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CONSULTANCY SERVICE

FOR

THE EVALUATION OF THE AFRICAN UNION PLAN OF ACTION ON DRUG CONTROL AND CRIME PREVENTION (2013-2019) AND PREPARATION OF CONTINENTAL REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS IN 2019 AND 2020

A. BACKGROUND

The African Union (AU) was established as a unique Pan African continental body. It is charged with the responsibility of spearheading Africa's rapid integration and sustainable development by promoting unity, solidarity, cohesion and cooperation among the peoples of Africa and African States; as well as developing a new world wide partnership. Its Headquarters is located at Addis Ababa, capital city of Ethiopia.

The African Union is implementing the revised AU Plan of Action (AUPA) on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2013-2019) whose fundamental goal is to improve health, security and socio-economic well-being of people in Africa by reducing illicit drug use, trafficking and associated crimes. It is the fifth strategic framework to guide drug policy development on the continent and comes with a matrix of activities and responsibilities at continental, regional and national levels. The continental drug action plan was adopted by the Third Ordinary Session of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Health, Population and Drug Control (STC-HPDC-3) in Cairo, Egypt on 29 July – 02 August 2019.

It is anchored on nine pillars namely:

- Measures to address drug demand reduction implemented and health issues associated with drug use addressed;
- Availability and access to controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes accelerated while preventing their diversion;
- Measures to address drug supply reduction implemented along with countering enablers of drug trafficking: firearms, corruption and money laundering;
- Measures to address crime prevention and criminal justice reform implemented;
- Cross cutting issues on drugs and human rights pertaining to all vulnerable groups, especially youth, women, children and communities addressed;

- Evolving reality dealt with: trends and circumstances, emerging and 50 persistent challenges and threats;
- Alternative development and alternative means of livelihood promoted;
- International and regional cooperation based on the principle of common and shared responsibility strengthened; and
- Continental, regional and national management, oversight, reporting, monitoring and evaluation of the AU Plan of Action on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) enhanced.

The Fourth Ordinary Session of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Health, Population and Drug Control (STC-HPDC-4) will be held in March 2021 to among others, consider progress by AU Member States in implementing the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) during the period 2019 to 2020. In preparation for STC-HPDC-4, the African Union Commission intends to recruit a consultant to evaluate the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) and to prepare requisite tools to collect information and compile a continental report detailing progress by Member States in implementing the drug action plan during the two year period 2019 to 2020.

B. OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the consultancy is to evaluate implementation of the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) by African Union Member States and document best practices, lessons learnt, challenges encountered and recommendations to upscale evidence-based services for drug dependency treatment and care. Specifically, the consultant shall compile a comprehensive continental report detailing progress by Member States in implementing the drug action plan during the two year reporting period 2019 to 2020.

C. SCOPE

The evaluation of the AU Plan of Action on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) will be for the two year period 2019 through to 2020. A detailed standardized Questionnaire will be prepared and administered to Member States of the African Union seeking responses on all the pillars of the continental drug control framework. This will be the basis for drafting of the continental report showing achievements, impacts, lessons learnt during the reporting period and ensuing recommendations to Member States on the implementation of the continental drug action plan.

The report on progress by Member States in implementing the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) will cover the period 2019 and 2020. It will primarily be based on a detailed analysis of responses to a standard questionnaire administered to all Member States of the African Union. It will also draw from secondary sources of information including reports/updates by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and other Partners and Civil Society Organisations.

D. DUTY STATION

The Consultant shall work from home with planned travel to the African Union Commission Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia as requested by the Department of Social Affairs.

E. ACTIVITIES

The consultant shall provide technical guidance and oversight on the design of primary data collection tools, review of secondary sources of information, detailed analysis and compilation of the report on progress by AU Member States in implementing the AU Plan of Action on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023). Specifically, the consultant shall:

- Conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) for the period 2019-2020.
- Design a standard questionnaire and administer it to all African Union Member States to gauge their progress in the implementation of all pillars of the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) during the period 2019 to 2020.
- Draft letters and send letters to all Regional Economic Communities in Africa and also the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the International Society of Substance Use Professionals, the International Consortium of Universities in Drug Demand Reduction, Colombo Plan and other relevant Development Partners soliciting information on programmes executed in fulfillment of the pillars of the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) during the period 2019 to 2020.
- Perform a desk review of secondary sources data to extract information on activities implemented by Development Partners in fulfillment of the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) during the period 2019 to 2020.
- Collate all data and use the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) and other relevant scientific tools to perform detailed analyses and produce organized data.
- Compile a detailed report on progress by Member States in the implementation of the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) during the period 2019 to 2020 for consideration by the Fourth Specialized Technical Committee on Health, Population and Drug Control (STC-HPDC-4) in March 2021.

F. DELIVERABLES

- 1) An Inception report with a detailed work plan.
- 2) Comprehensive and standardized questionnaire based on all pillars of the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023).

- 3) Letters to Regional Economic Communities in Africa, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the International Society of Substance Use Professionals, the International Consortium of Universities in Drug Demand Reduction, Colombo Plan and other relevant Development Partners requesting progress reports in the implementation of the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) during the period 2019 to 2020.
- 4) A detailed report on progress by African Union Member States in the implementation of the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) during the period 2019 to 2020.
- 5) Summarized Power Point presentation of the report on progress by African Union Member States in the implementation of the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) during the period 2019 to 2020.

G. REPORTING

The consultant shall work under the direct supervision of and report to Director, Department of Social Affairs, African Union Commission.

H. TRAVEL EXPENSES

The consultant's travel expenses shall be covered by the African Union Commission in accordance with AU rules and regulations.

I. QUALIFICATIONS AND WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- A Master's degree in Social Sciences.
- At least seven (7) years of relevant and practical experience in drug control programme management and/implementation.

J. KEY COMPETENCES/SKILLS

- Statistical data analysis, interpretation and knowledge of quality assurance methods for data collection and analysis.
- Proficiency in the use of SPSS
- Ability to write technical reports.
- Ability to work with sensitive data and information in an ethical, confidential, and trustworthy manner.
- Skills in the distillation, interpretation, and verification of unstructured scientific data.

K. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Proficiency in at least one of the African Union working languages.

L. DURATION

The consultancy contract shall be for a period six months

M. TERMS OF PAYMENT

The consultant shall be paid a total of **US\$15,000** in professional fees as follows:

- 50 % - upon submission of an inception report and comprehensive and Standardized questionnaire based on all pillars and sub-themes of the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023).
- 50% - Submission of detailed and comprehensive report on progress by African Union Member States in the implementation of the AUPA on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) during the period 2019 to 2020.

N. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Individual Consultants will be evaluated based on the basis of qualifications and experience in conducting similar undertakings particularly in the area of drug control.

- a) General Education Qualification and Relevant Training (20 points);
- b) Demonstrated Experience Related to the Assignment (40 points);
- c) Technical approach and methodology (20 points)
- d) Work plan and draft report outline (20 points)

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00-13:00hrs and 14:00-17:00 hours Local Time.

Proposal must be delivered in a written form to the address below not later than 15:00 hours local time, **28th August 2020**.

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