



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) (For Low-Valued Services)

To all interested bidders	DATE: January 30, 2020
	REFERENCE: RPF/RBA/2020/02

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your Proposal for **2020 Africa Sustainable Development Report - Thematic Background Papers**.

Please be guided by the form attached hereto as Annex 2, in preparing your Proposal.

Proposals may be submitted on or before Monday, February 14, 2020 and via email, courier mail or fax to the address below:

United Nations Development Programme
DC1-2448A New York, 10017, USA
Otis Wilson, Administrative Associate
Rba.procurement@undp.org/otis.wilson@undp.org (212) 9065954

Your Proposal must be expressed in the English language, and valid for a minimum period of 120 days.

In the course of preparing your Proposal, it shall remain your responsibility to ensure that it reaches the address above on or before the deadline. Proposals that are received by UNDP after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation. If you are submitting your Proposal by email, kindly ensure that they are signed and in the .pdf format, and free from any virus or corrupted files.

Services proposed shall be reviewed and evaluated based on completeness and compliance of the Proposal and responsiveness with the requirements of the RFP and all other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

The Proposal that complies with all of the requirements, meets all the evaluation criteria and offers the best value for money shall be selected and awarded the contract. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit-price and the total price shall be re-computed by UNDP, and the unit price shall prevail, and the total price shall be corrected. If the Service Provider does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its Proposal will be rejected.

No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted by UNDP after it has received the Proposal. At the time of Award of Contract or Purchase Order, UNDP reserves the right to vary (increase or decrease) the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty-five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.

Any Contract or Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFP shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a Proposal implies that the Service Provider accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP, herein attached as Annex 3.

Please be advised that UNDP is not bound to accept any Proposal, nor award a contract or Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Service Providers preparation and submission of a Proposal, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

UNDP's vendor protest procedure is intended to afford an opportunity to appeal for persons or firms not awarded a Purchase Order or Contract in a competitive procurement process. In the event that you believe you have not been fairly treated, you can find detailed information about vendor protest procedures in the following link:

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html>

UNDP encourages every prospective Service Provider to prevent and avoid conflicts of interest, by disclosing to UNDP if you, or any of your affiliates or personnel, were involved in the preparation of the requirements, design, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFP.

UNDP implements a zero tolerance on fraud and other proscribed practices, and is committed to preventing, identifying and addressing all such acts and practices against UNDP, as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. UNDP expects its Service Providers to adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct found in this link :

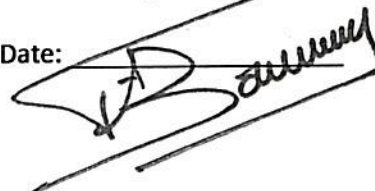
https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/sites/www.un.org.Depts.ptd/files/files/attachment/page/pdf/unsccl/conduct_english.pdf

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your Proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Aboubacar Toure
Operation Advisor
Regional Bureau for Africa
United Nations Development
Program (UNDP)

Date:



Description of Requirements

Context of the Requirement	2020 Africa Sustainable Development Report - Thematic Background Papers
Implementing Partner of UNDP	N/A
Brief Description of the Required Services ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review previous publications on progress in the alignment and implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063, including transition reports; annual Africa Sustainable Development Reports, the annual United Nations Secretary General's Report on Sustainable Development, Voluntary National Reviews and any other relevant publications on Africa that would support and strengthen analysis; b. Design an analytical framework and data gathering instruments that will provide the needed technical analysis of the key principles, dimensions and pillars of sustainable development. c. Using proposed analytical frameworks, assess Africa's progress, gaps and challenges in the implementation and realization of the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 along the key themes identified and their interlinkages; d. Explore thematic links between different dimensions and pillars of sustainable development and what Africa needs to do going forward to ensure their realization to ensure that no-one is left behind as progress occurs; e. Identify themes and the key messages, lessons and recommendations including specific accelerators that would inform the partners' and policy makers' work and actions going forward; f. Participate in and present key findings at various stakeholder workshops and technical peer review meetings organized by the partners involved in the preparation of the 2020 ASDR.
List and Description of Expected Outputs to be Delivered	Please refer to the TOR
Person to Supervise the Work/Performance of the Service Provider	Eunice Kamwendo/Raymond Gilpin
Frequency of Reporting	Please refer to the TOR

¹ A detailed TOR may be attached if the information listed in this Annex is not sufficient to fully describe the nature of the work and other details of the requirements.

Progress Reporting Requirements	Please refer to the TOR																			
Location of work	Home based.																			
Expected duration of work	The contract will be for a period of at least 2.5 months from the time of signing the contract.																			
Target start date	20 February 2020																			
Latest completion date	27 April 2020																			
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Special Security Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Security Clearance from UN prior to travelling <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of UN's Basic and Advanced Security Training <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Travel Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Others <i>[pls. specify]</i>																			
Facilities to be Provided by UNDP (i.e., must be excluded from Price Proposal)	<input type="checkbox"/> Office space and facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Land Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Others <i>[pls. specify]</i>																			
Implementation Schedule indicating breakdown and timing of activities/sub-activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required																			
Names and curriculum vitae of individuals who will be involved in completing the services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required																			
Currency of Proposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars <input type="checkbox"/> Euro <input type="checkbox"/> Local Currency																			

Value Added Tax on Price Proposal ²	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> must be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes <input type="checkbox"/> must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes																			
Validity Period of Proposals (Counting for the last day of submission of quotes)	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 days <input type="checkbox"/> 90 days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 120 days In exceptional circumstances, UNDP may request the Proposer to extend the validity of the Proposal beyond what has been initially indicated in this RFP. The Proposal shall then confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Proposal.																			
Partial Quotes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted <input type="checkbox"/> Permitted <i>[pls. provide conditions for partial quotes, and ensure that requirements are properly listed to allow partial quotes (e.g., in lots, etc.)]</i>																			
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Person(s) to review/inspect/ approve outputs/completed services and authorize the disbursement of payment	<i>[pls. indicate designations, not names]</i>																			
Type of Contract to be Signed	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional Contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract for Professional Services																			

² VAT exemption status varies from one country to another. Pls. check whatever is applicable to the UNDP CO/BU requiring the service.

³ UNDP preference is not to pay any amount in advance upon signing of contract. If the Service Provider strictly requires payment in advance, it will be limited only up to 20% of the total price quoted. For any higher percentage, or any amount advanced exceeding \$30,000, UNDP shall require the Service Provider to submit a bank guarantee or bank cheque payable to UNDP, in the same amount as the payment advanced by UNDP to the Service Provider.

	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term Agreement ⁴ (if LTA will be signed, specify the document that will trigger the call-off. E.g., PO, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Type of Contract [pls. specify]
Criteria for Contract Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Lowest Price Quote among technically responsive offers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highest Combined Score (based on the 70% technical offer and 30% price weight distribution) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full acceptance of the UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions (GTC). This is a mandatory criterion and cannot be deleted regardless of the nature of services required. Non-acceptance of the GTC may be grounds for the rejection of the Proposal.
Criteria for the Assessment of Proposal	<p><u>Technical Proposal (70%)</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expertise of the Firm [indicate percentage] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Methodology, Its Appropriateness to the Condition and Timeliness of the Implementation Plan [indicate percentage] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Management Structure and Qualification of Key Personnel [indicate percentage]
	<p><u>Financial Proposal (30%)</u></p> <p>To be computed as a ratio of the Proposal's offer to the lowest price among the proposals received by UNDP.</p>
UNDP will award the contract to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One and only one Service Provider <input type="checkbox"/> One or more Service Providers, depending on the following factors: <i>[Clarify fully how and why will this be achieved. Please do not choose this option without indicating the parameters for awarding to multiple Service Providers]</i>
Contract General Terms and Conditions ⁵	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions for contracts (goods and/or services) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions for de minimis contracts (services only, less than \$50,000) <p>Applicable Terms and Conditions are available at: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</p>
Annexes to this RFP ⁶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form for Submission of Proposal (Annex 2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed TOR [optional if this form has been accomplished comprehensively] <input type="checkbox"/> Others ⁷ [pls. specify]

⁴ Minimum of one (1) year period and may be extended up to a maximum of three (3) years subject to satisfactory performance evaluation. This RFP may be used for LTAs if the annual purchases will not exceed \$150,000.00.

⁵ Service Providers are alerted that non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) may be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.

⁶ Where the information is available in the web, a URL for the information may simply be provided.

⁷ A more detailed Terms of Reference in addition to the contents of this RFP may be attached hereto.

<p>Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only)⁸</p>	<p><i>Otis Wilson</i> <i>ICTAdministrative Associate</i></p> <p><u>Otis.wilson@undp.org</u></p> <p>Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.</p>
<p>Other Information [pls. specify]</p>	

⁸ This contact person and address is officially designated by UNDP. If inquiries are sent to other person/s or address/es, even if they are UNDP staff, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond nor can UNDP confirm that the query was received.

