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CSL - Development of a Regional Approach to Support Civil Society and Civic Space in Africa Request for Letters of Interest Q&A

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This document aims to share any questions that the CSL team might receive during the request for LOIs process, to offer equal opportunities for all candidates to have access to their answers. CSL will update this document regularly until the end of the open circulation period.

- 1) Is the Packard Foundation open to considering proposals exceeding USD 25,000, particularly if they are inclusive of tax?**

The bidder should propose the budget they think will be required to complete the work.

- 2) Regional Focus: Are there specific countries within East and francophone West Africa that the Foundation expects the consultant to prioritize during the research and mapping activities?**

We hope that the research will help us to identify a subset of countries. We also welcome initial recommendations for prioritization at this stage, based on researchers' knowledge of the field and opportunities.

- 3) Local Stakeholder Engagement: What level of engagement does the Foundation expect with local stakeholders during the rapid analysis and ecosystem mapping phases?**

We will look to the researcher to propose a methodology that specifies the level of engagement of local stakeholders, as well as other groups.

- 4) Partnerships: Are there existing partnerships, networks, or organizations the Foundation would like the consultant to engage with or leverage?**

We will share a list of current grantee partners with the finalists. We can also share a short list of other organizations that we would like to prioritize learning from. That said, we also look to the researcher to bring their recommendations.

- 5) Challenges and Risks: Are there particular challenges, barriers, or risks that the Foundation is concerned about as they relate to this project?**

Please address this question in the proposal. We are happy to discuss our perspective on challenges and risks further with the finalists and/or winning bidder.

- 6) Stakeholder Engagement in Decision-Making: What is the Foundation's preferred approach for stakeholder consultation and engagement during the decision-making process?**

We are committed to engaging stakeholders; we will look to the researcher to propose an approach.

- 7) CSL and GRH Alignment: Are there specific areas of alignment between CSL and GRH strategies that the Foundation would like the consultant to emphasize?**



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Yes – as detailed in the request for LOIs. We will share more detailed overviews of our strategies with the winning bidder.

8) **Priority Outcomes: Are there any additional outcomes or specific nuances the Foundation would like to prioritize beyond those outlined in the RFP?**

The CSL and GRH strategies will be helpful to addressing this question.