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TERMS OF REFERENCE – Review of Constitution

June 2022

Title:	Review of Vanuatu Association of NGOs (VANGO) Constitution.
Location:	Home based
Commencement Date:	June 2022
Position reports to:	VANGO Board

1. Background

The Vanuatu Association of Non-Government Organization (VANGO) is the national umbrella organization for all NGOs and CBOs operating in Vanuatu. It was founded in 1991. Since its establishment the organization was largely focused on empowering local NGOs and CBOs in an effort to make a difference in the development process and engage in poverty alleviation initiatives in Vanuatu. In 2004, VANGO signed an MOU with the Government to create partnership and provide accountability for government funds although avenues for consultation were limited and some NGOs have since described cooperation with government.

As a measure to address the issue of the ineffectiveness of VANGO and re-establish the institution to full restoration to be able to perform its true role as the Umbrella Institution for all Civil Society and NGOs in Vanuatu, VANGO convene a governance workshop with its members on the 13th and 14th October 2021. As a result of the 2 days governance workshop VANGO board and its members were able to identify the strength, weaknesses, key opportunities, and threats of VANGO as an organisation. Through the SWOT analysis process for the 2 days' workshop VANGO was able to develop an action plan with key priority areas which needs VANGO board and its members to focus on to strengthen the organisation. Part of the workshop the consultant was able to conduct an initial review of the 2018 amended Constitution with VANGO board and its members based on the governance experience.

The overarching Goal of VANGO, as expressed in the current Constitution is; To build a vibrant NGO sector which accurately represents the interests of ni-Vanuatu people and disadvantaged groups and promotes important local development issues.

2. Purpose

To undertake a review of the VANGO current Constitution and make amendment and recommendations to VANGO board for consideration and endorsement.

3. Scope

- Reviewing areas in the Constitution to ensure that they are fit for purpose and make appropriate changes;
- Consult stakeholders and members
- Review of relevant VANGO documents to ensure the constitutional changes reflect the overall Board and organisation mandate;
- Present proposed changes to VANGO board and
- Make amendments to the Board constitution and incorporating inputs from VANGO CSOs

4. Estimated Timeline and Deliverables

Deliverables	Days	Location
Conduct 1 day Consultation with VANGO board and its members on inputs and amendments	1	VANGO Office
Reviewing areas in the Constitution to ensure that they are fit for purpose and make appropriate changes;	5	Home base
Review of relevant VANGO documents to ensure the constitutional changes reflect the overall board and organisation mandate.	2	Home Base
Present proposed changes to VANGO Board and incorporate final changes	2	VANGO Office Home Base
	10 days	

5. Minimum Requirements and Competences

- Demonstrable prior experience in conducting constitutional review in the not-for-profit and public sector.
- At least five years' experience in Leadership and Governance.
- Advanced university degree in law, business, economics, non-profit management, international development, or related field.
- Excellent communication skills including in presentations and report writing.
- Excellent spoken and written English.

6. Submission of Proposals

Interested candidates who fully meet the above criteria are invited to send their expression of interest to shirleya@koble.org.vu along with the following:

- i. Cover letter (indicating interest and past experiences from similar projects)
- ii. An updated Curriculum Vitae (with references)
- iii. Applications are to be submitted on or before 5pm on the 13th June 2022. The subject of the application letter or e-mail should read 'Application for the VANGO Constitution Review consultancy and the Cover letter should be addressed to:
- iv. Only the shortlisted participant will be contacted for interview

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