



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### ADVANCING CLIMATE JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABLE NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

#### A. INTRODUCTION

The Southern Africa Trust supports civil society organisations and citizens groups in Southern Africa for effective and credible engagement in policy dialogue. This is to ensure that the voices of the marginalised and vulnerable are heard and impact the development of policies affecting them to reduce poverty and inequality. We are supporting interventions that strengthen these voices through building regional networks and promoting interconnection to ensure that the fight against poverty and inequality is guided by both a national and regional agenda.

#### B. CALL FOR PROPOSALS: ADVANCING CLIMATE JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABLE NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

##### 1.1 CONTEXT

The extractive industry in Africa remains the most lucrative sector to invest with the potential to drive development programmes to improve the livelihood of the most vulnerable and marginalised citizens. With an increased global demand for natural resources, particularly oil, gas, and minerals from Africa, the sector has attracted international actors i.e., foreign and private capital all wanting to make a profitable share from it. Unfortunately, the continent is yet to enjoy tangible benefits from the extraction, despite the rich natural resource endowments. The continent's proven oil reserves constitute 8% of the world's stock and, those of natural gas amount to 7%. Minerals account for 70% of total African exports and about 28% of gross domestic product. The proceeds from the extraction should contribute to industrialisation, infrastructure, and human capital development. It is essential for the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) to ensure that natural resources improve the standard of living of the citizens in the region.

We also have to acknowledge the effect of the exploration and extraction of our natural resources on our climate. In pursuing the benefits from extraction, investors need to

integrate initiatives that protect the environment from the negative consequences while contributing to local development. The repercussions of the climate crisis are hitting Southern Africa with force. The majority of the population in the region depends directly on land, water, forest resources for their livelihoods. The experiences from the climate crisis have included; high levels of food insecurity, forest fires, deforestation, heatwaves, water scarcity, and ecological depletion. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26) had not created the required urgency among member states to switch from speeches/commitments to action. For instance, the agreements from the Glasgow Summit are non-binding for members, and the global Covid19 pandemic created an additional strain where resources are being redirected. To address the climate crisis, we need political will from member states. For African countries, climate financing remains a priority to address the challenges emerging from this crisis. The interlinkage between natural resources and the impacts of climate change are central to people's lives and livelihoods in Southern Africa.

## 1.2 THE GRANTS FOCUS AREAS

- The Grant Facility will support initiatives that focus on building agency, institutional change/policy shifts to ensure local communities, civil society organisations, and human rights defenders are working collectively to protect their lands and livelihoods from destruction, and to hold the extractive sector and governments for the delivery of equitable benefits
- The Facility will also support initiatives that will facilitate engagement on government policies and practices related to natural resource rights, regulation, fiscal policies, and investments related to the extraction of resources. These direct policy engagements will include pursuing specific companies, government agencies, or intergovernmental bodies to modify or adopt certain policies or practices.
- The Facility will also support initiatives building agency and capabilities among grass-root movements and indigenous people to ensure their voices are being heard and changing their narrative towards improved livelihood. There is an urgent need for building alliances/coalitions around these critical issues so that the challenges of those most affected are profiled in relevant national, regional, and global policy spaces. These alliances/coalitions will open up opportunities for grassroots movements to participate in appropriate policy forums.
- We will also be supporting activities that involve working with the media to change the narrative and expose the challenges facing the grassroots and communities. In the context of the Covid19 pandemic, we can also work with the media to have policy conversations for

example on the ongoing debates on fossil fuels and emerging technologies/phasing out of coal, campaigns around greenhouse gas reduction etc.

- We will also support activities that facilitate civil society organisations, citizens groups, and communities to adopt and present clearly articulated and inclusive transformation agendas on the extractive sector, climate crisis, and injustices faced by communities living near natural resources. Strengthening movements and coalitions for a more coordinated campaign for change and social justice in the areas of natural resources and climate change. In addition, activities that contribute to regional and national public policy commitments reflect the priorities, and demands of communities, civil society groups, and movements.

### **1.3 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The Southern Africa Trust invites grant applications from grass-root organisations/movements, civil society groups, alliances, coalitions focused on climate justice and natural resource governance in the following countries; Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa, and Malawi.

### **1.4 GRANT TYPES**

Grant allocations will differ depending on the type of organisation applying.

- Organisations involved in national and regional work can apply for a minimum of \$50,000 over two years.
- Community-based organisations working at a local or grassroots level can apply for a minimum of \$10,000 - \$25,000 over twelve months (1 year).

Applicants can use the following approaches to implement activities i.e., research, stakeholder/policy dialogues, capacity-building initiatives to strengthen or build alliances or coalitions in the targeted countries as well as driving regional processes. The approaches can also all be integrated into one project if preferred by the applicant.

### **1.5 APPLICATION PROCESS**

Grant applications can be submitted [here](#).

**The application process will be open from the 13<sup>th</sup> of January till Midnight CAT on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

For any queries regarding this Call for Proposals or the application process, please send email to: [grants@southernafricatrust.org](mailto:grants@southernafricatrust.org).