

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

National Consultant - LIAISON OFFICER-LOCAL FOCAL POINT

Date: 13th March 2017

Country: Tunisia

UNDP Libya is seeking to hire a qualified national consultant (Libyan National) under "Support to the Resident Coordinator (RC) office" Project. The consultant will work as a focal point to guide UNSMIL DSRSG and the Head of CSO on the substantive and logistics and preparatory work required for holding the series of meetings of the Libyan Experts Development Cooperation Forum scheduled for 2017.

Project Name: Support to the Resident Coordinator (RC) office

Period of assignment/services: 50 workdays assignment (home based and approx. 20 days in Tunisia).

Please submit your Technical and Financial proposals to the following e-mail address no later than **20**th **March 2017. Email: procurement.ly@undp.org**

Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic communication to the address or e-mail indicated above: procurement.ly@undp.org, will respond in writing or by standard electronic mail and will send written copies of the response, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry, to all consultants.

1. BACKGROUND

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- 3. Identify Libyan experts assigned to write policy papers for the deliberations of the Libyan Experts Development Cooperation Forum and/or for formulating a sector-based recovery strategy for the National Development Agenda and follow up and coordinate their work.
- 4. Participate when required in conducting situation analysis and needs assessment surveys with Libyan experts and as required for the work of the Libyan Expert Development Cooperation Forum and the formulization of the National Development Agenda.

3. MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES AND TIMEFRAME

- Play the role as a UN national Focal Point and supervise in-country preparatory work and logistics required for the UN sponsored and supported Forum's 2017 scheduled meetings in consultation with the Forum's board of trustee, government bodies and the CSO and its international senior policy advisor.
- 2. Assume primary responsibility for strengthening and enhancing linkages and network between the CSO, the Forum's board of trustees, government and line ministries and coordinate joint projects and activities
- 3. Play a pivotal role in supervising the coordination, oversight; and monitoring of LEF field working groups inside Libya.
- 4. Liaise with national and local stakeholders, research institutes, government bodies in all matters related to work conducted by LEF in preparation for its regular meetings.
- 5. Record analyzed feedback from the government bodies and other partners and stakeholders in order to seek their perspective and level of satisfaction with the work of the Forum
- 6. Play an active role in putting in perspective the impact of specific LEF activities on Government adopted policies.
- 7. Propose recommendations for actions and enhancement of the role of LEF in supporting evidence-based national decision making process
- 8. Consult with Government, Private Sector, Development Partners and Civil Society in Libya to agree on priority areas of focus for the LEF core research projects and its complimentarily with existing initiatives.
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- 10. Create linkages between LEF field researchers, Government Implementing Partners and other stakeholders to ensure effective accomplishment of assigned research work

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2. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

I- Academic Qualification

 Advanced University Degree (Master's or equivalent) in Social Sciences or a related field.

II. Experience

- A minimum of 15 years of the relevant professional experience; previous experience with National policy formulations, evaluations and/or reviews.
- Practical experience in the Middle East region and demonstrated knowledge of crisis/post-crisis settings is an asset.
- Previous experience working with the UN preferred
- Excellent analytical, communication and negotiation skills
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II- Competencies:

Corporate Competencies

- Demonstrates integrity by modeling the UN's values and ethical standards;
- Promotes the vision, mission, and strategic goals of UNDP;
- Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability;
- Treats all people fairly without favoritism.

Functional Competencies

The successful candidate will:

- Knowledge of the Libyan context and the current transition would be an advantage;
- Extensive experience in presenting in public forums including high-level national stakeholders and media.

4. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS.

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications:

1. Technical Proposal

- Candidate CV including past experience in similar projects and at least 3 references.
- Personal History Form (P11).
- Motivation Letter describing their interest in the assignment and why they are the most suitable for the work.

5. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The financial proposal shall specify a total lump sum amount, and payment terms around specific and measurable (qualitative and quantitative) deliverables (i.e. whether payments fall in installments or upon completion of the entire contract). Payments are based upon output, i.e. upon delivery of the services specified in the TOR. In order to assist the requesting unit in the comparison of financial proposals, the financial proposal will include a breakdown of this lump sum amount on monthly basis during the duration of the contract.

6. EVALUATION

Individual consultants will be evaluated based on the **Cumulative analysis**. The award of the contract should be made to the individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as:

- a) Responsive/compliant/acceptable, and
- b) Having received the **highest score** out of a pre-determined set of weighted technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation.

a. Technical Criteria weight: 70%

b. Financial Criteria weight: 30%

Only candidates obtaining a minimum of **49 out of 70 points** would be considered for the Financial Evaluation

Criteria	Weight	Max. Point
<u>Technical Competencies</u>	70	
Relevance of Educational Requirements	20	
Relevant Experience (At least 15 years of work experience National policy formulations, evaluations and/or reviews)	30	
Demonstrable experience with Libyan Counterparts, NGOs and UN agencies	20	
Financial (Lower Offer/Offer*100	30	
<u>Total Score</u>	Technical scol	re 70 + 30

<u>Note</u>

- Applications with **No financial offer or Missing P11 form** will NOT be considered for evaluation;
- Financial proposal should be on provided format (i.e Annex 3- OFFEROR'S LETTER TO UNDP);
- Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

ANNEX

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III. Duration of Assignment

The contract will be for a period of 50 work days (home-based and Tunis, Tunisia)

IV. Deliverables

Deliverables	Implementation period	Timeframe
Deliverable01: list of experts	1 Apr – 31 Oct 2017	10 days in Libya
In consultation with the Event's organizers, provide a list of Libyan Experts invitees for the meetings.		3 days in Tunis + 1 travel (Libya -Tunis – Libya)
Deliverable02: list of invitees	1 Apr – 31 Oct 2017	10 days in Libya
Organise and work with the Libyan Experts for the four working groups that will prepare policy papers for the Forum's meetings.		3 days in Tunis + 1 travel (Libya -Tunis – Libya)
Deliverable03: Meetings munities	1 Apr – 31 Oct 2017	10 days in Libya
Contact the Minister of Planning at the GNA and officials at line ministries to identify priority issues and policy areas to be discussed by the working groups. Organise for time and venues for the working groups to meet in Tripoli.		3 days in Tunis + 1 travel (Libya -Tunis – Libya)
Deliverable04: "Results of discussion" Report	1 Apr – 31 Oct 2017	10 days in Libya
Supervise the work of the working groups, report to the Forum's organizers on the progress in the performance. Send draft report to Forum's organizers		3 days in Tunis + 1 travel (Libya -Tunis – Libya)
Deliverable05: Draft internal regulations proposal	1 Apr – 31 Oct 2017	10 days in Libya
+ the final report Prepare for invitations of Libyan experts to the meetings and support the Libyan Experts to prepare for meetings and follow up on the logistics for participation toward developing the draft internal		3 days in Tunis + 1 travel (Libya -Tunis – Libya)

regulations proposal	

V. Duty Station

Tunis and Home based.

VI. Eligibility Criteria

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ANNEX 2

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

FOR THE SERVICES OF INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS

- 1. **LEGAL STATUS**: The Individual contractor shall have the legal status of an independent contractor vis-à-vis the United Development Programme (UNDP), and shall not be regarded, for any purposes, as being either a "staff member" of UNDP, under the UN' Staff Regulations and Rules, or an "official" of UNDP, for purposes of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946. Accordingly, nothing within or relating to the Contract shall establish the relationship of employer and employee, or of principal and agent, between UNDP and the Individual contractor. The officials, representatives, employees or subcontractors of UNDP and of the Individual contractor, if any, shall not be considered in any respect as being the employees or agents of the other, and UNDP and the Individual contractor shall be solely responsible for all claims arising out of or relating to its engagement of such persons or entities.
- 2. **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**: In General: The Individual contractor shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to UNDP in connection with the performance of

its obligations under the Contract. Should any authority external to UNDP seek to impose any instructions on the Contract regarding the Individual contractor's performance under the Contract, the Individual contractor shall promptly notify UNDP and shall provide all reasonable assistance required by UNDP. The Individual contractor shall not take any action in respect of its performance of the Contract or otherwise related to its obligations under the Contract that may adversely affect the interests of UNDP, and the Individual contractor shall perform its obligations under the Contract with the fullest regard to the interests of UNDP. The Individual contractor warrants that it has not and shall not offer any direct or indirect benefit arising from or related to the performance of the Contract or the award thereof to any representative, official, employee or other agent of UNDP. The Individual contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the Contract. In performance of the Contract the Individual contractor shall comply with the standards of conduct set in the Secretary General's Bulletin ST/SGB/2002/9 of 18 June 2002, entitled "Regulations Governing the Status, Basic Rights and Duties of Officials other than Secretariat Officials, and Expert on Mission". The individual contractor must comply with all Security Directives issued by UNDP. Failure to comply with such security directives is grounds for termination of the Individual contractor for cause.

Prohibition of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse: In the performance of the Contract, the Individual contractor shall comply with the standards of conduct set forth in the Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2003/13 of 9 October 2003, concerning "Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse". In particular, the Individual contractor shall not engage in any conduct that would constitute sexual exploitation or sexual abuse, as defined in that bulletin.

The Individual contractor acknowledges and agrees that any breach of any of the provisions hereof shall constitute a breach of an essential term of the Contract, and, in addition to any other legal rights or remedies available to any person, shall give rise to grounds for termination of the Contract. In addition, nothing herein shall limit the right of UNDP to refer any alleged breach of the foregoing standards of conduct to the relevant national authorities for appropriate legal action.

3. TITLE RIGHTS, COPYRIGHTS, PATENTS AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS: Title to any equipment and supplies that may be furnished by UNDP to the Individual contractor for the performance of any obligations under the Contract shall rest with UNDP, and any such equipment shall be returned to UNDP at the conclusion of the Contract or when no longer needed by the Individual contractor. Such equipment, when returned to UNDP, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Individual contractor, subject to normal wear and tear, and the Individual contractor shall be liable to compensate UNDP for any damage or degradation of the equipment that is beyond normal wear and tear.

UNDP shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights, including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how or documents and

other materials which the Individual contractor has developed for UNDP under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract, and the Individual contractor acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for UNDP. However, to the extent that any such intellectual property or other proprietary rights consist of any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of the Individual contractor: (a) that pre-existed the performance by the Individual contractor of its obligations under the Contract, or (b) that the Individual contractor may develop or acquire, or may have developed or acquired, independently of the performance of its obligations under the Contract, UNDP does not and shall not claim any ownership interest thereto, and the Individual contractor grants to UNDP a perpetual licence to use such intellectual property or other proprietary right solely for the purposes of and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract. At the request of UNDP, the Individual contractor shall take all steps, execute all necessary necessary documents and generally assist in securing such proprietary rights and transferring or licensing them to UNDP in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law and of the Contract. Subject to the foregoing provisions, all maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, estimates, recommendations, reports, documents and all other data compiled by or received by the Individual contractor under the Contract shall be the property of UNDP, shall be made available for use or inspection by UNDP at reasonable times and in reasonable places, shall be treated as confidential and shall be delivered only to UNDP authorized officials on completion of work under the Contract

4. CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION: Information and data that are considered proprietary by either UNDP or the Individual contractor or that are delivered or disclosed by one of them ("Discloser") to the other ("Recipient") during the course of performance of the Contract, and that are designated as confidential ("Information"), shall be held in confidence and shall be handled as follows. The Recipient of such Information shall use the same care and discretion to avoid disclosure, publication or dissemination of the Discloser's Information as it uses with its own similar information that it does not wish to disclose, publish or disseminate, and the Recipient may otherwise use the Discloser's Information solely for the purpose for which it was disclosed. The Recipient may disclose confidential Information to any other party with the Discloser's prior written consent, as well as Recipient's the employees, officials, representatives and agents who have a need to know such confidential Information solely for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract. Subject to and without any waiver of the privileges and immunities of UNDP, the Individual contractor may disclose Information to the extent required by law, provided that the Individual contractor will give UNDP sufficient prior notice of a request for the disclosure of Information in order to allow UNDP to have a reasonable opportunity to take protective measures or such other action as may be appropriate before any such disclosure is made. UNDP may disclose Information to the extent as required pursuant to the Charter of the United Nations, resolutions or regulations of the General Assembly or its other governing bodies, or rules promulgated by the Secretary-General. The Recipient shall not be precluded from disclosing Information that is obtained by the Recipient from a third party without restriction, is disclosed by the Discloser to a third party

without any obligation of confidentiality, is previously known by the Recipient, or at any time is developed by the Recipient completely independently of any disclosures hereunder. These obligations and restrictions of confidentiality shall be effective during the term of the Contract, including any extension thereof, and, unless otherwise provided in the Contract, shall remain effective following any termination of the Contract.

5. TRAVEL, MEDICAL CLEARANCE AND SERVICE INCURRED DEATH, INJURY OR ILLNESS: If the Individual contractor is required by UNDP to travel beyond commuting distance from the Individual contractor's usual place of residence, and upon prior written agreement, such travel shall be at the expense of UNDP. Such travel shall be at economy care when by air.

UNDP may require the Individual contractor to submit a Statement of Good Health from a recognized physician prior to commencement of work in any offices or premises of UNDP or before engaging in any travel required by UNDP or connected with the performance of the Contract. The Individual contractor shall provide such a Statement of Good Health as soon as practicable following such request, and prior to engaging in any such travel, and the Individual contractor warrants the accuracy of any such Statement, including, but not limited to, confirmation that the Individual contractor has been fully informed regarding the requirements for inoculations for the country or countries to which travel may be authorized.

In the event of the death, injury or illness of the Individual contractor which is attributable to the performance of services on behalf of UNDP under the terms of the Contract while the Individual contractor is traveling at UNDP expense or is performing any services under the Contract in any offices or premises of UNDP, the

Individual contractor or the Individual contractor's dependants, as appropriate, shall be entitled to compensation equivalent to that provided under the UNDP insurance policy, available upon request.

- 6. **PROHIBITION** ON **ASSIGNMENT**; **MODIFICATIONS**: The Individual contractor may not assign, delegate, transfer, pledge or make any other disposition of the Contract, of any part thereof, or of any of the rights, claims or obligations under the Contract except with the prior written authorization of UNDP, and any attempt to do so shall be null and void. The terms or conditions of any supplemental undertakings, licences or other forms of Contract concerning any goods or services to be provided under the Contract shall not be valid and enforceable against UNDP nor in any way shall constitute an Contract by UNDP thereto, unless any such undertakings, licences or other forms of Contract are the subject of a valid written undertaking by UNDP. No modification or change in the Contract shall be valid and enforceable against UNDP unless provided by means of a valid written amendment to the Contract signed by the Individual contractor and an authorized official or appropriate contracting authority of UNDP.
- 7. **SUBCONTRACTORS**: In the event that the Individual contractor requires the services of subcontractors to perform any obligations under the Contract, the Individual contractor shall obtain the prior written approval of UNDP for any such subcontractors. UNDP may, in its sole discretion, reject any proposed subcontractor or require such subcontractor's removal without having to give any justification therefore, and such rejection shall not entitle the Individual contractor to claim any delays in the performance, or to assert any excuses for the non-performance, of any of its obligations under the Contract. The Individual contractor

shall be solely responsible for all services and obligations performed by its subcontractors. The terms of any subcontract shall be subject to, and shall be construed in a manner that is fully in accordance with, all of the terms and conditions of the Contract.

- 8. USE OF NAME, EMBLEM OR OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS: The Individual contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public for purposes of commercial advantage or goodwill that it has a contractual relationship with UNDP, nor shall the Individual contractor, in any manner whatsoever, use the name, emblem or official seal of UNDP, or any abbreviation of the name of UNDP, in connection with its business or otherwise without the written permission of UNDP.
- 9. **INDEMNIFICATION**: The Individual contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold and save harmless UNDP, and its officials, agents and employees, from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature, including, but not limited to, all litigation costs and expenses, attorney's fees, settlement payments and damages, based on, arising from, or relating to: (a) allegations or claims that the use by UNDP of any patented device, any copyrighted material or any other goods or services provided to UNDP for its use under the terms of the Contract, in whole or in part, separately or in combination, constitutes an infringement of any patent, copyright, trademark or other intellectual property right of any third party; or (b) any acts or omissions of the Individual contractor, or of any subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them in the performance of the Contract, which give rise to legal liability to anyone not a party to the Contract, including, without limitation, claims and liability in the nature of a claim for workers' compensation.

10. INSURANCE: The Individual contractor shall pay UNDP promptly for all loss, destruction or damage to the property of UNDP caused by the Individual contractor, or of any subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them in the performance of the Contract. The Individual contractor shall be solely responsible for taking out and for maintaining adequate insurance required to meet any of its obligations under the Contract, as well as for arranging, at the Individual contractor 's sole expense, such life, health and other forms of insurance as the Individual contractor may consider to be appropriate to cover the period during which the Individual contractor provides services under the Contract. The Individual contractor acknowledges and agrees that none of the insurance arrangements the Individual contractor may make shall, in any way, be construed to limit the Individual contractor's liability arising under or relating to the Contract.

11. ENCUMBRANCES AND LIENS: The Individual contractor shall not cause or permit any lien, attachment or other encumbrance by any person to be placed on file or to remain on file in any public office or on file with UNDP against any monies due to the Individual contractor or to become due for any work donor or against any goods supplied or materials furnished under the Contract, or by reason of any other claim or demand against the Individual contractor.

12. FORCE MAJEURE; OTHER CHANGES IN CONDITIONS: In the event of and as soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting force majeure, the Individual contractor shall give notice and full particulars in writing to UNDP of such occurrence or cause if the Individual contractor is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract. The Individual contractor shall

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Force majeure as used herein means any unforeseeable and irresistible act of nature, any act of war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, or any other acts of a similar nature or force, provided that such acts arise from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Individual contractor. The Individual contractor acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to any obligations under the Contract that the Individual contractor must perform in or for any areas in which UNDP is engaged in, preparing to engage in, or disengaging from any peacekeeping, humanitarian or similar operations, any delay or failure to perform such obligations arising from or relating to harsh conditions within such areas or to any incidents of civil unrest occurring in such areas shall not, in and of itself, constitute force majeure under the Contract

13. **TERMINATION**: Either party may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, upon giving written notice to the other party. The period of notice shall be five (5) days in the case of Contracts for a total period of less than two (2) months and fourteen (14) days in the case of contracts for a longer period. The initiation of conciliation or arbitral proceedings, as provided below, shall not be deemed to be a "cause" for or otherwise to be in itself a termination of the Contract. UNDP may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to it, terminate the Contract forthwith in the event that: (a) the Individual contractor is adjudged bankrupt, or is liquidated, or becomes insolvent, applies for moratorium or stay on any payment or repayment obligations, or applies to be declared insolvent; (b) the Individual contractor is granted a moratorium or a stay or is declared insolvent; the Individual contractor makes an assignment for the benefit of one or more of its creditors; (c) a Receiver is appointed on account of the insolvency of the Individual contractor; (d) the Individual contractor offers a settlement in lieu of bankruptcy or receivership; or (e) UNDP reasonably determines that the Individual contractor has become subject to a materially adverse change in its financial condition that threatens to endanger or otherwise substantially affect the ability of the Individual contractor to perform any of its obligations under the Contract.

In the event of any termination of the Contract, upon receipt of notice of termination by UNDP, the Individual contractor shall, except as may be directed by UNDP in the notice of termination or otherwise in writing: (a) take immediate steps to bring the performance of any obligations under the Contract to a close in a prompt and orderly manner, and in doing so, reduce expenses to a minimum; (b) refrain from undertaking further or additional any commitments under the Contract as of and following the date of receipt of such notice; (c) deliver all completed or partially completed plans, drawings, information and other property that, if the Contract had been completed, would be required to be furnished to UNDP thereunder; (d) complete performance of the work not terminated; and (e) take any other action that may be necessary, or that UNDP may direct in writing, for the protection and preservation of any property, whether tangible or intangible, related to the Contract that is in the possession of the Individual contractor and in which UNDP has or may be reasonably expected to acquire an interest.

In the event of any termination of the Contract, UNDP shall only be liable to pay the Individual contractor compensation on a pro rata basis for no more than the actual amount of work performed to the satisfaction of UNDP in accordance with the requirements of the Contract. Additional costs incurred by UNDP resulting from the termination of the Contract by the Individual contractor may be withheld from any amount otherwise due to the Individual contractor from UNDP..

14. **NON-EXCLUSIVITY**: UNDP shall have no obligation respecting, and no limitations on, its right to obtain goods of the same kind, quality and quantity, or to obtain any services of the kind described in the Contract, from any other source at any time.

15. TAXATION: Article II, section 7, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, inter alia, that the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt from customs restrictions, duties and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize the exemptions of the United Nations from such taxes, restrictions, duties or charges, the Individual contractor shall immediately consult with UNDP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure. UNDP shall have no liability for taxes, duties or other similar charges payable by the Individual contractor in respect of any amounts paid to the Individual contractor under this Contract, and the Individual contractor acknowledges that UNDP will not issue any statements of earnings to the Individual contractor in respect of any such payments.

16. AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS:

Each invoice paid by UNDP shall be subject to a post-payment audit by auditors, whether internal or external, of UNDP or by other authorized and qualified agents of UNDP at any time during the term of the Contract and for a

period of two (2) years following the expiration or prior termination of the Contract. UNDP shall be entitled to a refund from the Individual contractor for any amounts shown by such audits to have been paid by UNDP other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract.

The Individual contractor acknowledges and agrees that, from time to time, UNDP may conduct investigations relating to any aspect of the Contract or the award thereof, the obligations performed under the Contract, and the operations of the Individual contractor generally relating to performance of the Contract. The right of UNDP to conduct an investigation and the Individual contractor's obligation to comply with such an investigation shall not lapse upon expiration or prior termination of the Contract. The Individual contractor shall provide its full and timely cooperation with any such inspections, postor investigations. Such payment audits cooperation shall include, but shall not be limited to, the Individual contractor's obligation to make available its personnel and any relevant documentation for such purposes at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions and to grant to UNDP access to the Individual contractor's premises at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions in connection with such access to the Individual contractor's personnel and relevant documentation. The Individual contractor shall require its agents, including, but not limited to, the Individual contractor's attorneys, accountants or other advisers, to reasonably cooperate with any inspections, post-payment investigations carried out by UNDP hereunder.

17. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES:

AMICABLE SETTLEMENT: UNDP and the Individual contractor shall use their best efforts to amicably settle any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. Where the parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the

Conciliation Rules then obtaining of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law ("UNCITRAL"), or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the parties in writing.

ARBITRATION: Any dispute, controversy or claim between the parties arising out of the Contract, or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably, as provided above, shall be referred by either of the parties to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The decisions of the arbitral tribunal shall be based principles of international general commercial law. For all evidentiary questions, the arbitral tribunal shall be guided by the Supplementary Rules Governing Presentation and Reception of Evidence in International Commercial Arbitration of the International Bar Association, 28 May 1983 The arbitral tribunal edition. shall be empowered to order the return or destruction of goods or any property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, order the termination of the Contract, or order that any

other protective measures be taken with respect to the goods, services or any other property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, as appropriate, all in accordance with the authority of the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 26 ("Interim Measures of Protection") and Article 32 ("Form and Effect of the Award") of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. In addition, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, the arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award interest in excess of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") then prevailing, and any such interest shall be simple interest only. The parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such dispute, controversy or claim.

18. **PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**: Nothing in or relating to the Contract shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

OFFEROR'S LETTER TO UNDP CONFIRMING INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR (IC) ASSIGNMENT

	Date
<i>Col</i> Un	ura Hamladji, untry Director ited Nations Development Programme ya Country Office
De	ar Sir/Madam :
I he	ereby declare that :
a)	I have read, understood and hereby accept the Terms of Reference describing the duties and responsibilities of [<i>indicate title of assignment</i>] under the [<i>state project title</i>];
b)	I have also read, understood and hereby accept UNDP's General Conditions of Contract for the Services of the Individual Contractors;
c)	I therefore would like to propose my services and I confirm my interest in performing the assignment through the submission of my Personal History Form (P11) which I have duly signed and attached hereto as Annex 1 ;
d)	In compliance with the requirements of the Terms of Reference, I hereby confirm that I am available for the entire duration of the assignment, and I shall perform the services in the manner described in my proposed approach/methodology which I have attached hereto as Annex 2 ;
e)	I hereby propose to complete the services for a total "all inclusive" price or [state amount in words and in numbers, in USD] payable in the manner described in the Terms of Reference.

BREAKDOWN OF COSTS SUPPORTING THE ALL-INCLUSIVE FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Sr. #	Description/Break-up of Financial Proposal	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost (USD)	Total Cost (USD.)
Α.	Consultancy Fee:				
A.1	Professional Fess	Per Day	50		
A.2	Living Allowances in Tunis*	Per Day	20		
A.3	Economy Class Around Trip		5		
	Ticket Country of Origin-Tunis,	Ticket			
	Tunisia.				
A.4	Miscellaneous, if any (please				
	provide the breakup and details)				
A.	Total				

^{*}Living allowance will be paid for the number of days consultant spend in Tunis – Tunisia.

- f) I recognize that the payment of the abovementioned amounts due to me shall be based on my delivery of outputs within the timeframe specified in the TOR, which shall be subject to UNDP's review, acceptance and payment certification procedures;
- g) This offer shall remain valid for a total period of **90 days** after the submission deadline; I understand that I may revise this proposal upon written notice to UNDP prior to the submission deadline;
- h) I confirm that I have no first degree relative (mother, father, son, daughter, spouse/partner, brother or sister) currently employed with any UN agency or office [disclose the name of the relative, the UN office employing the relative, and the relationship if, any such relationship exists];

If I am	selected for this assignment, I shall [check the appropriate box]:
	Sign an Individual Contract with UNDP;
	Request my employer [state name of company/organization/institution] to sign with UNDP a Reimbursable Loan Agreement (RLA), for and on my behalf. The contact person and details of my employer for this purpose are as follows:

j) I hereby confirm that [check all that applies]:

i)

	Assignment	Contract	UNDP Business Unit / Name of	Contract	Contract
	Assignment	Contract Type	Institution/Company	Contract Duration	Contract Amount
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Brief Description of Approach to Work (required for intellectual work)	
Breakdown of Costs Supporting the Final All-Inclusive Price	