

Application Type :	External Consultancy
Job ID/Title :	Chief Technical Advisor
Brand :	UNDP
Post Level :	consultant
Application Deadline :	10 November 2009

Duty Station :	Tripoli, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA
Type of Contract :	Special Service Agreement
Languages Required :	Arabic (obligatory), English
Starting Date :	15/11/2009
Duration of Initial Contract :	8 months

Background:
<p>Since 2004, Libya has been undertaking economic and administrative restructuring for the purpose of diversifying the economy and enhancing the efficiency of public service delivery. The government has prioritized aligning planning and implementation of development programme to the highest standards of efficiency, transparency and sustainability. The newly created National Economic Development Board (NEDB) reports to the cabinet and is mandated to provide support to the cabinet in managing the ambitious Development Programme (2008-2012) so as to guarantee effective and efficient implementation of development programme on sustainable basis.</p>

Description of Responsibilities :
<p>The consultant will lead and coordinate the technical advisors in public expenditure, finance management, procurement & contracting, and project management.</p> <p>Under the supervision of the director of the concerned Department of NEDB, assist in the establishment of the department. The major tasks involved are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist the Director of the concerned Department in developing the department structure so as to enable it to effectively monitor the implementation of the National Economic Programme in line with the mandate of NEDB 2. Assist the Director of the concerned Department in institutionalizing liaison and coordination between the department and stakeholders (consultants, etc.) 3. Conduct regular review of business flows to ensure their adequacy and provide recommendations for improvement. <p>Under the direct supervision of the Director of concerned Department at NEDB and with a macroeconomic team, facilitate the development and lead the day to day implementation of the new programme management system. The major tasks involved are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide guidance and advice on the formulation of Quality Programme Management System at macro, sub-macro and micro levels. 2. Provide expert advice in the assessment of the existing programme management system with a view to identifying bottlenecks and constraints. 3. Assess and evaluate the new programme management system at every step of its formulation through substantive advice, recommendations, assessment reports 4. Assess the macroeconomic (socio-economic) indicators used in the existing programme management system and provide strategic guidance and advice in the process of formulating macroeconomic (socio-economic) indicators to ensure their effectiveness, adequacy and use. 5. Establish and manage integrated frameworks for continuous and effective assessment, analysis and monitoring of macroeconomic (socio-economic) indicators. 6. Provide guidance and advice in the development of varying scenarios and the formulation of contingency plan for each scenario on the basis of the correlation between agreed upon macroeconomic (socio-economic) indicators and NPD implementation. 7. Regular updating of the likely scenarios and the contingency plans designed for each scenario 8. Establish and maintain up to date system for tracking status of Development Programme Implementation through bottom -up information and feedback (from sub-macro level) 9. Develop and manage inter-sectoral operational arrangement for the purpose of facilitating the effective collection, analysis and dissemination of relevant, sector specific information and feedback 10. Assess the implications of sector specific data and information for macroeconomic indicators and future macroeconomic scenarios. Incorporate such data and feed in regular macroeconomic situation analysis and forecast reports. 11. Act as NEDB's counterpart to international consultants and coordinate external technical assistance provided to NEDB in relation to their impact on macroeconomic indicators. Aid in verification of NEDB's consultants' deliverables related to the subject and elaborate the necessary recommendations to assist the validation process by NEDB. 12. Preparation of policy papers and presentations as may be necessary for the performance of NEDB tasks of macroeconomic performance measurement 13. Carry out such tasks as NEDB may reasonably request.

Competencies:

1. Ability to motivate, support and mentor local staff working respectfully with them and learning from them and transferring skills to them
2. Excellent team working skills
3. Ability to work under pressure with a results focused approach
4. Basic IT proficiency
5. Excellent analytical skills
6. Strong capabilities to build analytic capacities for quantitative information-based policy formulation and analysis
7. Experience working in a multi-cultural environment
8. Sound judgment, flexibility and adaptability, cultural and gender sensitivity

Qualifications :

1. A post graduate degree (preferably PHD) in Economics
2. At least 15 years of relevant professional experience in macroeconomics and economic/ social modeling
3. Experience of interaction and communication with high government interlocutors and development partners.
4. Proficiency in using standard office computer applications.
5. Fluency in Arabic and English language skills, (both written and verbal).

Note: As the support is required immediately, only those candidates who can deploy immediately to Tripoli need apply.

Eligible candidates are requested to send their CVs to libya.hr@undp.org