



Suspicious of irregularities in relations to Council for African Policy's project supported through the Democratic Governance Facility in Uganda

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 1 November 2024, regarding fraud in connection with a grant to the implementing partner, Council for African Policy (CAP), supported through a multi-donor facility called the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF). For the period 2018-2019, DGF granted a total of DKK 1,529,494 to CAP, of which DKK 342,796 is the share of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) funds.

In 2019, an audit found unaccounted cash withdrawals from the project account, potential inflation of the cost of field activities, and forgeries of accountabilities and potentially fictitious activities that took place in 2018. The partnership with CAP was terminated in 2019, and DGF made a claim to CAP to return project funds and surrender assets. As CAP failed to comply, legal proceedings against the organisation were initiated.

A judgement in the case was delivered in June 2023 in favour of the DGF, awarding all sums claimed at a total of DKK 1,166,547, of which DKK 261,451 is the share of Danish funds. The amount awarded by the court is justified in breach of partnership agreements and failure to return assets. The MFA has retrieved and sold the project vehicle through a closed tender bid process in 2025, resulting in DKK 38,730 in proceeds.

CAP also shared a settlement proposal of UGX 100 million (DKK 186,971) which was discussed with the lawyers. The lawyers made it clear that chances for recovery of the entire award amount were unlikely if MFA proceeded with the recovery process. MFA approved the proposal, and the consent to the matter was endorsed by the Ugandan Courts in October 2025. The lawyers are following up on the matter on behalf of MFA.

A follow-up report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.