

UNDP's Responses to Bidders Questions

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1. UN System online sources

(http://www.un.org/en/aboutun/structure/pdfs/UN_System_Chart_2015_Rev.4_ENG_11x17colour.pdf) point to the relevant Funds and Programmes of interest to this Review (i.e. UNDP, UNEP, UNFPA, UN-HABITAT, UNICEF, WFP). Under "Other entities", we find UNHCR, UNOPS, UNRWA, UN-Women, while under "Specialized Agencies" we see FAO, ILO, UNESCO, WHO, and the World Bank Group (excluding ITU, ICAO, IMG, IMO, ITU UNIDO, UNWTO, UPU, WIPO). In light of the mapping exercise to be carried out:

- Should we consider including World Bank Group entities into the Review?
- Should we consider including Specialized Agencies that do not appear to have a clear mandate in sustaining peace like ITU, ICAO, IMG, IMO, ITU UNIDO, UNWTO, UPU, WIPO?
- Should we consider including Research and Training organizations (UNIDIR, UNIARC, UNCCS and UNU)?
- Should we include UNHCR, UNOPS, UNRWA and UN-Women (under "Other entities") into the list of AFPs concerned?
- Should we consider OHCHR within our list of AFPs?

A: We don't envision that all AFP entities will need to be included in the Review. We expect the bidder to suggest a methodology by which to determine which AFP actors should be included and to what extent.

2. Should the Peacebuilding Commission (an Advisory Subsidiary Body) and the Peacebuilding Fund be considered within our list of AFPs?

A: No

3. What is the period of time to be covered in the review? Is that a snapshot on "current capacities" (2016), meaning now with a view on what could be done in the near future? Or are we required to look back, and if yes, to how many years?

A: The purpose of the Review is to assess current AFP capacities with a view to strengthen them.

4. The methodology specifies that the research will include a "Mapping of AFP structures, programmes/projects/activities, processes, partnerships, financial and human resources at the global, regional & country levels". In terms of scope, does that mean mapping ALL programmes/projects/activities, processes, partnerships, financial and human resources from ALL AFPs at the global, regional and country levels? Shouldn't we propose a method to significantly simplify or reduce this monumental task in a more cost-effective manner, for instance, by using sampling techniques?

A: The focus is on AFP programmes that contribute to sustaining peace. We invite all bidders to propose a method to simplify this task.

5. Will UNDP or another designated entity be in charge of providing, identifying or supporting the identification of the relevant documentation, key informants and survey recipients at the global, regional and country levels?

A: The project partners will support the successful bidder in identifying documentation and interlocutors.

6. Is it possible to request a one-week extension to prepare and submit this proposal given the significant scale and complexity of the task at hand?

A: UNDP will extend the submission deadline for 1 week until 5:00 PM, June 27, 2016 however please note the overall project timeline is expected to remain unchanged.

7. is there any reason for concentrating this large and ambitious mandate within only five months? If not, would you consider extending the timeline of the assignment to ensure that all relevant data is consistently gathered and analysed across the UN system?

A: In order for the result of the Review to feed into other UN decision-making processes, we need to stick to the indicated timeline.