



Call for Expression of Interest

Development of a National Comprehensive Framework on the Safety of Journalists in Guinea Bissau

Project Title	Promoting Media Freedom and Access to Quality Information in Guinea Bissau
Project Location	Guinea Bissau
Project Duration	3 Years
Project Funder	European Union

1. Background:

The Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA) is a regional, independent, non-partisan, non-governmental organisation that works to promote freedom of expression and media development across West Africa. In the last 25 years, the MFWA has worked with both government and non-government stakeholders and partners at the national, regional and international levels to contribute to improving the media and freedom of expression landscape in West Africa. More details about the MFWA can be found on our website www.mfwa.org.

The MFWA has been awarded a grant by the European Union for a three-year media sector support project in Guinea Bissau. The project is titled: ***Promoting Media Freedom and Access to Quality Information in Guinea Bissau***.

Overall project objective:

The project seeks to ensure that Journalists and other media actors in Guinea Bissau are safe and secure, and produce ethically-appropriate, timely, and fact-based journalistic content that fosters peaceful co-existence and enables public access to quality information in an environmentally sustainable manner.

The project in Guinea Bissau is also partnering with key **state actors/institutions** such as the ***police, military, the regulatory bodies, the judiciary and the human rights commission; media actors, and media organisations*** to increase their knowledge



on human and media rights issues and build partnerships to promote and protect press freedom and freedom of expression in the country.

Details of Consultancy Service

1.	Eligibility	This “Call for Expression of Interest” is open to individual consultants.
2.	Purpose/Scope of Consultancy Assignment	<p>The aim of the call is to work with local state-actors and non-state actors in Guinea Bissau to develop a national comprehensive framework on safety of journalists through a joint process involving targeted media actors and state actors.</p> <p>The objective of this activity is to promote collaboration between relevant state institutions and local media actors in developing a joint framework and mechanism for promoting and protecting the safety of journalists; and providing platforms for addressing violations against media personnel.</p> <p>The Comprehensive Framework on Safety of Journalists will spell out the roles and responsibilities of all targeted actors and the process will involve the following sub-activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An initial one-day brainstorming meeting with 30 representatives of the various state and non-state actors to agree on modalities of the framework and the setting up of a committee for drafting of the framework; • A joint and participatory production of a draft framework by stakeholders and review by the Committee; • A one-day meeting for presentation of the draft framework for validation and • A one-day meeting to launch the framework for operationalisation by all actors.
3.	Qualifications / Requirements for the Assignment	<p>We are looking for a consultant who meets the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Minimum of M.A in Communication Studies, Peace and Security and Human rights (with emphasis on press freedom



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		<p>and freedom of expression), Journalism, Media Development, Media Research, International relations and diplomacy with Relevant Professional Certificates;</p> <p>b. Work experience of not less than ten (10) years;</p> <p>c. In-depth knowledge and experience on issues on safety of peace and security, media and good governance and democratic development, media development and freedom of expression issues especially in the West Africa context. Familiarity with the Guinea Bissau context will be an advantage.</p> <p>d. A Legal background will be an added advantage.</p> <p>e. Demonstrable record of previous experience in similar assignment will be an added advantage</p> <p>f. Evidence of soft and technical skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft skills include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - creativity, attention to detail, analysis, delivering presentations, strong values, integrity, communication skills etc • Technical skills include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience in engaging and developing frameworks; policy documents etc;
4.	<p>Responsibilities/Tasks for the Consultant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a national comprehensive framework on safety of journalists through a joint process involving targeted media actors and state actors. • The Consultant shall apprise him/herself with further details and briefs on the project; • The Consultant shall facilitate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an initial one-day brainstorming meeting with representatives of targeted state actors and media actors to agree on modalities of the framework and the setting up of a committee for drafting of the framework; - a joint and participatory production of a draft framework by stakeholders and review by the Committee; - a one-day meeting for presentation of the draft framework for validation by all stakeholders



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Consultant shall then finalise the Framework on the Safety of Journalists (not exceeding 20 pages) based on inputs from the validation meeting;• The Consultant shall send the finalised copy of the framework via email to the MFWA at info[@]mfwawest.org copying the Project Coordinator, Ms. Daisy Prempeh at daisy[@]mfwawest.org;• Graphic design and printing shall be done by the MFWA.• A one-day meeting will be held to launch the framework for operationalisation by all actors.
5.	Terms and Conditions	Consultants who meet the requirements should submit an expression of interest , which should include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A suitability statement, including commitment and availability for the entire assignment• Curriculum vitae clearly spelling out qualifications and experience• Sample or links to at least two/three previous works
6.	Language	All applications should be made in English and or Portuguese. Applications in languages other than the proposed may be automatically eliminated by MFWA without a further request for clarification and/or completion.
7.	Submission	Submission of interest and inquiries should be sent to info[@]mfwawest.org copying the Project Coordinator daisy[@]mfwawest.org no later than July 14, 2023.