



Call for Expression of Interest

Experts' Terms of Reference for Development of the 2ND East African Community Rule of Law Index

Project Name:	Creation of a Comprehensive, Credible, High-level Rule of Law Index for the East African Region.
Category of Experts Required for the Assignment:	Constitutional/Human Rights/Rule of Law Experts.
Contract Type:	Individual Contract.
Duty Station:	East African Community Partner States.
Duration of Contract:	90 days (1 st of February to 30 th April 2023)

1. Background

The East Africa Law Society ('EALS') is the premier regional bar association for the East African region. It comprises of over 30,000 individual lawyers across Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda and seven National Bar Associations; being the Burundi Bar Association, the Law Society of Kenya, Rwanda Bar Association, South Sudan Bar Association, Tanganyika Law Society, Uganda Law Society; and Zanzibar Law Society. Significant progress has been made to bring the National Bar of the Democratic Republic of Congo on Board as well as its individual lawyers.

One of EALS' core mandates is to monitor and enhance the Rule of Law within the East African Community. To that end, EALS engages in numerous activities including the

Conduct of public interest litigation, engaging key stakeholders within East African Community Governments and the Civil Society to promote the Rule of Law, providing regular publications and seminars on the Rule of Law among others.

Further to the above mandate, EALS is desirous of commissioning the development of the 2nd East African Community Rule of Law Index.

2. Rationale

The index is to take stock of developments and progress or regression in the status of the Rule of Law across the State Parties of the East African Community for the period starting 1st January 2022 to date. A clear understanding of the prevailing situation, discernible trends and patterns and a reliable predictor of the future is essential to guiding EALS, its constituent bar associations, and EALS partners on the appropriate course of action to take in furthering the Rule of Law in East Africa.

To undertake this project/consultancy, EALS requires the services of **six** experts/professionals/firms with long-standing and demonstrable competence in research, analysis and consultancy in the field of constitutionalism, human rights and Rule of Law.

These Terms of Reference are therefore intended to guide successfully appointed consultants/experts/firms in the process of executing this project.

3. Expected Outcome

It is desired that at the end of the project, EALS will be able to launch and publicize a comprehensive, high level expert Rule of Law Report (index) covering Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania (including Zanzibar), and Uganda for the period **January 2022 to date.**

It is also intended that this Report will be circulated with EALS members and partners and inform strategic policy formulation and program designs and implementation aimed at

Consolidating Rule of Law gains, halting further regression, and facilitating positive transformation of the Rule of Law landscape in East Africa.

4. Scope of Work

- i. Conducting research on the status and progress of the Rule of Law in the East African countries of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania (including Zanzibar) and Uganda.
- ii. Compiling and synthesizing data relevant to the Rule of Law in the above-mentioned East African Countries.
- iii. Analyzing the data and other information to discern supported conclusions on the state of the Rule of Law in the above-mentioned East African Countries;
- iv. Authoring an authoritative, accurate and comprehensive Report on the state of the Rule of Law in East Africa;
- v. Making policy, legal and other recommendations for action at the Government, donors, EALS, and National Bar Association levels in order to enhance the Rule of Law within East Africa;
- vi. Presenting the above-mentioned Report and the findings of the study before the EALS Governing Council, Secretariat, members and partners; and
- vii. Any other functions relevant to and incidental to the above.

5. Methodology

The Consultants will propose a methodology that will adequately inform the stated scope, taking into consideration input from the relevant stakeholders.

6. Deliverables

- i. A draft Rule of Law Report (due on 28th February 2023);
- ii. A final Rule of Law Report (due on 30th April 2023);
- iii. Records of all raw and other data collected in the course of the study/project;
- iv. A presentable summary of the report findings and recommendations.

7. Required Expertise

- i. At least a Master of Laws degree in a relevant field from a reputable institution;
- ii. At least 6 years' demonstrable experience researching, analysing and advising on the status of constitutionalism and Rule of Law in Africa;

- iii. Demonstrated experience in social research;
- iv. Demonstrated experience in the field of policy review and implementation;
- v. Excellent report writing and communication abilities. Experience in drafting reports, notes and informative documents.
- vi. A doctorate in any social sciences or similar field shall be an added advantage.

8. Duration

The studies to be undertaken are expected to be complete within three months, from 1st **February 2023 to 30th April 2023**. Experts will then present their findings to teams of experts drawn from across the region to validate the findings and assist in ranking performance of the various Partner States of the EAC.

9. Reporting

The successful experts shall report to the Programmes Officer and CEO of the EALS.

10. Budget and Remuneration

- i) Each expert shall submit a financial proposal for consideration by EALS. Upon agreement, the following terms of pay shall apply.
 - a) 30% upon appointment;
 - b) 50% upon delivery of the first approved draft report;
 - c) 20% upon delivery of a final report and its acceptance by the client (EALS).
- ii) EALS shall fund all pre-approved, reasonably necessary travel and accommodation expenses to be incurred by the successful experts.

11. Application Process

Interested applicants should send a proposal (3 pages maximum) together with their Curriculum Vitae and writing samples to info@ealawsociety.org with a copy to ceo@ealawsociety.org on or before 1700 hours (EAT) on 31st January, 2023.