



## TORS FOR UNDERTAKING THE COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT OF FY 2025/26 BUDGET TO CLIMATE CHANGE INTERVENTIONS IN THE NDPIV

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### 1. Introduction-Project Background

The Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) is a regional Public Policy Think-tank with a programmatic focus on Environment and Natural Resources Governance, Economic Governance; Democracy, Peace and Security and Science, Technology and Innovations.

With support from the Royal Danish Embassy, ACODE is implementing a 4-year project that aims at “Strengthening Civic Engagement, Voice, Service Delivery and Climate Justice in Uganda”. The project will be implemented in 12 districts of West Nile and 8 districts in Karamoja sub regions of Uganda. The project has 4 result areas namely, Outcome 1: Strengthened Institutional framework for enhancing citizens’ participation in monitoring of public expenditure for service delivery monitoring and handling of corruption; Outcome 2: Strengthened national and district level policy, regulatory frameworks and institutional capacity for climate justice; Outcome 3: Climate most affected vulnerable communities have their concerns adequately addressed and Outcome 4: Youth, women and other marginalized groups empowered and organized to meaningfully shape outcomes of decision making processes.

### 2. Background

An annual Certificate of Compliance Assessment of the National Budget to the National Development Plan is conducted by the National Planning Authority (NPA) to determine the extent of alignment between the two documents. The overall goal of the Certificate of Compliance's is to legally institutionalize alignment between the national planning frameworks and the annual budget in order to ensure that budget supports the implementation of the plan.

This is supported by the Public Finance Management Act, 2015 Section 13(7), which states that Budget Estimates must be accompanied by a Certificate of Budget Compliance for the Previous Financial Year issued by the National Planning Authority before being laid before Parliament by the Minister of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development. Further, Section 30 of the National Climate Change Act, 2021, requires the Minister responsible for climate change matters in consultation with the Chairperson of the National Planning Authority to issue a certificate, certifying that the Budget Framework Paper is responsive and contains adequate allocation of funding to climate change measures and actions.

Against this background, a **Consultant is required to undertake a compliance assessment of the FY 2025/26 annual budget to the climate change goals, objectives, interventions and targets mainstreamed in NDPIV. The overall purpose of the assignment is to evaluate the degree of compliance of the annual Budget for FY 2025/2026 with regard to climate change goals, objectives, interventions, and targets outlined in the Fourth National Development Plan (NDP IV).** It should be noted that the implementation of the climate measures/interventions in NDP IV must be accompanied with a commensurate financial resource allocation in the budget. The assessment's findings will provide valuable insights into the



effectiveness of budget allocations in addressing climate change and promoting sustainable development, ultimately informing evidence-based decision-making and policy implementation.

### **3. Objectives of the Assignment**

Specifically, the assignment seeks to:

- Evaluate the financial resources allocated in the FY 2025/2026 budget to climate change interventions in NDP IV;
- Evaluate the alignment of the FY 2025/26 budget to the prioritized NDPIV climate change interventions;
- Identify the emerging issues, key messages and recommendations to inform and guide the monitoring and implementation of climate change interventions in NDP IV; and,
- Inform and enhance advocacy and lobbying for climate change mainstreaming in budgets and reporting frameworks at the national and sub-national levels

### **4. Key Activities**

- Discuss and build consensus on the assessment tool and the priority NDPIV programmes to be assessed
- Reviewing the climate change goals, objectives, and interventions outlined in NDP IV and Uganda's updated NDC
- Hold working sessions with NPA, CCD to review the BFP, the draft performance assessment reports, the Ministerial Policy Statements and the relevant programme projects for financial allocations to climate change activities in NDP IV
- Write a comprehensive report detailing the findings, emerging issues and recommendations

### **5. Scope of the Assignment**

The activity will assess the alignment of the FY 2025/26 National Budget Framework Paper (BFP) for to the priority NDPIV programmes (11 programmes) and Uganda's updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC). The Assessment tool will be drawn from and fully aligned to the overall tool used by the National Planning Authority to undertake the Certificate of Compliance Assessment of the National Budget to the NDPIII for the Year 2024/2025. Adjustments will be made to the Certificate of Compliance Assessment of the National Budget tool to make it align with NDP IV.

### **6. Duration of the assignment**

The assignment will be completed in a period of 14 calendar days. The final report is expected to be submitted to ACODE by 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

### **7. Deliverables from the Assignment**

By the end of the assignment term, the consultant shall be expected to deliver:



- An Assessment Tool for Climate Change Assessment
- A Report of the Assignment to inform the overall report
- A comprehensive Assessment report of the findings

#### **8. Minimum Qualification and experience of the Consultant and other requirements**

The consultant(s) is (are) expected to hold the following qualifications in order to be eligible for this assignment.

- An advanced Degree in Economics, Environment and Natural Resources Governance
- A strong Governance background particularly work in climate change and budget analysis
- A strong Environmental Justice background with proven experience
- At least 10 years' experience in budget analysis, climate change work
- A demonstrated high level of professionalism and an ability to work independently and in high-pressure situations under tight deadlines.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills

#### **9. Payment terms**

The payment terms for the consultant will follow a break down as follows:

- 40% upon signing of contract and delivery of inception report
- 60% upon approval of the final report

#### **10. Criteria for Evaluation of Bid**

Only those applications, which are responsive and compliant, will be evaluated. Offers will be evaluated according to the Combined Scoring method – where the educational background and experience on similar assignments will be weighted at 70% and the price proposal will weigh as 30% of the total scoring. The applicant receiving the Highest Combined Score that has also accepted the General Terms and Conditions will be awarded the contract.

#### **11. Application Process**

The technical and financial proposals in PDF format should be sent by mail to: [procurement@acode-u.org](mailto:procurement@acode-u.org) by 17:00 hrs on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2025.

#### **12. Reporting**

The Consultant will report directly to the Project Manager who will provide oversight during the course of undertaking the assignment