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INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Date: April 23, 2020

Description of the Assignment: The consultants for Inputs for Chapter 3 of the Regional Human Development Report will produce statistics using a STATA do file provided by UNDP RBLAC and reported in an Excel Worksheet template that will also be provided. They must have access to the microeconomic data of a national enterprise survey or census (manufacturing or other) or to firm-level data from accounting statements or administrative records. Ideally, they will also have access to firm-level effective tax rates or other datasets available to measure special policy benefits at the firm-level. In addition, consultants may produce a background paper using the statistics produced.

For this assignment, knowledge and experience on firm-level data for Brazil, Uruguay, Mexico, Argentina or Peru is required.

Period of Assignment /Services: 8 months.

Proposal should be submitted at the following email: procurement.rblac.regionalhub@undp.org, ***Subject:*** **17307 RSC 2020 – Inputs for Chapter 3 of the Regional Human Development Report** no later than **May 7, 2020 at 15:00 (UTC /GMT -5), time of New York, U.S.A.**

Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic communication to the e-mail indicated above no later than April 30, 2020 at 15:00 (UTC /GMT-5), time of New York, U.S.A. Procurement Unit RSC LAC will respond 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.

The procedures for the acquisition of services will be the ones indicated by the United Nations Development Programme.

This process is directed only to individuals. Any proposal received by two or more individuals jointly or legal entity will be rejected. Likewise, will be rejected all the proposals from consultants involved in the elaboration of the present Terms of Reference.

1. BACKGROUND, SUMMARY OF KEY FUNCTIONS, KEY RESULTS EXPECTED, COMPETENCIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

For detailed information, please refer to Annex 1 – Terms of Reference.

2. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents (in PDF format) duly signed to demonstrate their qualifications:

2.1 Proposal (in English): A detailed description of the data available using Excel template attached and a short paragraph explaining the researchers previous experience processing microeconomic data using STATA. If also proposing to produce a background paper, a detailed annotated outline of the paper.

2.2 Financial Proposal (mandatory): The standard **Letter of Confirmation of Interest and Availability** supported by a fee proposal in US dollars, which you must sign and submit to UNDP. **Please refer to Annex 2**. The financial proposal shall specify a lump sum amount for the data production and a separate lump sum amount for the background paper.

2.3 Beneficiary: Personal information as name, address, ID, phone number of a beneficiary in case of death during the consultancy. Documents to certify this info will be required in case you were selected for the consultancy.

2.4 Curriculum Vitae of the consultant.

Take note: Email size should not exceed 4 MB.

3. EVALUATION

Individual consultants will be evaluated based on the following methodology:

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 who reach 70% of total score in the Technical evaluation, will be considered RESPONSIVE and will continue for the financial evaluation of proposals.

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ANNEX 1

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

REGIONAL BUREAU FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (RBLAC)

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Title:	Inputs for Chapter 3 of the Regional Human Development Report
Type of contract:	Individual Contract (all suitable proposals will be awarded for contract)
Direct Supervisor:	RBLAC Chief Economist
Duty station:	Home-based
Expected Duration:	8 months

B. BACKGROUND

Persistent high inequality and poor growth performance are the distinctive features of Latin America and Caribbean. The Regional Human Development Report for Latin America and the Caribbean (RHDRLAC) 2020 will propose that these are two related phenomena, and argue that to increase human development and, at the same time, accelerate growth, the region needs to address the reasons behind the persistence of inequality. These reasons are more profound than deficiencies in the quality of education or in the design of fiscal systems and related to the region's faulty institutions.

The report will argue that the region is caught in a high-inequality low-growth trap as a result of a complex set of factors which, jointly considered, make it difficult for all individuals to have the same opportunity of enjoying a healthy, productive and full-filling life regardless of the circumstances of their birth or others over which they have no control. These factors have locked our societies in a bad equilibrium where segments of the population are systematically left behind and where transformative economic growth is elusive. These factors reinforce each other and self-perpetuate, causing a vicious circle that is hard to break –thus a trap.

Many factors trap the Region in its current predicament. The report will explore deeply three that are systemic: concentration of power; conflict and violence; and, paradoxically, poorly conceived redistributive policies. Each of these factors will be analysed from a dual perspective: their contribution to inequality, and their impact on productivity and economic growth. The report will pay special attention on the differential impact of these factors on women, in recognition that this is the largest population group still left behind in many dimensions, and that this situation contributes to our societies' inequality and poor growth performance.

The third chapter of the report will be composed of four sections. The first section will explore market concentration and market power in their relation to inequality. It will document the direct and indirect effects of unwarranted market power, analysing: (i) the differential impact of market power on the living costs of poorer versus richer households; (ii) the connection between market power and within firm labour income dispersion; (iii) the extent to which firms with market power contribute to the concentration of wealth among small groups of the population and the regulatory frameworks under which this occurs; and (iv) the channels through which concentration of wealth from market power translates into concentration of power and capacity to influence policy in a way that contributes to maintaining the status quo and perpetuating inequality. This section will use quantitative evidence, when possible, as well as case studies.

Analytical evidence to shape this part of the chapter will be obtained through the commission of the **following inputs**:

1. **Quantitative measures of market power and its direct and indirect impacts on inequality**, produced using microeconomic data from enterprise surveys or censuses or from firm-level accounting statements or administrative records from a country or a set of countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, and a STATA dofile (adapted from dofile that will be provided).
2. **Optional in addition to 1: background papers exploring (at least one of) the channels through which market power impacts inequality** in a country or a set of countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, using measures of market power from 1.

C. SCOPE OF WORK

The researcher will have the following responsibilities:

- Collect, clean and organize the microeconomic datasets that will be used in the analysis following guidelines from UNDP;
- Adapt STATA *do file* provided;
- Organize outputs from estimations in Excel template provided by UNDP. First draft of results due on June 20, 2020 or an agreed date upon signing of the contract;
- Revise estimations to ensure quality as required. Final draft of results due on August 10, 2020 or an agreed date upon signing of the contract.

- If proposing to also write a background paper:
    - Prepare a first and final draft of the chosen background paper. Text shall be presented in Word using style specifications from RBLAC. Figures and tables included in the text shall be also presented in an Excel file using style specifications from RBLAC;
    - Participate in workshop (virtual or in person to be decided) with peers to discuss first draft (dates to be decided);
    - Participate in a final workshop (virtual or in person to be decided) with peers to present final draft (dates to be decided);
    - Be available to read and discuss other background papers in intermediate and final workshops during the work process.

D. EXPECTED KEY RESULTS AND PAYMENT

- Product 1: Outputs from estimation in excel template + dataset in Stata used to produce them;
- Product 2: Background paper to be used in preparation of the RHDR 2020, with due credit given to the author(s). Optional in addition to Product 1.

E. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Direct supervisor: RBLAC Chief Economist.

F. SCOPE OF BID PRICE AND SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

- Researchers will be required to submit a fee proposal for Product 1. If interested in collaborating also with Product 2, *in addition to the latter*, they will be required to submit a l fee proposal for both, Products 1 and 2. UNDP may only accept the proposal for Product 1.

- Payment schedule:
    - If only Product 1 is commissioned: 30% upon detailed description of the available data; 30% at completion of first draft of results; 40% upon approval of final draft of results by UNDP RBLAC Chief Economist.
    - If both Products 1 and 2 are commissioned: 30% upon detailed description of the available data and revised annotated outline for the paper (after receiving reactions from UNDP); 40% upon approval of final draft of results by UNDP RBLAC Chief Economist, 30% upon approval of final draft of background paper by UNDP RBLAC Chief Economist.

G. RECRUITMENT QUALIFICATIONS

Academic Background:

- Masters or Ph.D. degree in Economics.

General Experience:

- Minimum of 2 years of experience in applied research using firm level-microeconomic data;
- Solid track record on quantitative analysis of microeconomic data using STATA.

Required Languages:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English.

H. RECOMMENDED PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

In order to be considered, the researcher must submit:

- A completed version of the excel template attached;
- A short paragraph explaining the researchers previous experience processing microeconomic data using STATA;
- Optional: a detailed proposal of the background paper contents in the form of an annotated outline. The proposal must include a detailed description of the empirical evidence it will provide, specifying both the data sources and the empirical methodology that will be used. New evidence to be produced, if any, shall be specified;
- His or her curriculum vitae;
- A fee proposal in US dollars.

ANNEX 2

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

Date _____

Dear Sir/Madam
United Nations Development Programme
Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean

Dear Sir/Madam:

I hereby declare that:

a) I have read, understood and hereby accept the Terms of Reference describing the duties and responsibilities of **17307 RSC 2020 – Background Papers for Chapter 3 of the Regional Human Development Report**;

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

c) I hereby propose my services and I confirm my interest in performing the assignment through the submission of my CV or Personal History Form (P11) which I have duly signed and attached hereto as Annex 1;

d) I hereby propose the following payment rate:

☐ A lump-sum fee of _____ US dollars *[state amount in words and in numbers] for Product 1;* **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LUMP-SUM FEE STATED IN THIS SECTION SHOULD BE IDENTICAL TO THAT DECLARED ON THE TABLE BELOW OF BREAKDOWN OF COSTS**

Or, alternatively:

☐ A lump-sum fee of _____ US dollars *[state amount in words and in numbers] for Products 1 and 2;* **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LUMP-SUM FEE STATED IN THIS SECTION SHOULD BE IDENTICAL TO THAT DECLARED ON THE TABLE BELOW OF BREAKDOWN OF COSTS**

e) For your evaluation, the breakdown of the abovementioned all-inclusive amount is attached hereto as Annex 2;

f) I recognize that the payment of the abovementioned amounts due to me shall be based on my delivery of outputs within the timeframe of specified in the TORs, that will be sent to me if I am included in the Roster, which shall be subject to UNDP's review, acceptance and payment certification procedures;

g) This offer shall remain valid for a total period of _____ days *[minimum of 90 days]* after 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];*

i) If I am selected for this assignment, I shall: *[pls. 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]*

☐ 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:

Assignment	Contract Type	Name of Institution/ Company	Contract Duration	Contract Amount

k) 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;

l) ***If you are a former staff member of the United Nations recently separated, pls. 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;

m) 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.

Full Name and Signature: Date Signed:

_____ _____

Annexes: *[pls. check all that applies]*

☐ CV or Duly signed P11 Form

☐ Breakdown of Costs (lump-sum fee)

Important Note: Please submit this form duly signed.

A. **Breakdown of Cost by Components**

Cost Components	**Lump-sum fee for Product 1 (US Dollars)**	**Lump-sum fee for Products 1 and 2 (US Dollars)**
Professional fee		
Data collection (if applicable)		
Other costs (specify)		
Institutional overhead (if applicable)		
Total Lump-sum fee		

ANNEX 3

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Contract for the Services of an Individual Contractor

No_____

This Contract is entered into on [insert date] between the United Nations Development Programme (hereinafter referred to as "UNDP") and _____ (hereinafter referred to as "the Individual Contractor") whose address is _____.
WHEREAS UNDP desires to engage the services of the Individual Contractor on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, and:
WHEREAS the Individual Contractor is ready and willing to accept this Contract with UNDP on the said terms and conditions, NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Nature of services

The Individual Contractor shall perform the services as described in the Terms of References which form an integral part of this Contract and are attached hereto as *Annex I* in the following Duty Station(s): _____.

2. Duration

This Individual Contract shall commence on [insert date], and shall expire upon satisfactory completion of the services described in the Terms of Reference mentioned above, but not later than [insert date], unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms of this Contract. This Contract is subject to the General Conditions of Contract for Individual contractors which are available on UNDP website at www.undp.org/procurement and are attached hereto as *Annex II*.

3. Consideration

As full consideration for the services performed by the Individual Contractor under the terms of this Contract, including, unless otherwise specified, his/her travel to and from the Duty Station(s), any other travel required in the fulfillment of the Terms of Reference in Annex I, and living expenses in the Duty Station(s), UNDP shall pay the Individual Contractor a total of [currency] ---------- in accordance with the table set forth below[1]. Payments shall be made following certification by UNDP that the services related to each Deliverable, as described below, have been satisfactorily performed and the Deliverables have been achieved by or before the due dates specified below, if any.

DELIVERABLE	DUE DATE	AMOUNT IN [CURRENCY]

If unforeseen travel outside the Duty Station not required by the Terms of Reference is requested by UNDP, and upon prior written agreement, such travel shall be at UNDP's expense and the Individual Contractor shall receive a *per diem* not to exceed United Nations daily subsistence allowance rate in such other location(s).
Where two currencies are involved, the rate of exchange shall be the official rate applied by the United Nations on the day the UNDP instructs its bank to effect the payment(s).

4. Rights and Obligations of the Individual contractor

The rights and obligations of the Individual Contractor are strictly limited to the terms and conditions of this Contract, including its Annexes. Accordingly, the Individual Contractor shall not be entitled to any benefit, payment, subsidy, compensation or entitlement, except as expressly provided in this Contract. The Individual Contractor shall be solely liable

for claims by third parties arising from the Individual Contractor's own acts or omissions in the course of performing this Contract, and under no circumstances shall UNDP be held liable for such claims by third parties.

5. Beneficiary

The Individual Contractor selects _____ as beneficiary of any amounts owed under this Contract in the event of death of the Individual Contractor while performing services hereunder. This includes the payment of any service-incurred liability insurance attributable to the performance of the services for UNDP.

Mailing address, email address and phone number of beneficiary:

_____

_____

Mailing address, email address and phone number of emergency contact (if different from beneficiary):

_____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Contract.

By signing below, I, the Individual Contractor, acknowledge and agree that I have read and accept the terms of this Contract, including the General Conditions of Contracts for Individual contractors available on UNDP website at www.undp.org/procurement **and attached hereto in Annex II which form an integral part of this Contract, and that I have read and understood, and agree to abide by the standards of conduct set forth in the Secretary-General's bulletins ST/SGB/2003/13 of 9 October 2003, entitled "Special Measures for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse" and ST/SGB/2002/9 of 18 June 2002, entitled "Regulations Governing the Status, Basic Rights and Duties of Officials other than Secretariat Officials, and Experts on Mission".**

□ The Individual Contractor has submitted a Statement of Good Health and confirmation of immunization.

AUTHORIZING OFFICER: **United Nations Development Programme**	**INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR:**
Name; _____	**Name; _____**
Signature; _____	**Signature; _____**
Date; _____	**Date; _____**

[1] For payments which are not output-based lump sum, indicate the maximum number of working days/hours/units, any out of pocket expense (travel, per diem…) and the corresponding fee/cost in the Deliverable (s) table.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACTS 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 Nations 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 Individual 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 Individual Contract. Should any authority external to UNDP seek to impose any instructions on the Individual Contract regarding the Individual contractor's performance under the Individual 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 Individual Contract or otherwise related to its obligations under the Individual Contract that may adversely affect the interests of UNDP, and the Individual contractor shall perform its obligations under the Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual Contract. In the performance of the Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual Contract, and, in addition to any other legal rights or remedies available to any person, shall give rise to grounds for termination of the Individual 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 Individual Contract shall rest with UNDP, and any such equipment shall be returned to UNDP at the conclusion of the Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual Contract, UNDP does not and shall not claim any ownership interest thereto, and the Individual contractor grants to UNDP a perpetual license 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 necessary steps, execute all 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 Individual Contract. Subject to the foregoing provisions, all maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, reports, estimates, recommendations, documents and all other data compiled by or received by the Individual contractor under the Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 to the Recipient's employees, officials, representatives and agents who have a need to know such confidential Information solely for purposes of performing obligations under the Individual 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 recluded 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 Individual Contract, including any extension thereof, and, unless otherwise provided in the Individual Contract, shall remain effective following any termination of the Individual 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 fare 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 Individual 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 Individual Contract while the Individual contractor is traveling at UNDP expense or is performing any services under the Individual Contract in any offices or premises of UNDP, the Individual contractor or the Individual contractor's dependents, 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 Individual Contract, of any part thereof, or of any of the rights, claims or obligations under the Individual 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, licenses or other forms of Individual Contract concerning any goods or services to be provided under the Individual Contract shall not be valid and enforceable against UNDP nor in any way shall constitute an Individual Contract by UNDP thereto, unless any such undertakings, licenses or other forms of Individual Contract are the subject of a valid written undertaking by UNDP.

No modification or change in the Individual Contract shall be valid and enforceable against UNDP unless provided by means of a valid written amendment to the Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual Contract, which give rise to legal liability to anyone not a party to the Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual Contract. The Individual contractor shall also notify UNDP of any other changes in conditions or the occurrence of any event, which interferes or threatens to interfere with its performance of the Individual Contract. Not more than fifteen (15) days following the provision of such notice of *force majeure* or other changes in conditions or occurrence, the Individual contractor shall also submit a statement to UNDP of estimated expenditures that will likely be incurred for the duration of the change in conditions or the event. On receipt of the notice or notices required hereunder, UNDP shall take such action as it considers, in its sole discretion, to be appropriate or necessary in the circumstances, including the granting to the Individual contractor of a reasonable extension of time in which to perform any obligations under the Individual Contract.

If the Individual contractor is rendered permanently unable, wholly or in part, by reason of *force majeure* to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Individual Contract, UNDP shall have the right to suspend or terminate the Individual Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for below, under "Termination", except that the period of notice shall be five (5) days instead of any other period of notice. In any case, UNDP shall be entitled to consider the Individual contractor permanently unable to perform its obligations under the Individual Contract in the case of the Individual contractor's suffering any period of suspension in excess of thirty (30) days.

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 Individual 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 Individual Contract.

13. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate the Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual Contract.

UNDP may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to it, terminate the Individual Contract forthwith in the event that: (a) the Individual contractor is adjudged bankrupt, or is 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 Individual 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.

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 Individual Contract.

In the event of any termination of the Individual 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 Individual Contract to a close in a prompt and orderly manner, and in doing so, reduce expenses to a minimum; (b) refrain from undertaking any further or additional commitments under

the Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual Contract. Additional costs incurred by UNDP resulting from the termination of the Individual 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 Individual 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. AUDIT AND INVESTIGATION
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 Individual Contract and for a period of two (2) years following the expiration or prior termination of the Individual 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 Individual Contract.
The Individual contractor acknowledges and agrees that, from time to time, UNDP may conduct investigations relating to any aspect of the Individual Contract or the award thereof, the obligations performed under the Individual Contract, and the operations of the Individual contractor generally relating to performance of the Individual 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 Individual Contract. The Individual contractor shall provide its full and timely cooperation with any such inspections, post-payment audits or investigations. Such 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 audits or 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 on general principles of international commercial law. For all evidentiary questions, the arbitral tribunal shall be guided by the Supplementary Rules Governing the Presentation and Reception of Evidence in International Commercial Arbitration of the International Bar Association, 28 May 1983 edition. The arbitral tribunal 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 Individual Contract , order the termination of the Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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. LIMITATION ON ACTIONS:

Except with respect to any indemnification obligations in Article 7, above, or as are otherwise set forth in the Individual Contract, any arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 17 above, arising out of the Individual Contract must be commenced within three years after the cause of action has accrued.

The Parties further acknowledge and agree that, for these purposes, a cause of action shall accrue when the breach actually occurs, or, in the case of latent defects, when the injured Party knew or should have known all of the essential elements of the cause of action, or in the case of a breach of warranty, when tender of delivery is made, except that, if a warranty extends to future performance of the goods or any process or system and the discovery of the breach consequently must await the time when such goods or other process or system is ready to perform in accordance with the requirements of the Individual Contract, the cause of action accrues when such time of future performance actually begins.

19. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in or relating to the Individual Contract shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

ANNEX 4

EVALUATION MATRIX

The technical and financial aspects of every proposal submitted will be evaluated using the following matrix:

TECHNICAL EVALUATION	*MAXIMUM SCORE*
Quality of the Proposal:	

• *Excel template with firm-level dataset information*
  ○ *Required data available – 100 points*
  ○ *Insufficient data available – 0 points*
	100

• *Research papers or consulting projects using firm-level data*
  ○ *More than 5 – 100 points*
  ○ *2-5 – 75 points*
  ○ *1 – 50 points*
	100

• *Annotated outline. Expectation percentage for background paper (only for proposals including Product 2):* *Up to 100% - 100 points* *Up to 75% - 75 points* *Up to 50% - 50 points* *Up to 25% - 25 points*	*100*
Academic Background	
• *Masters or Ph.D. degree in Economics*	*20*
General Experience	
• *Minimum of 2 years of experience in empirical economic research*	*20*
• *Solid track record on quantitative analysis of microdata using STATA*	*20*
Required Languages	

• *Excellent oral and written communication skills in English.*	*20*
TOTAL SCORE	***180***

FINANCIAL EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The maximum number of points assigned to the financial proposal is allocated to the lowest price proposal (lump-sum fee offered). All other price proposals receive points in inverse proportion.

$$p = y\ (\mu/z)$$

Where:

p = points for the financial proposal being evaluated
y = maximum number of points for the financial proposal
μ = price of the lowest priced proposal
z = price of the proposal being evaluated