

Posting Title : Writer-Report-2nd Capacity needs assessment government institutions to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and identification of areas for capacity development Asia & Pacific regions

Department/ Office : Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Location : Home-based

Posting Period : 23 September 2021 - 29 September 2021

Job Opening number : 21-Department of Economic and Social Affairs-164611-Consultant

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Duties And Responsibilities

Under the supervision of UNPOG/DPIDG, the consultant will be responsible for performing the following tasks:

1. To undertake this task, the consultant will rely on desk research and studies especially the outcome of the Voluntary National Reviews of selected countries during High-level Political Forum from 2016 to 2021. Conduct a preliminary desk research review of existing institutional arrangements and major steps and policy changes to implement the SDGs and other international development agreements, and mobilize institutions, civil society and the private sector. Elaborate broad diagnostics of areas where further efforts are needed, and related capacity needs of developing countries in the Asia and Pacific region and Eastern Africa to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international development agreements.
2. Conduct an in-depth stylized analyses on the results of the capacity needs assessment in order to complement the desk research review, and assess target countries' needs and priorities in terms of institutional arrangements and coordination, engaging the whole society, advancing digital government transformation and integrated service delivery for SDG implementation.
3. Map the contribution of other UN agencies and regional organizations in the area of governance and public administration to highlight UNPOG's comparative advantage and possibilities to build partnerships.
4. Suggest practical feasible elements to build capacity in a selected number of countries to serve Member States.
5. Prepare a final report of up to 25 pages including both general and country specific analysis and recommendations, complimented by fact sheets of up to 2 pages on each country.
6. Prepare a short brief of 3 to 4 pages presenting a summary of findings and recommendations.
7. Prepare a summary and consolidated report of 3 to 4 pages presenting general overview, conclusions and policy recommendations by country groupings i.e., LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS and Middle-Income countries.

8. Do work assignments that could be added when necessary as the research project progresses.

Work Location

Home-based

Expected Duration

The duration of the contract will be for 80 working days within a period of 5 months, starting 15 October 2021.- 15 March 2022.

Result Of Service

The consultant will prepare the Report on governance and public institutions' capacity needs to accelerate SDG implementation in the Asia and Pacific region and Eastern Africa by conducting the research and synthesizing information from the Capacity Needs Assessment (See Annex). The report will also identify countries' priority areas for capacity development in support of implementation of the SDGs.

The Capacity Needs Assessment will include 5 Least Developed Countries, 8 Landlocked Developing Countries, 16 Small Island Developing States and 3 middle-income countries in the Asia and Pacific region and Eastern Africa.

Qualifications/Special Skills

Academic Qualifications: Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in public administration, public policy, development studies, or related field.

Experience: A minimum of 10 years of experience in research and analytical work related to the relevant subject of the consultancy, including government innovation, digital government, citizen engagement, leadership and institutional building; proven ability to produce high-quality reports and papers; extensive knowledge on Sustainable Development Goals and expertise on the broad range of issues related to the role of government and public administration for achievement of internationally agreed development agenda; in-depth understanding of inter-governmental cooperation and practical experiences of capacity building in developing countries in the Asia and Pacific region and Eastern Africa is an asset; knowledge of and familiarity with the work of the United Nations, particularly UNPOG's activities, is desirable; excellent writing skills in the English language.

Language: Fluency in verbal and written English is required. Knowledge of additional UN languages is an asset.

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