

Scoping assessment of Senegal's beneficial ownership implementation and opportunities to advance beneficial ownership reform

Short-term contract opportunity – November 2021

About Open Ownership

Open Ownership (OO) is driving the global shift towards transparency over who owns and controls companies. OO enables beneficial ownership disclosures which are accurate, well-structured, complete, and machine-readable. We support governments to make high-quality beneficial ownership data available, and work with governments, businesses, and citizens to use the data. This reduces risks such as corruption and tax evasion, and builds trust and development opportunities.

Our multidisciplinary team works closely with technical and policy implementers, advising them on all aspects of beneficial ownership implementation. To support our donor-funded technical assistance programmes, we have developed a broad range of implementation tools and products, including the [Beneficial Ownership Data Standard \(BODS\)](#) and the [Open Ownership Principles of effective beneficial ownership disclosure \(OO Principles\)](#).

Purpose of the contract

Together with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), OO has recently launched *Opening Extractives*, an ambitious global programme aiming to transform the availability and use of beneficial ownership information for effective governance in the extractive sector (mining, oil, and gas).

To support the initial work in Senegal, we are seeking a short-term contractor, either an organisation or an independent consultant, to conduct desk research, interviews, and develop a scoping study report that will help identify concrete opportunities for OO and the EITI to provide technical assistance that furthers Beneficial Ownership Transparency (BOT) in Senegal.

Scope of work

Stakeholder Mapping

OO aims to provide contextually driven technical support and guidance in implementing BOT reforms. Having an understanding of the type of implementers and users of beneficial ownership data, and their needs, is central to this.

To support this objective, the contractor will be responsible for mapping relevant stakeholders in the public and private sector as well as civil society. Identified stakeholders may

be current holders/users of beneficial ownership data or have an interest in accessing beneficial ownership data. The mapping should also map where BO data is currently held (or planned to be held) and who the key implementing agencies are in BO data reform. Any conflicting or unclear mandates within the key implementing agencies should be clearly identified. The mapping should focus primarily on the extractive sector, but may also include stakeholders

with a more general interest in beneficial ownership data across the full economy. Stakeholders should include (non-exhaustive):

- fiscal and financial agencies;
- companies' registration authority;
- anti-corruption and anti-money laundering agencies;
- civil society, academic institutions, international NGOs, and journalists/media centers;
- companies that operate in the extractives sector and the wider economy.

BOT Scoping Assessment

OO has developed an assessment framework guided by the [OO Principles](#). The framework comprehensively assesses the current status of a country's BOT regime. Using the OO Principles as the assessment criteria, a set of recommendations are developed in consultation with national and international stakeholders. The assessment will be used to determine OO's targeted technical assistance. The assessment should also draw on findings and recommendations from the most recent EITI validation report for Senegal.

The contractor will be required to complete a pre-set scoping questionnaire (provided by OO) and work closely with OO as well as with national stakeholders in completing the questionnaire which covers the nine OO principles.

The contractor will then develop the questionnaire into a Scoping Assessment Report which should include *inter alia*:

- a summary the key political drivers for BOT, and the known opportunities and barriers to advancing reform in the next two years
- an analysis of the current status of BOT implementation, according to the OO Principles-specific recommendations to progress the country towards effective implementation, in particular drawing out recommendations that can be implemented within the next two years

The contractor will be required to share findings from the Scoping Report and recommendations therein through a blog for OO and EITI websites, workshops, peer learning exchanges and other fora as determined by the Programme. The consultant may be required to provide expert review of professionally translated OO resources and legislation required for delivery of this work.

Expected deliverables

- Stakeholder mapping report: approximately 4-6 pages (including a table/spreadsheet of key actors)
- Record of stakeholder meetings/interviews: approximately 10 (interviewees, dates, sector, etc.)
- Completed Scoping Questionnaire
- Scoping Report approximately 12-18 pages

Deliverables must be submitted in English, with the exception of the Scoping Report which must be submitted in English and French. Professional support will be provided for the translation of the Scoping Report if required.

Contractor profile

The contractor will need to demonstrate a reasonable level of knowledge of Senegal's legal framework, and an understanding of institutional arrangements, fiscal and extractive policies as well as open data principles.

We welcome applications from contractors with:

- Exceptional communication skills in French and English
- Knowledge and understanding of Senegal's legal framework and institutional frameworks (knowledge of legal frameworks elsewhere in Francophone Africa will be an advantage)
- The ability to self-organise and work autonomously in a remote organisation
- A demonstrated history and experience with engaging with stakeholders relevant to this consultancy (a pre-existing network of local contacts is desired)

- Experience working to deliver or support government reform initiatives (desired)

Experience working in the fields of corporate transparency, fiscal openness, or anti-corruption is desirable.

Preference will be given to candidates and/or organisations within Senegal, as some of the deliverables will require in-person meetings. We are however also open to applications from consultants based elsewhere in the region who have experience working in the Francophone Africa context. We want to hear all voices, and particularly encourage individuals of diverse and marginalised communities to apply.

Please note that OO is a fiscally sponsored organisation and the contract will be executed in the name of our fiscal sponsor Global Impact, a non-profit, on behalf of OO. Due to the legal restrictions placed on the grant that partly funds this post, we cannot accept applications from anyone based in the USA.

Assignment details

The consultancy will last 2-3 months and should be completed by 31 March 2022, so we expect this to be a nearly full-time consultancy.

- A daily contractor rate of **USD 300-350** will be offered for this assignment, determined by the experience and expertise of the contractor.

- In addition, a budget of **USD 300** has been allocated for all eligible costs incurred by the contractor, such as, but not limited to: travel, accommodation, telephone, and data expenses.

The total cost of the consultancy must not exceed USD 15,000, including daily fees and additional expenses incurred by the contractor.

Application process

To apply, qualified contractors should send:

- A brief 2-3-page proposal on how you will successfully deliver on this contract, allocating the number of days for each part of the delivery and including a proposed itemised budget for the delivery of activities. In your proposal, please highlight your most relevant experience and skills for this contract, and indicate the location where you would be based during the assignment.

- A 2-page CV summarising relevant professional experience.

Please send the above to recruitment@openownership.org. Due to the short timeframe, we will accept applications on an ongoing basis until a contractor is appointed. At that point we will remove the advertisement.