Call for Expressions of Interest

TEAM LEADER

External Evaluation of UNCTAD’s Subprogramme on Globalization, Interdependence and Development

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the Evaluation and Monitoring Unit, the incumbent will lead the evaluation team in charge of performing the above-mentioned evaluation mandated by UNCTAD's Trade and Development Board, which will be considered by its Working Party on the Strategic Framework and Programme Budget at its sixty-fifth session in September 2013.

UNCTAD's subprogramme on Globalization, Interdependence and Development (Managed by the Division on Globalisation and Development Strategies) contributes to the international debate on globalization and the management of its consequences for developing countries. The subprogramme promotes policies at the national, regional and international level that are conducive to stable economic growth and sustainable development. It regularly examines the trends and prospects in the world economy and undertakes studies on the requirements for successful development strategies, as well as providing analytical, policy and technical support to developing countries in their efforts to integrate into the international financial system and to manage their external debt. The sub-programme also directs UNCTAD’s central statistical services, the Assistance to the Palestinian people programme, the Virtual Institute and work on South-South integration and cooperation.

The objective of the evaluation is to assess the relevance, effectiveness (including impact), and efficiency of activities implemented by the subprogramme in relation to its mandates and its expected accomplishments over the period 2008-2012, and to propose strategic and operational recommendations for enhancements if and when appropriate.

The consultant will be responsible for:

- Designing the evaluation plan and producing an inception report for the evaluation;
- Analyzing programme development and implementation; reviewing relevant documents and reports; identifying problems and issues to be addressed;
- Liaising with relevant internal and external parties and collecting all necessary information to inform the evaluation;
- Develop data collection tools; reviewing, analyzing and interpreting responses, and preparing conclusions;
- Leading field missions, if desirable and feasible, to conduct interviews with partner organisations, policy-makers, beneficiaries and other relevant stakeholders;
- Drafting, finalising and presenting the evaluation report to be presented to the Working Party.

The consultant will be hired for 50 days, spread over the period February - May 2013. The consultant is also required to attend the meeting of the Working Party in September for 1 day to present the evaluation report.
QUALIFICATIONS

Education: Advanced university degree in economics, public administration, finance, or related field.

Experience: At least 7 years of experience in programme evaluation and programme/project management, preferably on programmes in the area of macroeconomic policy and development strategies. Demonstrated knowledge of issues in these subjects is essential. Sound knowledge and experience leading evaluation activities is an advantage. Familiarity with UNCTAD's mandates and the UN system in general is an advantage.


APPLYING FOR THE CONSULTANCY

Applicants are required to submit an expression of interest to undertake the assignment/consultancy and include the following:

- Cover letter stating why you want to do this work, your capacity and experience and available start date.
- Detailed CV

Applications with the above details should be sent to evaluation@unctad.org

Applications must be sent by 4 February 2013.