



## **SCALING UP TAX JUSTICE - NORAD**

**Kick-Off Meeting**

**Date: 18- 19 June 2018**

**Venue: Dakar, Senegal**

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### **1. Introduction**

Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) established in 2007, is a Pan African advocacy and research organisation with a membership of 31 organisations in 16 African countries and a member of the Global Alliance for Tax Justice (GATJ). Through its Nairobi Secretariat, TJNA collaborates closely with its member and other civil society partners across Africa to curb illicit financial flows (IFFs) and promote progressive taxation systems. TJNA advocates for pro-poor tax policies and the strengthening of tax systems to promote domestic resource mobilisation (DRM). TJNA also plays a leading role in global coalitions committed to tackling the phenomena of global tax avoidance and evasion, and achieving fundamental reforms of the current global financial architecture. Our mission is to spearhead tax justice in Africa's development by enabling citizens and institutions to promote equitable tax systems through policy influencing.

TJNA recognises the central role that its members play in furthering the tax justice agenda in the continent. In realisation of this, its 2016-2020 redefines how the secretariat engages with its members to realise its strategic objectives. In this regard, enhancing the capacity of its members to deliver on the network's mandate at national levels has been TJNA's key factor to its overall success.

### **2. Project background**

Following the successful implementation of the first phase of Scaling up Tax Justice in five select countries in Anglophone Africa, it was generally felt that Francophone Africa offered further strategic opportunities for TJNA to further push the tax justice and IFF agenda through engaging in national policy advocacy. Three select implementing partners identified to serve as coordinating hubs at national levels for the project are; Centre Regional Africain pour le Développement Endogene et Communautaire (CRADEC) from Cameroon, the Observatoire Tunisien de l'Economie (OTE) from Tunisia and Forum Civil from Senegal.

This project falls under TJNA's 2016-2020 strategic plan and specifically, strategic outcome areas (i) engaging in advocacy towards equitable and accountable tax system; (iii) broadening the constituency of tax justice advocates; and (iv) a strengthened network of tax justice champions in Africa. In this regard, the project will aim to strengthen and embed the tax justice movement and campaign against illicit financial flows at the national level in the three select countries i.e Cameroon, Senegal and Tunisia. This will be achieved through increasing awareness, building alliances, increasing capacity and generating knowledge on tax justice and IFFs. Further, through the project, TJNA and its partners will contribute to NORAD's project objectives of reducing poverty and increasing democratisation.

## **2. Objectives**

The key objective of this kick-off meeting will be to allow project participants agree on *modus operandi* during implementation, with specific objectives to:

- Enhance ownership and shared understanding of project objectives
- Review documentations (Results Framework, budget and clarifications on methodology)
- Discuss and understand the grant's terms and conditions
- Internalize reporting tools/templates and conditions.

## **3. Expected Participants**

Participants will be drawn from three categories and are expected to be key drivers of implementation as follows;

- Head of organisation /Representative
- Finance Officer
- M&E Officer / Programme Officer (Lead implementer)

## **4. Expected Outputs**

Below are the expected outputs:

- Better understanding of the project
- Agreed mode of operation
- Agreed terms and conditions
- Developed clear work plans, budget & reporting schedule.
- Report of the kick-off meeting

## **5. Budget assumptions**

The budget assumptions are:

- Three representatives per implementing partner
- Four representatives from the TJNA secretariat

## **6. Conclusion**

It is expected that the kick off meeting will enhance ownership of the project by all partners and pave way for smooth implementation.