



## URAIA TRUST

### CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES 2017

#### ROOTING DEMOCRACY IN KENYA THROUGH AN INFORMED CITIZENRY – PHASE TWO

TARGET COUNTIES: SAMBURU, TAITA TAVETA AND NYANDARUA.

REFERENCE NO. URAIA/CFC/6/2017

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Uraia Trust is a national organization that supports democratic transformation processes in Kenya. Its mission is *“To provide quality civic education and empower Kenyans to exercise their civic duty in order to realize their constitutional aspirations.”*

Uraia’s work is informed by its four Key Focus Areas (KFAs), which are:

- (i) Entrenching constitutionalism,
- (ii) Promoting free and fair elections,
- (iii) Addressing the historical political marginalisation of women, youth, persons with disabilities and minority communities in Kenya,
- (iv) Internal Excellence.

Uraia Trust wishes to invite civil society organizations to participate in the implementation of the above Programme: *“Rooting Democracy in Kenya through an Informed Citizenry”* – Phase Two. The goal of this Programme is to contribute towards developing an informed, empowered and democratic nation. Uraia wishes to work with organisations that subscribe to its values, which are, integrity, professionalism, teamwork, equality, equity and non-partisanship.

#### 2.0 PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

##### 2.1 Programme Objectives:

This call aims at supporting Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) non-partisan projects targeted at achieving the following Programme objectives:

##### KFA 1: Entrenching constitutionalism:

1. Facilitating citizens to embody national values and the spirit of the Constitution in the exercise of their sovereign power.

2. Strengthening capacity of citizens to participate in governance processes and to hold public officials to account.
3. Safeguarding and strengthening devolution for improved service delivery and transformation of lives.

**KFA 2: Promoting free and fair elections:**

4. Empowering citizens to understand the electoral processes

**KFA 3: Addressing the historical political marginalisation of women, youth, persons with disabilities and minority communities in Kenya:**

5. Increasing and enhancing representation of historically marginalised groups and communities in local governance processes.

**2.2 Expected Results:**

Proposed interventions under this Lot should contribute to:

- Increased civic and voter knowledge and awareness on rights and responsibilities enshrined in the Constitution and electoral processes.
- Increased citizen participation on political and governance processes.
- Increased citizen and CSOs participation, engagement and oversight in governance at the national and county level.
- Increased implementation of policy and legislative reforms at county level.
- Increased participation and representation of women, youth and PWDs in local governance processes. This includes empowering marginalized groups to seek roles in local community service delivery committees among others.

**2.3 Type of activities**

These may include:

Civic and voter education that focuses on among others:

- Education on the implications and application of the Constitution, devolution, rights and responsibilities, electoral processes, national values & principles of governance, national cohesion and judicial processes.

Civic engagement work that focuses on among others:

- Capacity building of local communities for participation in county government processes including planning and budgeting, implementation and monitoring of county plans, budgets and service delivery.
- Capacity building of marginalized groups (women, youth and PWDs) to participate in local decision-making structures and political processes.

- Capacity building and facilitation of local communities to demand accountability from county governments.
- Establishment and facilitation of engagement forums for communities and county governments.
- Supporting formation and facilitating operationalization of CSOs/government sector based platforms (sector working groups).
- Monitoring and reporting on public financial management.

Note: Interventions proposed must demonstrate a clear link between civic and voter education and citizen participation and engagement.

## **2.4 Ineligible Activities**

Ineligible activities include, but are not limited to the following:

- (i) Activities concerned only or mainly with individual sponsorship for participation in international workshops/conferences.
- (ii) Activities concerned only or mainly with individual scholarships for studies or training courses.
- (iii) Activities supporting the management of political parties.

## **2.5 Project duration**

- The period for applicant's proposed project is **12 months**.

## **2.6 Amount of Grant**

- Maximum grant is Kshs 4.5 million

## **3.0 ELIGIBILITY**

### **3.1 Eligible Counties:**

**This is a county based call which only targets the following three counties:**

1. Taita Taveta
2. Nyandarua
3. Samburu

### 3.2: Eligible organizations:

The call targets county-based organizations with a physical presence in the counties outlined above. Applying organisations **must** have a physical presence in the target county and provide evidence of the same when applying.

The acceptable evidence of physical presence includes:

- Lease agreement for office
- Title of ownership of office property
- Rent payment receipts

**Note:** *An organisation can only apply to work in one County.*

### 4.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

At this initial stage, Uraia wishes to invite interested organizations to only submit concept notes that contribute to the expected results outlined under each category.

The application process will be in two stages the first being a concept note submission. Only organisations that qualify at stage one will be invited to submit full proposals.

Full information on the application process including concept note and budget guidelines are available from the Uraia office or through the Uraia website, [www.uraia.or.ke](http://www.uraia.or.ke) or via email through a request to [info@uraia.or.ke](mailto:info@uraia.or.ke). For more details, call Tel: +254 020 2135561, Mobile: 0710387665.

### 5.0 SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Concept notes are to be submitted by **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018, 5:00pm** via email to [rootingdemocracycall3@uraia.or.ke](mailto:rootingdemocracycall3@uraia.or.ke) or by post/courier/hand delivery through the following address and clearly marked "*Uraia Rooting Democracy Phase II Call for Concepts 2017 – Reference no. URAIA/CFC/6/2017*". Any form of canvassing will lead to immediate disqualification.

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