

GENERAL INFORMATION

Funding and Capacity Building Opportunity for Civil Society Organisations in Sub-Saharan Africa- Partner with Transparency International on evidence-based advocacy for anti-corruption reform

Application Deadline: July 26th, 2026.

Transparency International invites Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) from Sub-Saharan Africa to apply for targeted financial support and capacity building to advance evidence-based advocacy on corruption accountability and anti-corruption reform.

This call is part of Transparency International's project [Stopping Impunity for Corruption through Enhanced Accountability \(SICEA\)](#), which aims to enforce anti-corruption commitments and enhance accountability across Sub-Saharan African countries. Under this project component, TI supports anti-corruption reforms at national and regional levels through evidence-based advocacy and the development of policy recommendations that strengthen anti-corruption systems in the region.

National anticorruption institutions and mechanisms are meant to prevent and combat corruption, including holding corrupt actors accountable. In many cases in Africa, however, citizens continue to express concerns regarding the effectiveness of national anti-corruption frameworks due to various gaps, necessitating the seeking of alternative mechanisms beyond the national frameworks. Sometimes, corrupt actors are aided by the cross-border nature of their corrupt activities, coupled with low levels of cross-national collaboration of anti-corruption law enforcement. With impunity, some corrupt actors simply evade any sanctioning domestically. The number of cases from alternative independent accountability mechanisms continues to grow, pointing to the gaps at the national level. Often, persons targeted by the decisions of the independent accountability mechanisms continue to hold high-level public positions in the national context. Each case illuminates gaps and illustrates the potential for strengthening anti-corruption measures at the national level in the country of operation.

The purpose of this call is to support selected partner CSOs in analysing and following up on publicly available "decisions" from international and independent accountability mechanisms (as defined in the *Key Terms and Definitions* section) that concern actors operating in Africa. The call is focused on "decisions" relating to corruption. Where the decision arises out of suspected activities on various issues, applicants are encouraged to demonstrate the link to corruption and/or anti-corruption. In collaboration with relevant partners, CSOs will be expected to translate these decisions into concrete advocacy actions at the national and/ or regional level by identifying governance, legal, and institutional gaps in anti-corruption efforts and proposing practical measures for

authorities to implement them, so that such decisions are not only documented but also drive greater accountability and reform.

KEY TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Call,

Independent accountability mechanisms refer to legal frameworks that impose penalties on persons involved in committing or profiting from gross human rights abuses and corruption in the countries where they operate, even while the said legal frameworks are established independently of the national-level institutions of those countries. Examples include the U.S. and Canadian Global Magnitsky sanctions regimes, the UK's Global Anticorruption Sanctions regime, among others.

The penalties imposed by independent accountability mechanisms include travel restrictions for the suspected or implicated persons, like visa restrictions and entry bans; freezing of ill-gotten gains in the form of their individual assets, prohibiting financial transactions in the host country of the accountability mechanism, or in the currency of that host country, among other sanctions.

International accountability mechanisms refer to legal and institutional frameworks established to promote agreed rights and monitor the upholding and implementation of obligations by the States that are participating in a commonly endorsed international treaty. Examples in the context of this call include the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Community Courts like the ECOWAS Court of Justice, among others.

Decisions refer to the determination arrived at by the independent accountability mechanism or by the international accountability mechanism after its investigations and assessment of the suspected violations, and by the States or persons. This includes the sanctions imposed or the recommended remedial actions, in the case of international mechanisms. Examples can be found on the respective institutions' websites.

FUNDING AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Grant duration: Up to 06 months

Subgrant amount: Funding per CSO will range from UER 8,000 up to a maximum of EUR 15,000. Baseline support of EUR 3,000 is provided for staff costs. Depending on the needs of the work, additional eligible costs may be considered. The exact amount will be agreed upon during the selection process.

Capacity building support: accompaniment from TI includes, but is not limited to, support to identify promising decisions, refine advocacy strategy and work planning, security and risk assessments, where relevant.

WHAT THE FUNDING AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE COVER

Selected CSOs will receive financial and technical accompaniment to:

- Assess the viability of the identified case and follow-up advocacy in the relevant national or regional context. The call is focused on decisions that relate to corruption, with the aim of highlighting gaps that need to be closed at the level of national institutions.
- Scope the advocacy issue and identify the relevant target institution or institutions.
- Refine the advocacy plan and timeline in collaboration with TI and, where relevant, national or regional partners.
- Implement targeted advocacy actions focused on closing identified accountability gaps.
- Advocacy actions that focus exclusively on participation in conferences or other events will generally not be prioritised, unless participation is clearly justified as necessary to advance the proposed advocacy plan (for example, targeted engagement at [the International Anti-Corruption Conference \(IACC\) 2026](#)). Participation in such events is optional and not a requirement of this call.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligibility of the applicant organisation

Applications are open to civil society organisations (CSOs) that:

- Are legally registered in a Sub-Saharan African country or work in at least one Sub-Saharan African country.
- Are outside the Transparency International Movement. This grant complements ongoing advocacy work under this project with chapters of the TI Movement and, therefore, specifically targets CSOs that are not part of the Movement.
- Have demonstrated, proven advocacy capacity.
- Have experience or a strong interest in engaging with external independent accountability mechanisms.
- Can work collaboratively with Transparency International and, where relevant, with national or regional partners.

- Can help translate international decisions into practical advocacy outcomes that can be implemented within the suggested project timelines.

Eligibility of the identified case (decision)

In addition, applicants must identify at least one relevant case (decision) that meets the following guidance:

- Has already been delivered and is publicly available.
- Concerns persons, institutions, or organisations operating in the target country or region.
- Offers a real opportunity for follow-up action at the national and/or regional level.
- Relates to contexts where follow-up advocacy is viable and valuable.
- Can help address the gaps that made the independent accountability mechanism or the international mechanisms the next, or only, viable accountability option.
- Can be advanced with the support of national or regional advocacy partners

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications must be submitted through the application form by the **26th of July 2026**. Link to the application form can be found here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/4qpGBACM4J>

Advocacy planning template and submission

- Applicants are required to submit their advocacy strategy, activities, and timeline using the advocacy planning template provided for this call. The template consists of two tabs: “Advocacy Actions” and “Advocacy Timeline”.
- Download the template using the following link:
[advocacy_planning_template.xlsx](#)
- Complete both tabs of the template, providing clear and concise information on your planned advocacy actions and their sequencing over the proposed project period. Please do not modify the structure of the template (e.g. do not delete or add columns) unless explicitly indicated.
- Save the completed file using the following naming convention:

[NameOfOrganisation_Advocacy.xlsx](#)

For example: [Transparency International_Advocacy.xlsx](#).

- Upload the completed file to the dedicated online folder using this link: [Upload](#)

Budget information and submission

- Applicants are also required to submit a separate budget for the proposed activities. There is no standard budget template for this call; however, the budget must clearly show the main cost categories (e.g. staff costs, travel, meetings, research, communications, security measures, other direct costs) and the total requested amount, in line with the funding range indicated in this Call for Applications.
- Budgets must be submitted as a separate file in one of the following formats: Excel (.xlsx), PDF (.pdf) or Word (.doc/.docx).
- Please save your budget file using the following naming convention:
[NameOfOrganisation_Budget](#)
For example: [Transparency International_Budget.xlsx](#).
- Upload the completed file to the dedicated online folder using this link: [Upload](#)
- In case of questions, applicants are encouraged to contact us (see details below). Our legal specialists can schedule a secure call to discuss the proposal before submission. During the call, the team may ask clarifying questions, provide feedback, and suggest ways forward.
- The review and selection of shortlisted CSOs will take place in the third week of August 2026.
- Selected CSOs might be asked to prepare a full proposal, and in that case, will receive detailed instructions. Please note that the time available to prepare the proposal will be limited.
- Our Project team may request additional information or suggestions, including adjustments to the budget, work plan, or security preparedness.
- The final decision on subgrating and the exact date of work start is subject to the project's donor approval process.

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, in line with the eligibility criteria outlined above.

SAFEGUARDING & SECURITY

Please do not include sensitive information in the application form or in email correspondence. For example, avoid using non-public documents.

Sensitive information should only be shared securely, as determined later in consultation with TI.

CONTACT

Applicants are encouraged to reach out to us during the application process. We will be happy to address any questions you may have and, if needed, arrange a call with our team to discuss your proposal in more detail.

For inquiries, please contact: SICEAapp@transparency.org