to the HRDs for report validation and final presentation to the various audiences that shall be identified by the Coalition.

4.0 DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT



The assignment is expected to be carried out over a period of 30 working days or less within the months of April, May and June, 2019.

5.0 REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS OF THE VYING CONSULTANT

The Consultant should have the following competencies:

- I. University degree in relevant field of development studies, social sciences, law and Masters in any of the aforementioned field shall be an added advantage;
- II. Over 5 years' experience working in human rights, rule of law, and good governance field with particular attention to skills in monitoring, documentation and reporting on State implementation of its regional and international human rights system obligations;
- III. Experience in the understanding and workings of the UPR process under the United Nations Human Rights System.
- IV. Excellent research, writing and presentation skills;
- V. Demonstrated ability to complete multifaceted tasks in an apt manner and convey quality results.

6. APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested and qualified consultants should submit their application which should include the following:

- I. A technical proposal including a proposed work plan and details of similar tasks completed successfully;
- II. A financial proposal in detail (avoiding where possible, block figures)
- III. Current Curriculum vitae
- IV. Submissions should be made via email to executive@hrdcoalition.ug or hand delivered to **Plot 148, SEMAWATTA ROAD, NTINDA. KAMPALA**
- V. The closing date for receiving both the technical and financial proposals is **Friday 17th May, 2019 at 5:00pm.**
- VI. Only short listed consultants/firms will be contacted