TERMS OF REFERENCE

DEVELOPMENT OF A GUIDE ON A CLIMATE JUSTICE AND CHILD RIGHTS

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Background

Climate change is an equity issue that affects the most vulnerable in the society, which includes young people and children. Moreover, climate change poses a big challenge to achieving children’s rights by threatening to undercut the many years of progress towards improving children’s lives. Thus, climate justice is key in creating a future that is more sustainable for children. It has been documented that children bear the harsh impacts of climate change, while still having the least resources to cope and respond. Moreover, climate change has a shocking abdication of the responsibilities of one generation to another, which violates the intergenerational equity principles. Conditions such as flooding, drought, rising temperatures, and extreme weather conditions undermine the child’s rights, from accessing safe water, food, education, housing, freedom from exploitation, and even exposure to violence and abuse, and worse challenging their rights to thrive and survive. These consequences go against the principles of child’s rights according to the UN convention on the rights of the child, that acknowledges that every child has the right to survival, life, and development, and right to be protected from neglect, abuse, and violence.

There is therefore a need for people to raise their voices to protect children from the harsh impacts of climate change. This means that Child rights- focused climate justice needs urgent attention. Also, despite the mentioned catastrophic threats to child’s rights posed by climate change, and the growing worldwide movements of youth and children calling for climate action, child’s rights recognition lacks in the national, regional, and international frameworks for decision making regarding climate change. The oversight itself
is a violation of the UN Convention of child rights guiding principles. Thus, a guide to incorporate the child rights in climate justice efforts is significant.

Against this background, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), is looking for a consultant to help develop a comprehensive Climate Justice and Child Rights Guide. The handbook will be used as a resource to advance children’s rights in the context of climate change by decision-makers, groups, and individuals working in these fields.

About Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA)

PACJA is a consortium of more than 1000 organizations from 51 African countries that brings together a diverse membership drawn from grassroots, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, non-governmental organizations, trusts, foundations, indigenous communities, farmers, and Pastoralists groups with a shared vision to advance a people-centered, right-based, just, and inclusive approach to address climate and environmental challenges facing humanity and the planet.

Objective

The main goal of this consulting is to develop a guide that emphasizes the nexus between climate justice and children’s rights. In addition to offering helpful recommendations and strategies for defending and advancing children’s rights in the face of climate-related difficulties, the handbook should usable to

Scope of the Work

The consultant will be expected to perform the following tasks:

1. Conduct literature review: review current studies that have been done, reports, and publications on child rights, climate justice, the nexus between the two and identify the gaps and best practices

2. Analyze International Frameworks: Examine pertinent international frameworks, conventions, and agreements, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Agreement, and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Determine the responsibilities and opportunities for addressing child rights and climate justice.

3. Create a comprehensive manual: Create a comprehensive manual that addresses the gaps and issues identified based on the results of the literature review and the analysis of international frameworks. The guide should address the following;

   a) Understanding the physical, psychological, and social repercussions of climate change on children.
b) Highlighting the specific vulnerabilities connected with the particular susceptibility of children to climate change.

c) Exploring the connections between child rights and climate justice, putting a focus on the value of child involvement, protection, and availability of required resources.

d) Providing recommendations and methods to incorporate child rights into efforts to adapt to and mitigate climate change.

e) Presenting case studies and top practices from various regions and industries.

4. Consultation and validation: Discuss the guide's recommendations and content with the appropriate stakeholders. Consider their suggestions and feedback, and make sure the manual is inclusive and representative.

**Deliverables**

The consultant is expected to deliver the following:

a) Inception report: Provide an initial report summarizing the consultant's comprehension of the project's specifications, methodology, and work schedule.

b) Draft guide: Create a thorough draft guide that addresses the objectives listed above. The draft must be properly organized, supported by facts, and contain pertinent citations and references.

c) Final guide: Based on suggestions made during the consultation and validation process, revise and complete the guide. The finished manual ought to be thorough, available, and simple to use for a variety of stakeholders.

d) Presentation: Prepare and present to stakeholders a presentation on the main conclusions and suggestions of the guide, as asked by PACJA

**Timeline**

Starting from **1 September 2023**, the projected duration of this consulting project is Four (4) months. The consultant must follow the agreed-upon schedule and submit the required deliverables on schedule.

**Qualifications and Experience**

The consultant should have the following qualifications and expertise:

a) Strong background in climate justice, climate change, and child rights.

b) Wide knowledge of international frameworks and agreements related to climate change and child rights.
c) Demonstrated experience in carrying out research and analysis on climate justice and child rights.
d) Excellent writing and communication skills.
e) Demonstrated experience in engaging with diverse stakeholders, including government agencies, civil society organizations, and children.

Intellectual Property Rights
All intellectual property rights related to the guide and its contents will be owned by PACJA. The consultant shall not reproduce or distribute the guide without prior written permission from PACJA.

Budget and Payment
The consultant is required to provide a comprehensive budget proposal that includes all expenses related to completing the tasks listed in these Terms of Reference. Payment will be delivered in accordance with mutually agreed-upon milestones and after the successful delivery of deliverables.

Confidentiality
The consultant shall maintain strict confidentiality regarding all information and data obtained during the course of the consultancy. Any sensitive information should not be disclosed without prior written consent from PACJA.

Evaluation Criteria
The consultant will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
a. Clarity and quality of the guide's content.
b. Comprehensiveness and relevance of the recommendations.
c. Adherence to the agreed deliverables and timeline.
d. Inclusivity and engagement of stakeholders during the consultation process.
e. Demonstrated expertise in the field of climate justice and child rights.

Application
Interested applicants should submit their financial and technical proposal to procurement@pacja.org copying ann.kobia@pacja.org. The deadline for submission is 18th August 2023.