**Request for Expression of Interest to Develop a Fiscal Responsibility Code of Conduct**

**1. Introduction**

Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) with the support of the European Union Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Project RoLAC 2 is implementing a program on “Improving the Effectiveness of Anti-Corruption Processes and Reforms in Nigeria”. The goal of the project is to contribute to increased effectiveness of anti-corruption laws, policies, interventions and strategies for the entrenchment of reforms at national and subnational levels. This would lead to increased compliance with anti-corruption laws. Anti-corruption laws and policies are not an end in themselves but they are expected to lead to systemic change, enhanced compliance and behavioural change in society, making it possible for increased prevention of corruption, corrective action in individual cases, detection and prosecution of offenders and to make more difficult, future breaches of the law.

**2. Background**

The budgeting process at federal and state levels are suffused with challenges of lack of credibility, transparency, non-comprehensiveness, poor accounting and reporting. Budget are often not linked to policies. Fiscal Responsibility Commissions (FRCs) have been established under federal and state Fiscal Responsibility Laws to deal inter alia with fiscal corruption. However, there is the absence of a binding Code of Conduct guiding fiscal operations for the day to day use of fiscal operatives in MDAs. At the federal level, a number of reform initiatives have been started and need to be deepened and cascaded to the sub-national level. They include the benchmarking of MDAs based on their compliance with fiscal responsibility standards under the Fiscal Responsibility Index.

**3. Terms of Reference**

CSJ seeks to collaborate with the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) to enhance fiscal responsibility through and designing a Fiscal Responsibility Code of Conduct and later benchmarking Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of government in the Fiscal Responsibility Index. To achieve this, CSJ requires a Consultant that is knowledgeable in national and international standards, laws and policies on Fiscal Responsibility, and related anti-corruption standards The consultant will carry out deskwork reviews of the constitutional code of conduct in the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution, the Fiscal Responsibility Act, fiscal guides of multilateral institutions like the World Bank and IMF and emerging literature and jurisprudence on fiscal codes. The Consultant shall work with the program director and also engage with the FRC during the production of the Code.

**4. Key Deliverables**

* Produce a Code of Conduct that guides fiscal operations and states the rules of engagement in fiscal operations
* Mainstream recommendations of stakeholders in a validation meeting of the draft Fiscal Responsibility Code, to be reflected as the final product for the Fiscal Responsibility Code of Conduct.

**5. Timeline**

To develop the Fiscal Code of Conduct, the program director and consultant will work for seven days each on this assignment.

**5. Professional Experience and Qualification**

The Consultant must have not less than 10 years’ experience working in fiscal governance and anti-corruption work.  The Consultant must be able to show proof that he has conducted similar assignments in the past and demonstrate skills, competence and capacity to undertake the assignment.

**6. Academic Qualification**

A Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in Law, Social Sciences or any other discipline related to the task is required. Professional certifications in any related discipline would be an added advantage.

**7. Method of Application**

Interested Consultants should send their expression of interest to the following e-mail; csjprocurement@gmail.com alongside their CVs. The EOI should include detailed qualifications (including copies of relevant certificates) and a two-page statement of the Consultants understanding of the assignment and how s\he intends to proceed with the work.

**8. Timeline**

EOIs should reach CSJ within ten days from the date of this Request for EOI.