

#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	DATE: September 16, 2022
(UNDP)	
PROJECT: 00119833, "Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network (BES-Net) Phase II Implementation of Component I in Kazakhstan"	Reference: RFP-2022-053 Study of climate change, land degradation, and water nexus in the Aral Sea region

#### Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your Proposal for services on Study of climate change, land degradation, and water nexus in the Aral Sea region.

Please be guided by the forms attached hereto as Annex 2a and 2b, in preparing your Proposal.

The proposal, comprising of Technical and Financial Proposals (Financial proposal must be protected by password) should be submitted in \*.pdf format not later than September 30, 2022, 15:00 (Nur-Sultan time) to the e-mail address procurement.kz@undp.org with mandatory indication of the Reference number RFP-2022-053 and name of the tender in the e-mail subject.

No participation of Joint Ventures/Consortiums is admitted in the bid.

#### Notes on financial proposals:

- The financial proposal shall be prepared and submitted in password-protected PDF / Word file separately from the rest of the proposal.
- The password for the financial proposal should not be provided to UNDP until it is formally requested by UNDP Procurement Specialist.

**Note:** Detailed information on the procedure for submitting proposals is presented below.

Your proposal shall be expressed in the Russian language, and valid for a minimum period of 90 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 received by UNDP after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation.

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 the requirements, meets all the evaluation criteria and offers the best value for money shall be selected and awarded the contract. Any proposal that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price shall be recalculated by UNDP, and the unit price shall prevail, and the total price shall be corrected in accordance with it. If the service provider does not agree with the recalculated price, his/her 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 contract award 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 scope, 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 agrees with the General Terms and Conditions (Annex 3 herein).

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 provider's preparation and submission of a proposal, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

UNDP's appeal procedure aims to provide individuals or companies not awarded a purchase order or contract to appeal the decision made. In case of perceived unfair treatment, one can use appeal procedures (see. <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html</a>)

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 the RFP.

UNDP implements a zero tolerance policy 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 : <a href="https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/sites/www.un.org.Depts.ptd/files/files/attachment/page/pdf/unscc/conduct\_english.pdf">https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/sites/www.un.org.Depts.ptd/files/files/attachment/page/pdf/unscc/conduct\_english.pdf</a>

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your Proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Docusigned by:

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UNDP Procurement Associate



#### Annex 1

# **Description of Requirements**

Context	UNDP Project #00119833, "Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network (BES-Net) Phase II Implementation of Component I in Kazakhstan"
Brief Description of the Required Services <sup>1</sup>	Study of climate change, land degradation, and water nexus in the Aral Sea region
List and Description of Expected Outputs to be Delivered	As per the TOR
Person to Supervise the Work/Performanc e of the Service Provider	UNDP Head of Energy and Environment Unit; UNDP Programme Associate
Frequency of Reporting	As per the TOR
Progress Reporting Requirements	As per the TOR
Duty Station <sup>2</sup>	☑ At the location of the company in Kazakhstan with travels to the project sites (Aral Sea region)
Expected duration of work	4 months (tentatively October 2022 - January 2023)
Target start date	October 15, 2022
Deadline	January 31, 2023
Travels Expected <sup>3</sup>	As per the TOR
Special Security Requirements	In order to operate during the COVID19 pandemic, the Service Provider shall provide all necessary protective equipment for its employees and comply with all WHO standards and recommendations of local authorities to carry out work during the epidemic. The Service Provider is responsible for the proper and timely provision of its employees involved in this Terms of Reference with all necessary personal protective equipment in accordance with the current WHO recommendations (masks, gloves, sanitizers, COVID19 screening (if necessary), for the entire duration of the Contract
Implementation Schedule indicating breakdown and timing of activities/sub- activities	⊠ Required

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Detailed information is provided in Annex 4 to the Terms of Reference (TOR).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If there is a restriction on free movement in the country due to COVID-19 pandemic, activities shall be performed online/ remotely with no business trips.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If there is a restriction on free movement in the country due to COVID-19 pandemic, activities shall be performed online/ remotely with no business trips.

Names and curriculum vitae	⊠ Required			
of individuals				
involved in				
providing services				
Currency of	⊠ Lo	ocal Currency KZT		
proposal				
Value Added Tax on Price Proposal	⊠ N	lust be inclusive of VAT and other applicat	ole indirect taxes*	i
	*If a	pplicable		
Validity Period		90 days		
(from the last day				
of submission)	In e	xceptional circumstances, UNDP may requ	est to extend the	validity of the
	Pro	posal beyond that initially indicated in the	RFP. This shall be	e confirmed in
	wri	ting, without any modification whatsoeve	r on the Proposal.	
The preliminary		ie: 11 a.m. Nur-Sultan city time		
tender conference		e: September 22, 2022		
meeting will be	Ver	nue: Zoom/Teams		
held:	If v	ou are interested in participating in a pr	aliminary maatin	a vou should
		d a participation notice by e-mail to Gyulr	•	· ,
		er than 16:00 (Nur-Sultan time) on Septem		unup.org not
Partial Quotes	⊠ I	Not permitted		
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Payment Terms	No	Output/ expected deliverables	Deadline	Payment in %
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	1.	Results:  1. Detailed work plan with an indication of all project activities and a brief description of the implementation approach is submitted and agreed with UNDP.	week after the contract	1 <sup>st</sup> tranche - 40% of the contract
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		Results:  1. Detailed work plan with an indication of all project activities and a brief description of the implementation approach is submitted and agreed with UNDP.  2. Methodology and the schedule for the implementation is submitted and agreed with UNDP.  3. List of key stakeholders and literatures is submitted and agreed UNDP.	week after the contract signing date	1 <sup>st</sup> tranche - 40% of the contract amount
	2.	Results:  1. Detailed work plan with an indication of all project activities and a brief description of the implementation approach is submitted and agreed with UNDP.  2. Methodology and the schedule for the implementation is submitted and agreed with UNDP.  3. List of key stakeholders and literatures is submitted and agreed UNDP.  - Organize one workshop for experts	week after the contract signing date  Within 6 (six)	1st tranche - 40% of the contract amount  2nd tranche
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		Results:  1. Detailed work plan with an indication of all project activities and a brief description of the implementation approach is submitted and agreed with UNDP.  2. Methodology and the schedule for the implementation is submitted and agreed with UNDP.  3. List of key stakeholders and literatures is submitted and agreed UNDP.  - Organize one workshop for experts for brainstorming and in-depth analysis of impact chains with the participation of at least 12 specialists. (agenda, LOP,	week after the contract signing date  Within 6 (six) weeks after	1st tranche - 40% of the contract amount  2nd tranche - 40% of
		Results:  1. Detailed work plan with an indication of all project activities and a brief description of the implementation approach is submitted and agreed with UNDP.  2. Methodology and the schedule for the implementation is submitted and agreed with UNDP.  3. List of key stakeholders and literatures is submitted and agreed UNDP.  - Organize one workshop for experts for brainstorming and in-depth analysis of impact chains with the participation of at least 12 specialists. (agenda, LOP, and questionnaire should be agreed	week after the contract signing date  Within 6 (six) weeks after the contract	1st tranche - 40% of the contract amount  2nd tranche - 40% of the contract
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	least 22 people or sector specialists (agenda, and LOP should be agreed with UNDP in advance).  - Conduct one interview with relevant institutions and practitioners such as climate and water specialists. (at least 10 interviewers should be taken on board to conduct interviews).  - Conduct validation and summary of impact chain data workshop (at least 20 participants). (Agenda and LoP should be agreed with UNDP in advance).  - Perform analysis of existing models on climate impacts on the Aral Sea watershed, agriculture, water, and health sectors in the Aral Sea regions.  Results:		
	<ol> <li>Submitted the photo and narrative reports over the conducted events activities 1-5 - activities towards achieving deliverables (a table of content for the photo and narrative reports should be prepared and agreed upon with the UNDP in advance).</li> <li>The first draft of the comprehensive study report (a table of content for the comprehensive study report should be prepared and agreed upon with the UNDP in advance).</li> </ol>		
3.	<ul> <li>Organize a public awareness campaign about the results of media research and social media coverage.</li> <li>Final workshop with stakeholders for 40 participants.</li> <li>Results:</li> <li>1. Submitted the photo and narrative reports over the conducted public awareness campaign. (a table of content for the photo and narrative reports should be prepared and agreed upon with the UNDP in advance).</li> <li>2. Submitted final workshop report (agenda, LOP and minutes of the final workshop should be presented</li> </ul>	Within 12 (twelve) weeks after the contract signing date	3 <sup>rd</sup> tranche – 20% of the contract amount
	to UNDP).  3. The final comprehensive research		

	report on Climate Change, Land
	Degradation, and water nexus in
	the Aral Sea regions (the outline
	and content of the report should be
	agreed upon through a national
	stakeholder workshop and then
Dove on (a) to	agreed with the UNDP in advance).
Person(s) to	LINDR Dragramma Associata
review/inspect/ approve	UNDP Programme Associate
outputs/complete	
d services and	
authorize the	
disbursement of	
payment	
Type of Contract	☐ Contract for Professional Services
to be Signed	△ Contract for Professional Services
Criteria for	✓ Highest Combined Scare (700/ technical proposal and 200/ financial
Contract Award	☐ Highest Combined Score (70%—technical proposal and 30%—financial
Contract Award	proposal, where minimum passing score of technical proposal is 490 points, or 70% of maximum 700 points).
	or 70% or maximum 700 points).
	ME. II accounts no a of the UNDR Country at Council Towns and Counditions (CTC)
	☑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.
Evaluation Criteria	Non-acceptance of the GTC may be grounds for the rejection of the Proposal.  Bids will be evaluated in 3 steps:
Lvaluation Criteria	1. Pre-liminary examination against the minimum eligibility criteria;
	2. Technical evaluation: maximum obtainable points are 700 (passing
	score 70% of maximum obtainable scores that values to 490 points);
	3. Financial evaluation.
	Step 1. Following are defined as the minimum eligibility criteria (Pass/Fail):
	Full acceptance of the UNDP General Terms and Conditions, with the
	format of the UNDP contract (to be confirmed in written).
	<ul> <li>Duly completed and signed Technical Proposal (Annex 2a) as per UNDP</li> </ul>
	template.
	<ul> <li>Duly completed and signed Financial Proposal (Annex 2b) as per UNDP</li> </ul>
	template. The Financial Proposal (Annex 2b) must include the full set
	contract amount, including all indirect and direct costs (including VAT
	and/or other applicable taxes), as well as a template breakdown. The
	financial proposal must be password protected! The offer should be valid
	for 90 days.
	Company must have legal capacity to enter into agreements:
	✓ certificate of business registration/re-registration
	✓ copy of Charter
	Financial stability: Company must be solvent, not subject to liquidation,
	their property is not seized, and their business activities are not
	suspended constrainedly by laws:
	✓ certificates confirming the absence of debts in tax authorities
	✓ audited financial statements for 2020-2021, profit and loss
	statements, balance sheets for 2020-2021
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- ✓ VAT certificate (if applicable). Otherwise, written confirmation that the company is not a VAT payer
- The Company's profile with detailed activity information confirming the following:
  - ✓ at least 3 (three) years of working experience in research of land degradation and water resource management issues.
  - ✓ at least 2 (two) years of proven experience in Central Asian River basin management, space monitoring, and historical data archives.
  - ✓ working experience with the Aral Sea regions would be an advantage
- Methodology for applying the approach to the implementation of the expected results of the ToR.
- Detailed work schedule (should include the composition of the project team and the distribution of responsibilities, a description of the stages of work, effectiveness, and expected results).
- Reputation a table/list of clients for the last three years for similar services required by UNDP, indicating the Client, the name of the services/work, the year of the service, and the client's contact information (email, phone number, and full name of the contact person);
- Two letters of recommendation from previous clients for similar services (on official letterhead, signed and dated);
- Documents of the key personnel confirming qualifications (diplomas, certificates of advanced training in the subject area, other certificates), detailed CVs, as well as written confirmation on availability of each employee.
- The proposal shall be valid for at least 90 days to be confirmed in written.
- Company must not be included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989
   Committee's list of terrorists and terrorist financiers, and in UNDP's ineligible vendors' list.
- Submission of all documents in accordance with the list of Annexes 2a and 2b:
- \* If the above documents are not provided, the organization may not be accepted for the technical evaluation.

# Step 2. Technical Evaluation (70%, maximum 700 points calculated as 100% of technical evaluation):

- ☑ Expertise or Organization/ Firm 30%
- ☑ Proposed Methodology and Work Plan 40%
- ☑ Management structure and personnel qualification 30%

Applications that will accumulate at least 490 points of the maximum 700 points during the technical evaluation process will be qualified for financial evaluation

	Technical evaluation	Weight	Scores
1.	Professional experience in the company	30%	210
2.	Methodology, its appropriateness to the condition and Work plan	40%	280

3.	Management structure and key personnel qualification	30%	210
	Total		700
	Evaluation criteria/sub cr	iteria	
	1. Expertise of the Firm (30%)		Maximum points
1.1	At least three years of experience in research	in land	90
	degradation and water resource managemen	t projects	
	in the Aral Sea regions:		
	3 years - 63 points		
	4-5 years – 76.5 points		
	6 years and more - 90 points		
1.2	At least two years of proven experience in Central Asian		90
	River basin management, space monitor	-	
	historical data archives in the Aral Sea Region	1:	
	2 years – 63 points		
	3-4 years – 76.5 points		
	5 years and more – 90 points		
1.3	Working experience with the Aral Sea region	is would be	30
	an advantage:		
	Not available – 0 points		
	Available experience – 30 points		
	Total:		210

2. T	2. The proposed methodology and schedule of work (40%)	
2.1	Understanding of the essence, methodology and expected results of the project is consistent with the Terms of Reference and reflected in the proposal:  • availability of the work methodology - 98 points  • proposed work methodology clearly shows the algorithm of achieving results (does not duplicate the ToR), detailed and justified approaches for performing the work, considering the specifics of the services - 140 points	140
2.2	<ul> <li>Works schedule (must include the team composition and the distribution of responsibilities):</li> <li>available works schedule – 98 points</li> <li>provided works schedule has a logical framework for achieving the results, including the team composition and distribution of responsibilities - 140 points</li> </ul>	140
	Total:	280

3. Organizational structure and key personnel (30%)		Maximum points
3.1	Team leader	50

		-
3.	.1.1 Higher education in social sciences, economics,	15
	agriculture, water, law, or business administration:	
	Bachelor's degree – 10.5 points	
	Master's degree - 13 points	
	Higher qualifications - 15 points	
3.	.1.2 Three years of experience in coordinating projects,	10
	research, livelihood development:	
	3 years - 7 points	
	4-5 years – 8.5 points	
	6 years and more – 10 points	
3	.1.3 At least two years of experience in land degradation	10
	and transboundary water management:	
	2 years - 7 points	
	3-4 years – 8.5 points	
	5 years and more – 10 points	
	.1.4 Working experience in the Aral Sea regions would be	5
	an asset:	3
	Not available – 0 points	
	Available experience – 5 points	
3.	.1.5 Excellent knowledge of Russian language (level to be	10
	indicated in CV):	
	Excellent knowledge – 10 points	
	.2 Water expert	40
3.	.2.1 Higher education in water and land reclamation, and	14
	other related sciences.	
	Bachelor's degree - 9.8 points	
	Master's degree - 12 points.	
	Higher qualifications -14 points.	
3.	.2.2 At least three years of research, water, and land	20
	management knowledge and experience in the Aral	
	Sea regions	
	3 years – 14 points	
	4-5 years – 17 points	
	6 years and more – 20 points	
3.	.2.3 Knowledge and experience of the Aral Sea regions	6
	would be an asset.	
	Not available – 0 points	
	Available – 6 points	
3.	.3 Agriculture economist	40
	.3.1 Specialized secondary education in economics or	14
	other related sciences Specialized	<u> </u>
	Street related sciences specialized	
	Secondary education – 9.8 points	
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	Bachelor's degree - 12 points.	
	Master's degree and Higher qualifications – 14	
	points.	

	3.3.2	Three years of experience in agriculture and	20
		economic development.	
		3 years – 14 points	
		4-5 years – 17 points	
		6 years and more – 20 points	
	3.3.3	Knowledge and experience of the Aral Sea regions	6
	] 3.3.3	would be an asset	
		Not available – 0 points	
		Available – 6 points	
	3.4	Climate expert	40
	3.4.1	Higher education in environmental sciences,	
		geography or agronomy, and other related sciences.	15
		Bachelor's degree - 10.5 points.	
		Master's degree – 13 points.	
		Higher qualifications - 15 points.	
	3.4.2	Three years of experience in hydrometeorology and	25
		agrometeorology.	
		3 years - 17.5 points.	
		4-5 years – 21.5 points	
		6 years and more – 25 points	
	3.5	Health specialist	40
	3.5.1	Higher education in Medical Sciences, biology,	
		physiology, and other related sciences.	15
		Bachelor's degree - 10.5 points.	
		Master's degree – 13 points.	
		Higher qualifications - 15 points.	
	3.5.12	Three years of experience in health and human	25
		physiology.	
		3 years - 17.5 points.	
		4-5 years – 21.5 points	
		6 years and more – 25 points	212
		Total:	210
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		ncial proposal must be password protected!	
UNDP will award		nd only one Service Provider	
the contract to:	u	,	
Annexes to this	⊠ Forms	s for Proposal Submission (Annexes 2a and 2b)	
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Contact Person for	Procurement Specialist Gyulnara Karpisheva, gyulnara.karpisheva@undp.org
Inquiries	
(Written inquiries	Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the
only) <sup>4</sup>	deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is
	necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.
Electronic	Attention:
Submission	Applicants shall submit their bids by email: procurement.kz@undp.org
Procedure	
	Technical and financial parts of the Proposal must be submitted in separate
	files. The financial proposal (Annex 2b) must be <b>protected by password</b> . The
	password to the Financial Proposal must not be provided to UNDP until a
	request is received from the UNDP Procurement Specialist.
	-Document Format: PDF files only;
	-File names must have a maximum of 60 characters, which should not contain any special characters other than letters;
	-Files must not contain viruses and be damaged;
	-Maximum file size for one electronic transmission: up to 19 MB;
	-Maximum number of electronic transmissions: 5 messages;
	- In case of more than 1 transmission / e-mail, please indicate the numerical
	order in the subject.
	order in the subject.
	The e-mail subject shall indicate RFP-2022-053_ Study of climate change,
	land degradation, and water nexus in the Aral Sea region

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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 inquiry was received.

Annex 2a

#### FORM FOR SUBMITTING SERVICE PROVIDER'S TECHNICAL PROPOSAL<sup>5</sup>

(This Form must be submitted only using the Service Provider's Official Letterhead/Stationery<sup>6</sup>)

[insert: Location]. [insert: Date]

To: Karina Yamashita
Procurement Associate
UNDP Kazakhstan

Dear Ms. Yamashita,

We, the undersigned, hereby offer to render the following services to UNDP in conformity with the requirements defined in the RFP-2022-053 dated September 16, 2022 and all of its annexes, as well as the provisions of the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions:

#### A. Qualifications of the Service Provider

The Service Provider must describe and explain how and why they are the best entity that can deliver the requirements of UNDP by providing the following:

- a) The Company's profile with detailed activity information confirming the following:
- at least three years of working experience in research of land degradation and water resource management issues.
- at least 2 years of proven experience in Central Asian River basin management, space monitoring, and historical data archives.
- working experience with the Aral Sea regions would be an advantage;
- b) Legal capacity to enter into agreements (certificate of business registration/re-registration, copy of Charter);
- c) Financial stability:
- certificates confirming the absence of debts in tax authorities;
- Audited Financial Statement for 2020-2021, including profit and loss statements and balance sheets;
- VAT certificate (if applicable) or written confirmation that the Bidder is not a VAT payer;
- d) Reputation a table/list of clients for the last three years for similar services required by UNDP, indicating the Client, the name of the services/work, the year of the service, and the client's contact information (email, phone number, and full name of the contact person);
- e) At least 2 reference letters/recommendations from the previous clients for similar services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This serves as a guide to the Service Provider in preparing the Proposal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes

(on the official letterhead with signature and date);

f) The proposal shall be valid for at least 90 days – to be confirmed in written;

# B. **Proposed methodology**

- The Service Provider must describe how it will address/deliver the demands of the RFP; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics, reporting conditions and quality assurance mechanisms that will be put in place, while demonstrating that the proposed methodology will be appropriate to the local conditions and context of the work.
- **Work schedule** (must include the composition of the team and the distribution of responsibilities, a description of the stages of work, effectiveness, and expected results).

#### C. Qualifications of Key Personnel

The Service Provider must provide:

- Names and qualifications of the key personnel that will perform the services indicating a team leader and supporting personnel, etc.;
- Diplomas, detailed CVs demonstrating qualifications and necessary work experience;
- **Written confirmation from each personnel** that they are available for the entire duration of the contract.

[Name and Signature of the Service Provider's Authorized Person] [Designation] [Seal]

Annex 2b

#### FORM FOR SUBMITTING SERVICE PROVIDER'S FINANCIAL PROPOSAL<sup>7</sup>

(This Form must be submitted only using the Service Provider's Official Letterhead/Stationery in a separate PASSWORD-PROTECTED FILE with a corresponding note)<sup>8</sup>

[insert: Location]. [insert: Date]

To: Karina Yamashita
Procurement Associate
UNDP Kazakhstan

Dear Ms. Yamashita,

We, the undersigned, hereby offer to render the following services to UNDP in conformity with the requirements defined in the RFP-2022-053 dated September 16, 2022 and all of its annexes, as well as the provisions of the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions:

# A. Cost Breakdown per Deliverable (percentage)

	Deliverables [list them as referred to in the RFP]	Percentage of Total Price (Weight for payment)	Price (KZT) (Lump Sum, All Inclusive)
1	Deliverable 1	40%	
	Conduct expert mapping of the literature review.		
	Results:		
	1. Detailed work plan with an indication of all project activities		
	and a brief description of the implementation approach is submitted and agreed with UNDP.		
	2. Methodology and the schedule for the implementation is		
	submitted and agreed with UNDP.		
	3. List of key stakeholders and literatures is submitted and agreed UNDP.		
2	Deliverable 2	40%	
	- Organize one workshop for experts for brainstorming and in-		
	depth analysis of impact chains with the participation of at		
	least 12 specialists. (agenda, LOP, and questionnaire should be agreed upon with UNDP in advance).		
	- Conduct 2 (two) consultation workshops with the		
	participation of at least 22 people or sector specialists		
	(agenda, and LOP should be agreed with UNDP in advance).		
	-Conduct one interview with relevant institutions and		
	practitioners such as climate and water specialists. (at least 10		
	interviewers should be taken on board to conduct interviews).		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This serves as a guide to the Service Provider in preparing the Proposal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes

	<ul> <li>Conduct validation and summary of impact chain data workshop (at least 20 participants). (Agenda and LOP should be agreed with UNDP in advance).</li> <li>Perform analysis of existing models on climate impacts on the Aral Sea watershed, agriculture, water, and health sectors in the Aral Sea regions.</li> </ul>		
	Results:  1. Submitted the photo and narrative reports over the conducted events activities 1-5 - activities towards achieving deliverables (a table of content for the photo and narrative reports should be prepared and agreed upon with the UNDP in advance).  2. The first draft of the comprehensive study report (a table of content for the comprehensive study report should be prepared and agreed upon with the UNDP in advance).		
3	Deliverable 3  - Organize a public awareness campaign about the results of media research and social media coverage.  - Final workshop with stakeholders for 40 participants.	20%	
	Results:  1. Submitted the photo and narrative reports over the conducted public awareness campaign. (a table of content for the photo and narrative reports should be prepared and agreed upon with the UNDP in advance).  2. Submitted final workshop report (agenda, LOP and minutes of the final workshop should be presented to UNDP).  3. The final comprehensive research report on Climate Change, Land Degradation, and water nexus in the Aral Sea regions (the outline and content of the report should be agreed upon through a national stakeholder workshop and then agreed with the UNDP in advance).		
	GRAND Total in KZT	100%	

<sup>\*</sup>This shall be the basis of the payment tranches

# B. Cost Breakdown by Cost Component (this is only an Example):

	Description	Qua ntity of pers ons	Unit	Q-ty of units	Cost p/unit, KZT	Total, KZT
1	KEY PERSONNEL:					
1.1	Team leader (person/month)	1	month	4		
1.2	Water expert (person/month)	1	month	3		
1.3	Agriculture economist	1	month	3		
	(person/month)					
1.4	Climate expert (person/month)	1	month	3		
1.5	Health specialist (person/month)	1	month	3		
SUBTOTAL FOR KEY PERSONNEL:						

II	WORKSHOP AND CONSULTATIONS							
2.1.	A desk review of the scientific literature to determine the process of land degradation, and climate change impact through existing research literature and consultation with the sectoral experts (Kyzylorda).							
2.1.1	Phone call consultations (12 experts x 30 minutes per expert)	12	hour	0.5				
2.1.2	Purchase of literatures and scientific books and articles		сору	10				
Subto	tal for 2.1	l		1				
2.2	Organize 2-day workshop for experts for brainstorming and in-depth analysis of impact chains with the participation of at least 12 specialists (Kyzylorda).							
2.2.1	Rent of venue		day	2				
2.2.2	Meals for 12 participants for 2 days		<u> </u>					
	coffee breaks	12	coffee break	4				
	lunches	12	lunch	2				
	dinner	12	dinner	1				
2.2.3	Printing, and stationery (dairy, notes, memory stick, pen, pencil)							
Subto	tal for 2.2							
2.3	Conduct 2 (two) consultation 2-day w specialists (Kyzylorda)	orksho <sub>l</sub>	ps with the p	participatio	on of at least 22 people or sector			
2.3.1	Rent of venue		day	4				
2.3.2	Meals for 22 participants for 4 days		,					
	coffee breaks	22	coffee break	8				
	lunches	22	lunch	4				
	dinner	22	dinner	2				
2.3.3	Printing, and stationery (dairy, notes, memory stick, pen, pencil).							
Subtot	tal for 2.3							
2.4	Conduct face-to-face interview with relevant institutions and practitioners such as climate and water specialists in Kyzylorda and Aral-Syrdarya district.							
2.4.1	Payment to 10 local interviewers for conduction of interview	10	services	1				
2.4.2	Printing of questionnaires		сору	10				
2.4.3	Notepads		сору	10				
2.4.4	Backpacks for 10 interviewers and 5 key personnel.		item	15				
2.4.5	Stationery for interviewers (pens, pencils, erasers)							

	tal for 2.4					
2.5	Conduct validation and summary of in participants (Kyzylorda).	mpact c	hain data 1-	day work	shop for 20	
2.5.1	Rent of venue		day	1		
2.5.2	Meals for 20 participants for 1 day		,			
	coffee breaks	20	coffee break	2		
	lunches	20	lunch	1		
	dinner	20	dinner	1		
2.5.3	Printing, and stationery (dairy, notes, memory stick, pen, pencil).					
Subtot	tal for 2.5					
2.6	Final workshop with stakeholders for	40 part	icipants (Ky	zylorda)		
2.6.1	Rent of venue		day	1		
2.6.2	Meals for 40 participants for 1 day					
	coffee breaks	40	coffee break	2		
	lunches	40	lunch	1		
	dinner	40	dinner	1		
2.6.3	Printing, and stationery (cuvettes, badges, backpacks, nametags, dairy, notes, memory stick, pen, pencil)					
Subtot	Organize a 1 (one) wider public aware Almaty)	eness ca	mpaign for	100 parti	cipants (3-hours du	ration in
2.7.1	Rent of place in Enterprise and Trading Center (MEGA Center Almaty) with all the accessories and equipment.			1		
2.7.2	Printing of materials for quiz		сору	100		
2.7.3	Printing of posts, stands, and other awareness-raising accessories (badge UNDP & KAZ Flags and etc.).					
	List of accessories should be agreed with the UNDP in advance.					
2.7.4	List of accessories should be agreed		leaflet	40		
2.7.4	List of accessories should be agreed with the UNDP in advance.  Expenses for thematic entertainment printing of interesting leaflets with data information about Climate, Aral Sea, land degradation, pollinators, desertification, best practices and	3	leaflet	40		

2.7.7	Presents for 10 winners <sup>9</sup>		prize	10		250,000.00		
	1st place		prize	1	80,000.00	80,000.00		
	2nd place		prize	1	60,000.00	60,000.00		
	3rd place		prize	1	40,000.00	40,000.00		
	incentive prizes		prize	7	10,000.00	70,000.00		
Subtot	al for 2.7							
SUBTO	SUBTOTAL FOR WORKSHOP AND CONSULTATIONS							
Ш	TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION COST	ΓS						
3.1	Round-trip costs from10 to Kyzylorda (5 persons x 2 trips x 2 days).	5	trip	2				
3.2	Daily Allowance (Kyzylorda) (2 days for 5 persons).	5	days	2				
3.3	Accommodation (Kyzylorda) (2 days for 5 persons).	5	days	2				
SUBTO	TAL FOR TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION	ON COS	ГS					
IV	OTHER COSTS (pls specify if any) <sup>11</sup>							
Subtot	Subtotal for other costs <sup>12</sup>							
	TOTAL FOR ALL SECTIONS							
	VAT (if applicable)							
	TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT IN KZT (including VAT)							

# THIS IS TO CONFIRM THAT THIS OFFER IS VALID FOR 90 DAYS.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Prizes are gifts with fixed cost, equivalent to a specified amount. The contractor should report the prizes (invoices/receipts, and a list of winners with signatures). <sup>10</sup> Indicate departure city

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Only if related to implementation of tasks and deliverables. Under other costs companies shall include detailed list of all costs associated with implementation of the tasks and deliverables, each cost shall be justified and clearly calculated. Unforeseen costs can be subject to UNDP review and approval

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> If applicable