

Invitation for the selection of up to two trainers to provide training on fact-checking knowledge and skills for civil society organization members

The Media Council of Mongolia (MCM), within the framework of the ‘Voices for Change: CSOs join forces to advocate for Accountability, Transparency and Public Awareness’ project, is looking for up to two trainers to organize trainings that aim to strengthen the capacity of accountable Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) by equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills to collaborate effectively with professional fact-checkers.

Background

The ‘Voices for Change’ project is implemented by the Media Council of Mongolia (MCM) in cooperation with DW Akademie (DWA) funded by the European Union. This training aims to strengthen the capacity of accountable Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) by equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills to collaborate effectively with professional fact-checkers. Through this initiative, CSOs will gain a deeper understanding of fact-checking methodologies and verification procedures, enabling them to contribute specialized knowledge from their respective areas of expertise.

This training also aims to support collaboration between civil society organizations and fact-checking organizations, focusing on developing good practices for cooperation during significant events that affect the public interest. Additionally, it will explore opportunities for developing long-term collaboration between the parties.

Objectives

- Enhance CSOs’ capacity to understand fact-checking and verification methods.
- Facilitate collaboration between CSOs and professional fact-checkers to improve the quality of public discourse and explore/establish mechanisms for sustaining long-term cooperation between CSOs and fact-checking organizations.
- Supporting civil society organizations to fact-check issues and topics that affect the public interest to become a voice for the public.

Scope of Work

The training will be conducted both online and in-person formats in Ulaanbaatar. The key components include:

- Two workshops/training (each lasting one day, delivering the same content):
 - One online workshop
 - One in-person workshop in Ulaanbaatar
- Participants: Up to 20 CSO workers from both urban and rural areas.
- Training content:
 - Fact-checking methodologies and verification techniques.
 - Good practices for collaborating with professional fact-checkers.
 - Strategies for verifying and disseminating political statements during public events such as elections;
 - Models for sustainable collaboration between civil society and fact-checking organizations.

Duration and time frame: 2025 March - 2025 June

The applicant should possess the following qualifications and expertise:

Requirements:

- Experience in MIL/Fact-check initiatives – Prior experience working in fact-checking. Having implemented projects or developed ideas in this field is a strong advantage;

- Knowledge and experience in the field of freedom of the press, the right to freedom of expression, the right to publish and access to information;
- Proven experience in conducting effective training sessions, the ability to develop an interactive training matrix, and the skills to engage trainees effectively. Prior experience working with CSOs is a plus;
- Strong Communication & Interpersonal Skills – Ability to effectively engage with project teams, participants, and stakeholders to foster collaboration and engagement;
- Proficiency in Administrative & Event Documentation – Capability to manage event-related documentation, reports, and logistical tasks efficiently.

Submission of offers: Interested applicants should submit a proposal in **one consolidated PDF file**, including the following:

- A work plan outlining the proposed approach and timeline. Trainers may form a team of two and apply together.
- CV (for individuals) or organizational profile showcasing experience with similar projects or activities.
- Applicants should clearly state their daily rate in their proposal.
- Samples of previous similar projects or activities (if applicable).

Offers (in Mongolian and English) should be submitted as a pdf by March 21, 2025 via e-mail to:

To: Media Council of Mongolia

Attn.: Trainers for online and offline training on Fact-Checking Cooperation for Accountable CSOs

E-mail: suvda@mediacouncil.mn

The project's aim is to foster accountability of Mongolian CSOs, as leverage to strengthen the civil sector's independence and capacity to contribute to good governance and social cohesion. The objective of the project is to strengthen CSOs in representing the interests of Mongolia's civil society competently, visibly, and credibly.

The Media Council of Mongolia (MCM) was established in early 2015 as a result of successful collaboration among journalists, media houses, industry representatives, journalist associations, and professional media organizations. As the independent regulator for print, broadcast, and online journalistic media in Mongolia, MCM upholds the highest standards of journalism by monitoring and enforcing the Mongolian Media Ethics Codes. At the core of MCM's mission is the commitment to supporting media freedom by helping media houses and journalists adhere to professional and ethical standards, ensuring they serve the public interest. In doing so, we receive and resolve complaints from Mongolian citizens who believe the Codes of Media Ethics have violated, free of charge and impartially. We also implement a variety of projects and programs that contribute to the strengthening of press freedom, independent and ethical media, and accountable and transparent civil society organizations.

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