

New Voices, New Narratives in Public Policy Discourse Call for Proposal

Grant for implementing an Access to Information (ATI) campaign to support ATI legislation for Civil Society Organisations

Grant for ATI community awareness - research, data collection and reporting project for the Media

We are pleased to announce an opportunity for selected civil society and media actors to pilot an **access to information (ATI) campaign** or conduct a **research, data collection and reporting project** focused on building knowledge and understanding of the current status of the ATI law and how it could be used by the media and civil society. The campaign should be aimed at making the ATI law itself accessible and understandable to the broader public, with a special consideration around youth, women, persons with disabilities, journalists, media professionals, and activists in rural and peri-urban areas of Namibia. The projects should be implemented in a meaningful and inclusive manner. The campaign should respond to relevant political and legal developments and aim to make information broadly accessible - as Access to Information is the right of journalists, civil society and every Namibian. Additionally, the proposed campaign or reporting project should look at how to unlock information in the civil society and media spaces, illustrate the added value of reliable and accessible data and raise awareness and understanding of the benefits of ATI for civil society actors and media professionals.

We provide you with a **coaching and mentoring** framework to support you in designing, planning, and implementing your contribution to constructive public policy dialogue on ATI in Namibia. This initiative includes **production grants**, which will be awarded according to the scope of your project.

Under the EU-funded programme **"New Voices, New Narratives in Public Policy Discourse"** the consortium partners Namibia Media Trust, Institute for Public Policy Research and DW Akademie support you in the following ways:

Financial Support: Selected Media and CSOs can receive financial support up to N\$ 30,000 (according to the scope of the proposal, and the availability of funds) to conduct a reporting project or implement a public awareness campaign in the period between May 2024 and March 2025.

Mentoring & Technical Support: The partners will support you to ensure the success of your project through advocacy and campaigning consultancy, technical assistance and media production skills, and dialogue and moderation expertise.

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Application Process

CSOs and media organisations interested in participating are invited to submit proposals outlining their approach to ATI. Applications should include:

- 1. Project Overview:** Clearly outline the proposed campaign or reporting initiative, including the chosen thematic focus area and the affected communities. We encourage applicants to use any form of visualization they deem appropriate. (max. 3 pages)
- 2. Methodology:** Describe your campaigning or research/reporting approach including your media strategy. Also, let us know in which areas you might need support. (max 1 page)
- 3. Timeline:** Present a realistic timeline for the implementation of the campaign or reporting project between May 2024 and March 2025.
- 4. Budget:** Provide a budget calculation outlining how the financial support will be utilized.

Templates for the project overview, methodology, budget calculation and timeline can be downloaded [under this LINK](#).

Applications must be submitted by **April 26th 2024**. Late submissions cannot be considered.

For inquiries and the submission of applications, please contact:

info@nmt.africa

Thank you!



Selection Criteria

All applications will be reviewed by an evaluation committee consisting of representatives of the project partners NMT, IPPR and DW Akademie. The following criteria will be taken into account:

- > **Quality** of the proposal, outlining the specific issue, as well as the availability of data and sources.
- > **Expertise** of the applicant for proposed project, outlining the aim, design and methodology of pilot campaign or reporting project.
- > **Diversity** and relevance of involved partners and resources (if applicable).
- > **Media strategy, partnerships, and audience participation** approach.
- > Implementation **time-frame** feasibility.
- > **Innovative** approach.
- > Incorporation of **relevant Namibian policy discourse**.
- > Marginalized groups **representation** and regional as well as ethnic diversity of proposition.
- > **Commitment** to the Editors' Forum of Namibia (EFN) [Code of Ethics and Conduct](#). [for Journalists]

Expected expenditure must be duly justified by the proposed activities and expected impact. The Evaluation Committee may suggest changes to the proposed budget within the limits of the grant amount.

Terms of Financial Support

- > Funds will be remitted to the recipient in two installments during the implementation period. Payments to the recipient are entirely linked to the achievement of contractual agreed milestones (e.g. research, publications, events, etc.).
- > An advance payment will be made upon signature of the Agreement.
- > The second payment shall be subject to the recipient's provision of a narrative report including supporting documents proving the achievement of the agreed milestone.
- > No more than 80% of the final funds requested will be paid in advance. The remaining 20% will be paid after the achievement of the final milestone and the written approval of the final narrative report.
- > The Recipient shall confirm the receipt of each payment by e-mail providing the respective bank statement and/or credit advice.

NMT will be the contracting party and will support grant recipients in all steps related to the management of their financial support.

All grant applicants must follow a zero fraud and corruption policy.