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sur le Genre dans la Région
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Regional Training Facility on
Prevention and Suppression of
Sexual and Gender Based
Violence in the Great Lakes
Region

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Country of the project: Uganda

Programme Code & Title: 114729 - Regional Project on Peace & Security in the Great Lakes Region.

Project: Production of an Updated and Validated Report on Implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States

Subject: Recruitment of National Consultant at Regional Training Facility (RTF)

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1. Background and Rationale

The Regional Training Facility of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR-RTF) Trains and Sensitizes Professionals who handle Cases of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV). This Mandate is provided for under Article 6(9) of the ICGLR Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence against Women and Children (2006). The ICGLR-RTF also conducts Research on SGBV for Training and Sensitization purposes. Prosecutors, Police, Medical workers, Judicial Officers, Journalists are some of the many Professionals who handle Cases of SGBV.

In December 2018, the ICGLR in partnership with the European Union (EU) and the German Federal Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ) launched the Regional Project on Peace and Security in the Great Lakes region. The project, which is co-funded by the EU and the BMZ, has entrusted the GIZ with its implementation. One of the main areas of focus of the project is on the prevention and suppression of human rights abuses committed especially in times of or as a result of crisis to which UNWOMEN will further support.

Following a joint planning workshop with the ICGLR partners, in early 2019, it was agreed that UN Women is responsible for activities/Outputs namely; “Transcription (Domestication) of the Protocol on the Prevention and Punishment of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children into national laws of the ICGLR member states” and “Raising Awareness among member states about the seriousness and severity of Gender Based Sexual Violence and severity of such

Crimes” respectively. Most of the activities are planned to be implemented through ICGLR, viz. the **Regional Training Facility (RTF)** in Uganda.

Under the Regional Project on Peace and Security in the Great Lakes Region, Global Action Plan 2019-2021, there are four major activities which are lead by UNWOMEN and will be implemented by ICGLR-RTF, namely:

- (i) Facilitate a Platform for Prosecutors of the Region to discuss Practical Experience on National Prosecution of SGBV as well as Judicial Cooperation on this matter *in June, 2019*;
- (ii) Support Sensitization of Judicial Officers about Special Courts and Develop Standards from Best Practices and Judicial Procedures for SGBV *in June 2019*;
- (iii) Support Strengthening in Knowledge and Reporting Skills of Journalists in the Region on SGBV crimes *in September, 2019*; and
- (iv) Support ICGLR to Compile Updated Reports of Member States on the implementation of Kampala Declaration and have the Joint Report Validated by Relevant Government and Civil Society Institutions *in August, 2019*.

The ICGLR with the support of the Office of the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region established a Network of Prosecutors General. They have been sharing experiences of Prosecuting cross Boarder Crimes and how they can benefit from the protocol on Judicial Cooperation to Extradite where Treaties don’t exist.

This Network will further be engaged to crucially examine Prosecuting SGBV cases and to be able to identify good Practices Furthermore the issue of fighting against impunity will be discussed in the Framework of establishing Special Courts or Special Session in the context of the Kampala Declaration on SGBV; and the existing good Practices existing at National and Regional level will further be shared among Prosecutors as they prepare to be part of the Special Court Sessions where they exist or in ordinary Courts where SGBV Cases maybe be filed.

During the facilitation of a platform for prosecutors of the region to discuss practical experience on national prosecution of SGBV as well as judicial cooperation, ICGLR-RTF will ensure that the prosecutors go to the next stage of utilizing the Guidelines on fast tracking SGBV cases by committing to concretize models of fast tracking SGBV cases where the Guidelines can be mainstreamed.

ICGLR-RTF will also leverage on the existence a Network of Journalists set up by ICGLR November 2018 in order to raise awareness; create more Trainers Network for Journalists to be able to Prevent, Denounce, Report on Cases of SGBV in 12 Member States and popularize the Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence against Women and Children and its related Declarations and other SGBV instruments.

The ICGLR-RTF has already produced a Training Module for Training on SGBV which can be utilized to conduct refresher Training for the ICGLR Network of Journalists. ICGLR-RTF also has capacity to develop specific Modules for Training of Trainers specifically for Journalists in order for them to train other journalists and thus cascade the knowledge, information and skills at the Member State level.

The Trained Journalists would also be expected to develop an action plan to commit to training a specific number of journalists and articulate how they will sensitize the public on SGBV via the print, electronic, radio and social media.

The ICGLR-RTF will thus build on what has already been done in respect to:

- Utilization of the ICGLR-RTF Training Manual on SGBV for the Training of Trainers session for journalists in order to support strengthening in knowledge and reporting skills of journalists in the Region on SGBV crimes;
- Deployment of ICGLR-RTF's circle of experts, Master Trainers, National Trainers to facilitate in the platform for prosecutors of the region to discuss practical experience on prosecution of SGBV as well as judicial cooperation; sensitization of Judicial Officers about special courts and develop standards from best practices and judicial procedures for SGBV;
- Utilization of ICGLR-RTF's vast network of experts, Master Trainers, National Trainers and Civil Society Organizations to provide support in the compilation and updating of reports of Member States on the implementation of Kampala Declaration.
- ICGLR-RTF will utilize its vast network in the region in order to review and update the report on '*Monitoring and Evaluation of Progress Towards the Implementation of the Kampala Declaration*' by Caterina Meloni in 2017. This report will be utilized to benchmark challenges faced, achievements registered and updating of information, taking into account new developments registered between 2017 and 2019.

The ICGLR/RTF invites eligible candidates (“Individual Consultants”) to indicate their interest for above mentioned assignment. Interested individual Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications (CV) and relevant experience for the assignment (Consultant capabilities, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, appropriate skills, work plan, Quality assurance procedures, risk and mitigation plan e.t.c **should not exceed 10 pages, CVs should be attached as annex.**)

2. Objectives of the Consultancy

The Main objective of this Consultancy is to support ICGLR to raise awareness of Member States about the seriousness and severity of SGBV by **Compiling Updated reports** on the Implementation of the Kampala Declaration to be validated by the Relevant Government Agencies and Civil Society Institutions.

The specific objectives are to:

- i. Compile an updated report on the Implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States;
- ii. Facilitate the Validation of the Joint report on Implementation of the Kampala Declaration by Relevant Government and Civil Society Institutions of the Great Lakes Region.

3. Duties and Responsibilities of the Consultant

- i. Undertake a desk research to assess the Implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States
- ii. Review and develop questionnaires and interview guides to be used while assessing the Implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States.
- iii. Circulate the questionnaires to assess the Implementation of the Kampala Declaration to Key Informants in each of the ICGLR Member States, collect, compile, and analyze response received in order to up- date the report.
- iv. Produce an Updated report on the Implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States, with specific recommendations and concrete data on the Prevalence of SGBV.
- v. Presentation of the updates Draft Report on implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States at the Validation Meeting; and Production of a report on the Joint Validation Meeting.

4. Methodology

The consultancy will be based on a participatory approach and combining different methods in two phases:

Phase 1: Development of an updated report on the implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States

- i. A desk review to assess the implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States;
- ii. Development and circulation of questionnaires to Key Informants to collect data on the implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States;
- iii. Interviews with Governments, Parliaments, Regional Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, national Women's fora and women's groups involved in the implementation of the Kampala Declaration (this will be done by telephone, e-mail, questionnaire).

Phase 2: Validation of the joint report on implementation of the Kampala Declaration

- i. Presentation of the Draft Report in a workshop to validate the Regional Action Plan in order to secure the validation of the joint report on implementation of the Kampala Declaration by relevant government and civil society institutions of the Great Lakes Region.
- ii. Production of a report on the joint validation meeting on assessment of the implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States.

5. Indicators

- i. An updated and validated report on the implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States with specific recommendations and concrete data on the prevalence of SGBV.
- ii. A report on the joint validation meeting on assessment of the implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States.

6. Expected outputs

The expected outputs for the activities to be undertaken are the following:

- i. A report that captures Practical Experience on National Prosecution of SGBV in the Great Lakes Region as well as Judicial Cooperation based on discussions of the Prosecutors; and concretization of a Model (Special Procedures, Special Sessions, or Special Courts) to Fast Track SGBV cases where the Guidelines on handling of SGBV cases can be mainstreamed.
- ii. Production of Draft Models (Special Procedures, Special Sessions/ Mechanisms; or Special Courts) for Fast Tracking of GBV Cases and Development of Standards from Best Practices and judicial procedures for SGBV.
- iii. Development Modules for Training of Trainers of Journalists, an Action Plan that the Journalists will have adopted, and a report on the refresher Training of the Network of Journalists.
- iv. An Updated and Validated Report on Implementation of the Kampala Declaration Report, with specific Recommendations and concrete data on Prevalence of SGBV; and a Report on the Joint Validation Meeting.

7. Expected Results:

The expected results are:

- i. A report on the desk research that assesses the Implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States;
- ii. Production of questionnaires and interview guides to be used while assessing the implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States;
- iii. Compiled and analyzed Key Informants' response to questionnaires received from each of the ICGLR Member States which are to be used in updating the report;
- iv. An Updated report on the Implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States, with specific recommendations and concrete data on the prevalence of SGBV; and

- v. Production of a report on the Joint Validation Meeting on assessment of the Implementation of the Kampala Declaration by ICGLR Member States.

8. Required qualifications, Skills and Experience.

- The Consultant has to meet the following conditions:
- Have a minimum of a Masters Degree in political and social sciences, International Human Rights law, Gender or other Relevant disciplines;
- Working experience and operational research of at least 8 years in the areas of Democracy and Governance, Peace and Security;
- Knowledge of the political, social and economic situation in the Great Lakes Region;
- Proven research and knowledge production experience of at least 10 years;
- Have a good knowledge of the process of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), the Legal Framework of the Great Lakes Region and the Resolutions, Declarations and other instruments of the United Nations, the African Union and the ICGLR on Gender -Based Violence, Women, Peace and Security;
- Excellent writing and communication skills.

9. Duration and remuneration

- i. The duration of the consultancy is twenty-five (25) working days.
- ii. Remuneration for the consultancy and other conditions of engagement are to be discussed during the arrangement with the consultant.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during Office hours: **9:00 to 16:00 hours (Kampala local time)**.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted by e-mail to **ICGLR/RTF Munyonyo** at the following *email Address*: nathan.byamukama@icglr-rtf.org/ byam_nat@yahoo.com and copy to: tumurobs@gmail.com, sharonasiimwe07@gmail.com and not later than **19th August, 2019 at 16:00 Kampala local time**.

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