

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

“STIMULATING CHANGE FROM BELOW” STRATEGY: PUTTING THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AT THE CENTRE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC) INTEGRATION PROCESS

Deadline of Receipt of Proposals: December 31, 2012.

Introduction

As part of this Strategy, we invite applications, from community-based or community-serving national organizations working on projects aiming to promote people's engagement with/sharpening of the social justice agenda of the EAC integration process.

Geographical Focus

This CFP is open to eligible applicants from any of the 5 East African States (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda).

About Akiba Uhaki Foundation (AUF)

AUF is dedicated to supporting and accompanying Human Rights and Social Justice related organizations in tackling root causes of poverty, social injustices and human rights violations in East Africa. We believe that the basis of sustainable development is social justice and that until the East African Community (EAC) puts the concerns of the ordinary people at the center of all its negotiations and agreements, and truly people-owned, the 'East African Community' will remain elusive. We support work that will result in: (a) empowered and assertive communities of people, (b) accountable governments and (c) effective monitoring and feedback mechanism by non-state actors on the integration process.

Stimulating Change From Below Intervention Strategy

The objective of the intervention strategy, which runs from 2009 to 2014, is to stimulate capacities of communities within East Africa to claim their rights in development.

Focus and Categories of Support of the Call for Proposals

While Articles 7 and 127 of the EAC Treaty provide for the EAC integration to be a people-driven [as well as a market driven] process; and whereas it requires the creation of an enabling environment for participation of civil society in the key integration processes, very little has been done to realize a people-centered integration process. This current CFP seeks to support initiatives aimed at reversing this trend.

Hence, the current CFP supports innovative:

- Initiatives advocating for the **reform of existing policies, laws, agreements and/or programmes** that hinder or slow-down the realisation of social justice in the EAC.
- Research and advocacy initiatives pushing for greater **participation of the people and communities** in the East African Community (EAC) integration process.
- Civil society initiatives that **monitor and report** on the human rights and social justice agenda within the EAC integration process.
- Initiatives that promote the **inclusion of minorities and other marginalised/disadvantaged communities/populace** in the EAC integration process.

Application Requirements

Interested organizations should submit project proposals (not exceeding 7 pages) and corresponding budgets in either English, French or Kiswahili, according to the AUF Proposal Guidelines that are available on our website at: www.akibauhaki.org. Any application that is incomplete or fails to meet the application requirements will be disqualified automatically.

Technical Evaluation Criteria:

Proposals will be reviewed by the AUF Grants Review Committee based on the following criteria:

- Relevance and responsiveness to the CFP and AUF Mandate.
- Clarity in analysis of the problem and its root causes; and the significance and viability of the proposed strategy and approaches
- Promotion of gender equity (Show how the project will promote inclusion and active participation of poor women from marginalized communities including ethnic minorities, persons living in informal settlements, persons with disabilities (PWDs), people living with HIV/AIDs (PLWHAs) and poor rural communities)
- Innovativeness and creativity
- Organizational capacity (Unregistered organisations must show proof of being fiscally hosted by a reputable registered human rights and social justice organization).
- Budget (The budget should be reasonable and correspond to the issues that the proposed project will address and be within our funding limit of US\$ 10,000).

Deadline for submission is **December 31, 2012** and applications received after this date will not be considered.

Proposals submitted under this CFP should be marked: **REF. NO. 003/AUF/CFP/EAC/2012-2013** (on the envelope or subject of the email and cover page of the application).

Applications should be submitted by post or email (preferably by email to cfp@akibauhaki.org and copied to: grants@akibauhaki.org) and be addressed as below:

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KINDLY NOTE: All applications shall be reviewed and communications to pre-qualifying applicants made by January 28, 2013. Completion of final reviews shall be made by February 18, 2013. Approvals, contracting and grants processing shall then be undertaken by March 11, 2013.

AUF reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. PLEASE NOTE that **canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification of your application.**

We thank you for your interest in our work.