INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**Title of consultancy:** Individual Consultancy (IC) - Gaborone Declaration on Sustainability in Africa Performance Assessment

**COUNTRY:** Botswana

**DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT:** The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism (MENT), on behalf of members of the Gaborone Declaration on Sustainability in Africa (GDSA) seeks to engage an expert to undertake a performance assessment of the GDSA Secretariat with the aim of ensuring that the objectives of the platform are realized. The review will also assess if the existing delivery mechanisms (institutional arrangement, reporting lines, communication channels and resources) for the implementation of the GDSA are relevant, sufficient and fit for purpose.

**PROJECT NAME:** Environment and Climate Change Response

**PERIOD OF ASSIGNMENT/SERVICES:** Consultant to propose but should not exceed 30th September 2020

1. **BACKGROUND**

The GDSA was established in 2012, as a voluntary African led initiative to facilitate sustainable development across the continent. The overall objective of the GDSA is to ensure that the contributions of natural capital to sustainable economic growth, maintenance and improvement of social capital and human well-being are quantified and integrated into development and business practice. Initially, the GDSA comprised of 10 member African countries but the membership has since grown to 14. By signing the GDSA, countries have committed to integrate the value of nature into national policies and programmes; reduction of poverty by transitioning to practices that promote sustainable employment, food security, sustainable energy and the protection of nature; and build knowledge, capacity and networks to promote leadership and a new model of sustainable development. The GDSA is managed through a Secretariat based in Botswana. In December 2014, Conservation International (CI) was delegated the Secretariat responsibilities by the Government of Botswana on behalf of GDSA member countries. As Secretariat, CI is tasked with helping the GDSA member countries to implement the platforms objectives. In order to ensure effective
and successful realization of the GDSA objectives, the GDSA member states took a decision to undertake a performance assessment of the GDSA Secretariat for the period of December 2014 to April 2020. This will, in turn, be undertaken with reference to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which was signed in 2013 between the Government of Botswana (GoB) and CI, and its Addendum, which was signed in 2014.

**DETAILED TERMS OF REFERENCE** and instructions to bidders should be obtained from: https://www.bw.undp.org/content/botswana/en/home/procurement.html

2. **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Proposals should be submitted clearly labelled:

“INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY -GDSA PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

and be submitted by email to procurement.bw@undp.org

3. **SUBMISSION DATE:** Proposals should be submitted to the address above no later than 12.00 Noon Botswana Time on the 13th July 2020

4. **REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION:** Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic communication to enquiries.bw@undp.org UNDP Botswana will respond in writing or by standard electronic mail and will send written copies of the response, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of the inquiry to all prospective candidates.

**NOTE:** Consultancy firms/companies interested in applying for this assignment are free to do so provided they submit a CV of only one qualified consultant and present its bid in a manner that would allow for evaluation of the bid in accordance with the evaluation criteria specified in these solicitation documents. That is, the experience required is that of the individual whose CV would have been submitted by the company rather than that of the company. In this regard, the company by submitting a CV is bidding as an individual bidder rather than a company/firm. Further, if the submitted bid wins, the ensuing contract will be between the UNDP and the company/firm, not the individual.