



RE-INVITATION OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

National Consultant - Biodiversity Finance Expert

Reference No.: UNDP/PN/26/2019 (RE-BID)

Date: 12 September 2019

Country: NEPAL

Description of the assignment: As per the attached Terms of Reference (ToR) – Annex 1.

Project/Unit name: The Biodiversity Finance Initiative in Nepal (BIOFIN-Nepal)

No. of Consultant: 1 (one)

Period of assignment/services (if applicable): 105 days spread over 20 months (15 October 2019 to 15 August 2021)

Proposal should be submitted by email to **procurement.np@undp.org** not later than **1730 hours (Nepal Standard Time) on 27 September 2019** mentioning reference No. **UNDP/PN/26/2019 (RE-BID) – Biodiversity Finance Expert for BIOFIN-Nepal.**

Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic communication to the e-mail: query.procurement.np@undp.org mentioning Procurement Notice Ref: **UNDP/PN/26/2019 (RE-BID) Biodiversity Finance Expert for BIOFIN-Nepal**, on or before **20 September 2019**. The procurement unit will respond in writing, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry, to all consultants or via bulletin published on the UNDP website: <http://www.np.undp.org/content/nepal/en/home/operations/procurement.html>. Inquiries received after the above date and time shall not be entertained.

1. BACKGROUND

Nepal is committed to conservation and sustainable utilisation of biodiversity for the "prosperity of people & nation". The government enacted the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2014-2020) (NBSAP) in 2014, which provides a strategic framework for the biodiversity conservation in Nepal. The strategy has set different biodiversity targets that aligns to the Aichi targets. The review of Nepal's Sixth national report to the Convention of the Biodiversity (CBD) reveals that nearly two-thirds of the national biodiversity targets (38 out of 56) are in progress but at an insufficient rate. Likewise, half of the (10 out of 20) Aichi targets are progressing at an insufficient rate. Inadequate resource mobilisation is one of the prime reasons for slow progress in achieving biodiversity targets. For example, the public and private sector investment gap for achieving the Sustainable development Goal (SDGs) 15, i.e. Life on Land in Nepal has been estimated to NRs 143.3 and 19.7 billion, respectively at 2015 constant price.

In recent decades, biodiversity finance tools and solutions have demonstrated their importance for achieving biodiversity goals and sustainable development objectives. However, countries have not approached the issue of biodiversity finance in a comprehensive manner, where choice and adoption of financial solutions have remained experimental and opportunistic. Considering this, the Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) was developed "as global programme" to provide a comprehensive methodology for government to (a) review the existing policy context (b) measure expenditure level for biodiversity (c) calculate future financial needs and (d) design strategic plans to deploy right mix financial of the finance solutions, tailored to the country context. BIOFIN is a global programme that has developed, piloted and continuously improved the methodology to design comprehensive plans to implement finance tools and solutions, that increase financing, effectiveness and efficiency on biodiversity management.

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The BIOFIN Nepal intends to hire a **Biodiversity Finance Expert** to prepare the (a) **Biodiversity Expenditure Review** (BER) and the (b) **Biodiversity Finance Needs Assessment** (FNA) following the guidance provided by the current version of the BIOFIN Workbook in close collaboration with the Team leader and the BIOFIN Project Coordinator.

2. SCOPE OF WORK, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ANALYTICAL WORK

For detailed information, please refer to the Terms of Reference – ToR (Annex 1)

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

I. Academic Qualifications:

- Advanced Degree (Masters or higher) in finance, economics, business management or a closely related field, or equivalent relevant work experience, preferably with an environment / biodiversity focus.

II. Years of experience:

- At least 10 years of experience, preferably in environmental finance, accounting, economics, management or related field.
- Experience in collaborating with international and national experts and institutions.
- Exposure to environmental issues or biodiversity desirable.
- Sound understanding of key software packages (MS Office)
- Previous experience with expenditure reviews would be an asset.

III. Competencies:

- Strong analytical, writing and communication skills.
- Ability to prepare publications, reports and presentations.
- Ability to work with a multidisciplinary and multicultural team.
- Strong motivation and ability to work and deliver under short deadlines.
- Focuses on impact and result for the client and responds positively to critical feedback.
- Able to work independently with little or no supervision.
- Familiarity with government strongly desired.
- He/she will need to have excellent inter-disciplinary, writing and communication skills. He/she should be bi-lingual in Nepali and English and be proficient in use of computer.

4. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS.

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

- Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability for the Individual Contractor (IC) Assignment
- A cover letter with a brief presentation of your consultancy explaining your suitability for the work;
- A brief methodology on how you will approach and conduct the work

Note:

- a) Applicants of 62 years or more require full medical examination and statement of fitness to work to engage in the consultancy
- b) The candidate has to be an independent consultant (If the candidate is engaged with any organization, the organization employing the candidate will be issued with a Reimbursable Loan Agreement (RLA) to release the employee for the consultancy with UNDP.)
- c) Due to sheer number of applicants, the procurement unit will contact only competitively selected consultant.

- **Financial Proposal**
- **Personal CV including past experience in similar projects and at least 3 references**

5. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

- **Lump sum contracts**

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.

6. EVALUATION

Individual consultants will be evaluated based on the following methodologies:

Cumulative analysis

When using this weighted scoring method, 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.

** Technical Criteria weight; 70%*

** Financial Criteria weight; 30%*

Only candidates obtaining a minimum of 49 point would be considered for the Financial Evaluation

Criteria	Weight	Max. Point
<u>Technical</u>		
Criteria A – Educational Qualification: Advanced Degree (Masters or higher) in finance, economics, business management or a closely related field, or equivalent relevant work experience, preferably with an environment / biodiversity focus.	10%	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria B – Relevant Experience: At least 10 years of experience, preferably in environmental finance, accounting, economics, management or related field. Experience in collaborating with international and national experts and institutions. Exposure to environmental issues or biodiversity desirable. 	15%	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria C - Suitability for the assignment: Involved in policy review and formulation; Experience in carrying out similar studies and assessments 	15%	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria D: Technical proposal: Understanding of task, technical approach and methodology and work plan 	30%	30
<u>Financial</u>	30%	30

Contract will be awarded to the technically qualified consultant who obtains the highest combined scores (financial and technical). The points for the Financial Proposal will be allocated as per the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Lowest Bid Offered} *}{\text{Bid of the Consultant}} \times 30$$

* “Lowest Bid Offered” refers to the lowest price offered by Offerors scoring at least 70% points in technical evaluation.

ANNEX

ANNEX 1- TERMS OF REFERENCES (TOR)

ANNEX 2- INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

THE BIODIVERSITY FINANCE INITIATIVE IN NEPAL (BIOFIN-Nepal)

Terms of Reference

Post Title: Biodiversity Finance Expert

Location:	Kathmandu, NEPAL
Additional Category	Resilience and Environment
Type of Contract:	Individual Contract (National)
Post level	National Consultant
Supervisor	Project Coordinator/BIOFIN-Nepal
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1. INTRODUCTION

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- **Biodiversity Finance Policy and Institutional Review (PIR).** The PIR analyses the country's current policies, institutions and existing finance mechanisms and tools associated with biodiversity and ecosystem services in order to evaluate their impact and effectiveness and to understand key entry points and opportunities for effecting change. The first step includes identifying the existing national vision and key trends for biodiversity and sustainable development financing and mapping sectoral interactions with biodiversity and ecosystem services. The PIR includes an inventory of existing financing mechanisms used for biodiversity, key subsidies that affect biodiversity, biodiversity related revenues and all associated laws and regulations. It explores how finance and economics can be used to address the main drivers of biodiversity loss. The PIR process is used to further clarify relevant stakeholders and their specific mandates, institutional arrangements and capacity related to the NBSAP and biodiversity finance. Existing economic valuation studies are reviewed and integrated into the analysis. Policy recommendations, including possible reforms of harmful subsidies and other incentives that contribute to continued biodiversity loss, can be incorporated in PIR and national planning strategies. Stakeholder engagement is ensured through a consultation workshop in the early stages and a validation workshop at the end to discuss the complete findings and recommendations.
- **Biodiversity Expenditure Review (BER).** The Biodiversity Expenditure Review helps countries to establish a firm baseline of historic and current biodiversity expenditure levels and future projections in comparison to the underlying institutional and policy vision and framework. The expenditure review is conducted with the public, private, and civil society institutions identified under the inception phase and the PIR. For each relevant biodiversity finance actor, budget, allocation and expenditure data are collected for the past 5-7 years. For each budget or expenditure, the percentage that can be attributed to biodiversity and the target area of the expenditure is determined. The analysis will explore the relation of biodiversity expenditures to overall government budgets, stated policy objectives, GDP and jobs, NBSAP strategies and themes, etc. Historic trends are analysed, and projections can be made about future financing under a business as usual scenario. The final report will provide very specific recommendations on (i) key sources of financing, (ii) possible re-alignment of expenditures; (iii) allocation or absorption issues; (iv) and other insights generated from the review. Stakeholder engagement is ensured through a consultation workshop in the early stages and a validation workshop at the

end to discuss the complete findings and refine recommendations.

- **Financial Needs Assessment (FNA).** The FNA is a detailed realistic costing of key biodiversity policies and plans – generally focused on the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP). This involves an estimation of the financial needs and a prioritisation of actions for biodiversity management across all sectors of government, NGOs and can include private sector investments. Existing financing for specific actions will be compared to estimated needs to develop a projected financing gap. The methodology includes reviewing and refining actions defined in the NBSAP and other major policies that require costing. For each of these cost able actions, specific budget elements are calculated based on existing government budget categories and units. Stakeholder engagement is ensured through a consultation workshop in the early stages and a validation workshop at the end to discuss the complete findings and final recommendations.
- **Biodiversity Finance Plan (BFP).** The Biodiversity Finance Plan is a national strategy and plan for financing biodiversity addressing all possible dimensions of finance, including resource mobilisation, improving impact delivery, avoiding future expenditures and re-aligning expenditures towards biodiversity goals. The national experts will work closely with the national team to review a wide range of possible finance solutions and establish an agreed upon approach to prioritise based on a variety of characteristics of each solution, including the financing potential, the legal context and socio-economic/gender impacts, while mapping barriers that currently prevent further financing. For a selected number of the most promising financing mechanisms a more detailed feasibility study will be carried out. A large national workshop involving a wide variety of stakeholders should be organised as a key element of the consultation process followed by a smaller workshop planned at the end to validate the strategy and its recommendations.

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2. OBJECTIVE OF ASSIGNMENT

The main objective of the assignment is to take a lead in preparation of the **Biodiversity Expenditure Review** (BER) and the **Biodiversity Finance Needs Assessment** (FNA) while providing input to Policy and Institutional Review (PIR), and to develop detailed feasibility studies for priority finance mechanisms in the Biodiversity Finance Plan (BFP). This includes to:

- Map the national and sub-national budgeting process
 - Establish a **classification system** to map biodiversity budget expenditures in line with the BIOFIN workbook adapted to the Nepal context
 - Establish a system for the **attribution** of primary and secondary expenditures in line with the BIOFIN workbook adapted to the Nepal context
 - Analyse biodiversity expenditure of public, private, donor and civil society organizations for the past 5-7 years by (a) developing biodiversity expenditure review system, (b) quantifying the current biodiversity allocation and expenditure and (c) projecting future expenditure (c)
 - Estimate financial needs to achieve national and sub-national biodiversity targets in line with the BIOFIN workbook adapted to the Nepal context
- Conduct detailed feasibility studies for priority finance mechanisms in the Biodiversity Finance Plan

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Biodiversity Finance Expert will be responsible to complete the **Biodiversity Expenditure Review (BER)** and the **Biodiversity Finance Needs Assessment (FNA)** following the guidance provided by the current version of the BIOFIN Workbook in close collaboration with the Sr. Finance Expert and with detailed data and analytical support provided by the Finance Specialist. The Expert will also provide budget related inputs to other national BIOFIN outputs, including the Policy and Institutional Review, Biodiversity Finance Plan and to develop detailed feasibility studies for priority finance mechanisms in the Biodiversity Finance Plan. The consultant will also provide input to the feedback on the BIOFIN methodological framework.

The BER explores national and subnational level budgeting and biodiversity expenditures of different organizations, agencies, ministries, NGOs and private sector actors. The Environmental Finance Expert will produce drafts and analyses that will be reviewed and ultimately validated by the Sr. Finance Expert, the Project Coordinator, and the BIOFIN Global Team.

Specific tasks include:

Policy and Institutional Review

- Carry out an inventory of existing Biodiversity Financing Mechanisms in the country
- Carry out a review of existing economic valuation studies relevant to the BIOFIN process.

Biodiversity Expenditure Review

- Carry out a desk review to map existing studies/information/databases on biodiversity expenditures, including an overview of earlier environmental expenditure reviews.
- Develop a proposed national definition for “biodiversity expenditures”, based on the BIOFIN methodology.
- Develop a workplan for the Biodiversity Expenditure Review for discussion with the national BIOFIN team and BIOFIN Global Senior Technical Advisor.
- Determine a target list of organizations to include in the analysis based on the PIR work.
- Establish a system to tag biodiversity expenses into categories (Aichi, BIOFIN, NBSAP themes, etc.) and a system of coefficients / attribution to estimate contribution of mixed actions towards biodiversity.
- Conduct the expenditure review on budgets and expenditures dating back to 2006 (if possible) to the most recent complete year. Follow BIOFIN 2018 Workbook for guidance (includes sources of funding, subsidies, and biodiversity-based revenues)
- Analyse the total biodiversity-related expenditures filtered by major strategy groups using BIOFIN taxonomy (or national categories such as NBSAP).
- Coordinate the compilation of relevant data and liaise with relevant Ministries and partners as required and complete all BIOFIN data entry sheets for the BER.
- Organise bilateral consultation meetings/interviews/discussions with national level stakeholders to define then validate the attribution of biodiversity significance in all relevant expenditures.
- Applying budget projections and other assumptions, estimate future funding baseline under a “Business - As-Usual Scenario”: an analysis of projected estimated funding in the future.
- Based on international best practises and the BIOFIN Workbook, develop and implement a specific strategy for data collection of the private sector and organise dedicated consultation meetings with private sector stakeholders (e.g. chamber of commerce, multinationals) on tracking biodiversity expenditures.
- Based on results from the national consultation workshop, develop the draft BIOFIN Biodiversity Expenditure Review for review by the national BIOFIN team and global BIOFIN Sr Technical Advisor.
- Develop the final Biodiversity Expenditure Review for review by the national BIOFIN team and global BIOFIN Senior Advisor and present at the validation workshop.

Biodiversity Finance Needs Assessment (FNA)

- Review the BIOFIN Workbook methodology, examples from other BIOFIN countries, the latest NBSAP and the 5th National Biodiversity Report to develop an initial workplan and outline for the FNA.
- Consult with the NBSAP team and government entities responsible for NBSAP implementation to obtain background information about NBSAP activities and government budgeting processes.
- Work with the Sr. Finance expert to review the scope of the NBSAP, its alignment with other national policies, and identify policy areas and activities that are not covered by the existing NBSAP.
- Review the activities listed in the NBSAP and other key strategic documents to assess if they are detailed and quantified enough for their budgets to be estimated in detail. If not, work with the NBSAP team and other relevant stakeholders to define clearly the NBSAP actions so that they can be budgeted.
- Coordinate the compilation of relevant data and liaise with relevant Ministries and partners as required and organise a national consultation workshop to define the finance needs of all major biodiversity programmes.
- Develop detailed calculations and complete all datasheets related to the national biodiversity finance needs.
- Organize a workshop to validate the cost assumptions and models and refine the analysis through additional meetings as needed.
- Compare the results of the BER future projections with the FNA in as great as detail as the categories allow and produce an estimate of the financing gap.
- Develop a draft report for the Biodiversity Finance Needs Assessment for discussion at the validation workshop and review by the national and global BIOFIN teams.
- Produce the final report of the Biodiversity Finance Needs Assessment.

Biodiversity Finance Plan

- Support the Sr. Finance Expert in the conception and preparation of the BFP.
- Conduct detailed feasibility analyses on a range of financing mechanisms depending on knowledge and experience.

Project Outreach and Communication

- Preparation of workshops, meetings, networking and presentations as required, to complete the Biodiversity Expenditure Review and engage stakeholders.
- Provide comments and feedback on how to improve the BIOFIN methodology.

Knowledge Management and Reporting

- Document decisions and assumptions made while completing the Biodiversity Expenditure Review and the Biodiversity Finance Needs Assessment.
- Document lessons learned from conducting the BIOFIN project ranging from institutional considerations to technical issues.
- Prepare reports and case studies, as required, for submission to global meetings (e.g. CBD COP).

The Biodiversity Finance Expert reports to the National Project Coordinator.

4. KEY DELIVERABLES

- **Policy and Institutional Review** (I) Map the national and subnational budgeting process (II) Review the structure and ability to cost actions of the NBSAP (III) Contribute to the review of existing finance mechanisms (IV) integrate the results into the draft PIR.
- **Biodiversity Expenditure Review** (1) Outline and Desk Study, (II) Establishment of definitions, categories, and attribution approach (coefficients), (III) Data acquisition and analysis, (IV) Draft Report, (V) Initial and Final Workshops and workshop reports, (VI) Revised Draft for submission (VII) Final validated report.
- **Biodiversity Finance Needs Analysis** (I) Outline and Desk Study (II) Initial modelling and assumptions, (III) Draft Report, (IV) Initial and Final Workshops and workshop reports, (V) Revised Draft for submission (VI) Final validated report.
- **Biodiversity Finance Plan** (I) at least five (5) feasibility studies of selected Financing mechanisms.
- Provisional and final feedback on the BIOFIN Workbook and methodology

5. DURATION OF THE WORK:

The assignment will require up to 105 person-days starting from 15 October 2019 to 12 August 2021. The schedule of engagement would be as follows

Deliverables/ Outputs	Proposed Duration to Complete	Target Due Dates	Review and Approvals Required
1. BER Inception report	5 days	30 October 2019	UNDP CO, MOFE and Global team/BIOFIN
2. Contributing to sections in the Policy and Institutional Review as outlined above	5 days	30 November 2019	UNDP CO, MOFE and Global team/BIOFIN
3. BER Field consultation/ Consultative Meetings/ Workshop	20 days	15 January 2019	
4. Draft Biodiversity Expenditure Review Report	15 days	31 March 2020	UNDP CO, MOFE and Global team/BIOFIN
5. Final Biodiversity Expenditure Review Report	5 days	28 May 2020	
6. FNA Inception report	5 days	30 June 2020	UNDP CO, MOFE and Global team/BIOFIN
7. Consultative Meetings/ Workshop	10 days	31 August 2020	
8. Draft Financial Need Assessment Report	20 days	31 September 2020	UNDP CO, MOFE and Global team/BIOFIN
9. Final Financial Need Assessment Report	5 days	31 November 2020	UNDP CO, MOFE and Global team/BIOFIN
10. Detailed feasibility analyses on a range of financing mechanisms	15 days	30 July 2021	UNDP CO, MOFE and Global team/BIOFIN
TOTAL	105 days		

6. REQUIRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

Education:

- Advanced Degree (Masters or higher) in finance, economics, business management or a closely related field, or equivalent relevant work experience, preferably with an environment / biodiversity focus.

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Language Requirements:

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7. PAYMNET SCHEDULE:

The payments will be made in instalments as below:

Installment	Milestones*	Payments (NPR)	When
1 st payment	1. BER Inception report	20%	November 2019
2 nd payment	2. Final Biodiversity Expenditure Review Report	30%	May 2020
3 rd payment	3. Final Financial Need Assessment Report	30%	December 2020
Final payment	4. Detailed feasibility analyses on a range of financing mechanisms	20%	August 2021

* All reports should be approved by the BIOFIN Global team, UNDP CO and endorse from the national focal point of the BIOFIN Nepal project

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

UNDP/PN/26/2019 (RE-BID) : National Consultant - Biodiversity Finance Expert for BIOFIN-Nepal.

Date _____

United Nations Development Programme
UN House
Pulchowk,
Lalitpur, Nepal

Dear Sir/Madam:

I hereby declare that:

I have read, understood and hereby accept the Terms of Reference describing the duties and responsibilities of **National Consultant - Biodiversity Finance Expert for BIOFIN-Nepal** under the **Biodiversity Finance Initiative in Nepal (BIOFIN-Nepal)**.

I have also read, understood and hereby accept UNDP's General Conditions of Contract for the Services of the Individual Contractors;

- A) I hereby propose my services and I confirm my interest in performing the assignment through the submission of my CV which I have duly signed and attached hereto as Annex 1;
- B) 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 3.
- C) I hereby propose to complete the services based on the following payment rate:
- ☐
- ☐ A total lump sum of [*state amount in words and in numbers, indicating **exact currency***], payable in the manner described in the Terms of Reference.
- D) For your evaluation, the breakdown of the abovementioned all-inclusive amount is attached hereto as Annex 2;
- E) 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;

- F) This offer shall remain valid for a total period of _____ days [*minimum of 90 days*] after the submission deadline;
- G) 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*];
- H) If I am selected for this assignment, I shall [*please 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:
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- I) I hereby confirm that [*check all that applies*]:

- ☐ At the time of this submission, I have no active Individual Contract or any form of engagement with any Business Unit of UNDP;
- ☐ I am currently engaged with UNDP and/or other entities for the following work:

Assignment	Contract Type	UNDP Business Unit / Name of Institution/Company	Contract Duration	Contract Amount

- ☐ I am also anticipating conclusion of the following work from UNDP and/or other entities for which I have submitted a proposal:

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- J) I fully understand and recognize that UNDP is not bound to accept this proposal, and I also understand and accept that I shall bear all costs associated with its preparation and submission and that UNDP will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the selection process.
- K) **If you are a former staff member of the United Nations recently separated, please add this section to your letter:** I hereby confirm that I have complied with the minimum break in service required before I can be eligible for an Individual Contract.

L) I also fully understand that, if I am engaged as an Individual Contractor, I have no expectations nor entitlements whatsoever to be re-instated or re-employed as a staff member.

M) Are any of your relatives employed by UNDP, any other UN organization or any other public international organization?

YES ☐ NO ☐ If the answer is "yes", give the following information:

Name	Relationship	Name of International Organization

O) Do you have any objections to our making enquiries of your present employer?

YES ☐ NO ☐

P) Are you now, or have you ever been a permanent civil servant in your government's employ?

YES ☐ NO ☐ If answer is "yes", WHEN?

Q) REFERENCES: List three persons, not related to you, who are familiar with your character and qualifications.

Full Name	Full Address	Business or Occupation

R) Have you been arrested, indicted, or summoned into court as a defendant in a criminal proceeding, or convicted, fined or imprisoned for the violation of any law (excluding minor traffic violations)?

YES ☐ NO ☐ If "yes", give full particulars of each case in an attached statement.

I certify that the statements made by me in answer to the foregoing questions are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any misrepresentation or material omission made on a Personal History form or other document requested by the Organization may result in the termination of the service contract or special services agreement without notice.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

NB. You will be requested to supply documentary evidence which support the statements you have made above. Do not, however, send any documentary evidence until you have been asked to do so and, in any event, do not submit the original texts of references or testimonials unless they have been obtained for the sole use of UNDP.

Annexes *[please check all that applies]:*

☐ CV shall include Education/Qualification, Professional Certification, Employment Records /Experience

- ☐ Breakdown of Costs Supporting the Final All-Inclusive Price as per Template
- ☐ Brief Description of Approach to Work

BREAKDOWN OF COSTS¹
SUPPORTING THE ALL-INCLUSIVE FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

A) Breakdown of Cost by Components:

Cost Components	Quantity	Unit Cost (NPR)	Total for the Contract Duration (NPR)
I. Personnel Costs			
Professional Fees	105 days		
Life Insurance	-		
Medical Insurance	-		
Communications	N/A	N/A	
Land Transportation	N/A	N/A	
Others:-			
Daily subsistence allowance (DSA) for field visits outside Kathmandu Valley - Provincial headquarters and adjoining districts	30 days		
Air fare (Trip) (Bhairawa, Pokhara, Dhangadi, Surkhet, Janakpur, Biratnagar and Simra)	10 round trips		
Vehicle rental (Outside Kathmandu valley)	17 days		
Stationary and logistics	1 lump sum		
II. Travel² Expenses to Join duty station			
Round Trip Airfares to and from duty station	N/A	N/A	
Living Allowance	N/A	N/A	
Travel Insurance	N/A	N/A	
Terminal Expenses	N/A	N/A	
Others (pls. specify)	N/A	N/A	
Total			

¹ The costs should only cover the requirements identified in the Terms of Reference (TOR)

² Travel expenses are not required if the consultant will be working from home.

B) **Breakdown of Cost by Deliverables***

Deliverables	Percentage of Total Price (Weight for payment)	Amount in NPR
BER Inception report	20%	
Final Biodiversity Expenditure Review Report	30%	
Final Financial Need Assessment Report	30%	
Detailed feasibility analyses on a range of financing mechanisms	20%	
Total	100%	NPR.....

**Basis for payment tranches*