



Promoting social justice



School of Law



With support from

**THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CLINIC
SCHOOL OF LAW, MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN RESEARCH CONSULTANCY

**PROJECT TITLE: USING LEGAL EDUCATION TO PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERING AND IMPROVE
ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC) with support from the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) is implementing a Project titled: ***Using Legal Education to Promote Public Interest Lawyering and Improve Access to Justice***. The project aims to harness the legal knowledge of law students on social justice issues in the community as well as improving public policy and the rule of law in Uganda.

One of the activities in the current project is to undertake research to examine the efficacy of small claims courts in enhancing access to justice for vulnerable and marginalized groups. Small claims courts were established in Uganda with the aim of simplifying formal court processes, reducing court backlog of cases and enhancing access to justice. The small claims courts handle claims whose subject matter does not exceed ten million shillings.¹ Since the establishment of this initiative, no study has been undertaken to evaluate the efficacy of these courts in achieving their intended purpose.

In this consultancy, the researcher will be expected to undertake an empirical study to; ***Examine The Efficacy of The Small Claims Court, And Identify Any Bottlenecks That Bedevil The Workings Of The Small Claims Court And Its Ability To Enhance Access To Justice.***

1.2 Terms and Reference of the Consultant

- a. Submit a technical proposal and budget
- b. Conduct the research
- c. Participate in Research validation seminar
- d. Submit final research report
- e. Develop policy brief
- f. Participate in Advocacy meetings

1.3 OUTCOMES

¹Courts of Judicature: 'Small Claims Court Procedure: A Users Guide'. Available at <https://www.jlos.go.ug/index.php/document-centre/small-claims-procedures/234-small-claims-procedures/file>.

The consultant is expected to submit the following documents

- a. A technical proposal detailing the background, research objectives, scope and methodology
- b. Execute Memorandum of Understanding
- c. The proposed budget to undertake the work
- d. Final research report
- e. Policy brief
- f. Presentation of the findings at an advocacy workshop

1.3 WORKPLAN

NO	ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (2019)	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
1	Executing MoU	1 ST June	PILAC/Consultant
2	Conducting research	June-Aug	Consultant
3	Research validation	Aug	PILAC/Consultant
4	Finalising research paper	September	Consultant
5	Professional editing and printing	October	PILAC
6	Developing policy brief	November	Consultant
7	Advocacy Workshops	January 2020	PILAC/Consultant

1.4 DURATION

The consultancy will commence on the **1st of June 2019 to 31st January 2020** Timelines should be followed according to the work plan.

1.5 SUBMISSION

Kindly submit your expression of interest to **Ms Patricia Atim P'Odong: Email: patricia.odong@gmail.com. Tel: 0782546259**