**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**



**SELECTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT: TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL INVENTORY ON SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLANCE LEGISLATION IN SADC REGION**

**REFERENCE NUMBER: SADC/3/5/2/60**

**6th August 2019**

1. **The SADC Secretariat** is inviting Individual Consultants to submit their CV and Financial Proposal for the following services:

**“INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT: TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL INVENTORY ON SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLANCE LEGISLATION IN SADC REGION**

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The Terms of Reference defining the minimum technical requirements for these services are attached as Annex 1 to this Request for Expression of Interest.

**2. Only Individual Consultants are eligible for this assignment provided that they fulfil the following eligibility criteria:**

*a) they are not bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into arrangements with creditors, have suspended business activities, are being subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are being in any similar situations arising from similar procedures provided for in the national legislation or regulations of the SADC member states;*

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*f) they are not being currently subject to an administrative penalty.*

**3.** The maximum budget for this contract is **US 24,500.00 inclusive of professional fees and reimbursable expenses.** Proposals exceeding this budget will not be accepted.

**4**. Your Expression of Interest must be presented as per Standard Expression of Interest Forms attached as Annex 2 to this REOI, in the English language and be accompanied by copies of all the indicated supporting documents. If the supporting documents are not in English, these shall be accompanied by a certified translation into English.

5. Your proposal in a sealed envelope clearly marked **“INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT: TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL INVENTORY ON SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLANCE LEGISLATION IN SADC REGION**

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should be submitted in our tender box located at the followingaddress:

*Secretary to the Tender Committee*

*SADC Secretariat*

*Plot 54385 CBD*

*Private Bag 0095*

*Gaborone*

*Botswana*

6. The deadline for submission of your proposal, to the address indicated in Paragraph 5 above, is: **Tuesday, 27th August 2019 at 14:30hrs local time.**

7. Proposals submitted by E-mail ***are*** acceptable and should be submitted to gbvlegislation@sadc.int by the deadline in Para 6 above

**8.** Your CV will be evaluated against the following criteria.

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| **Category** | **Maximum Score** |
| General Qualifications (education) | 20 |
| Specific Experience | 55 |
| General Skills | 20 |
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| **Total** | **100** |

**9.** Your proposal should be submitted as per the following instructions and in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Standard Contract attached as Annex 3 to this REOI:

(i) PRICES:

The financial proposal shall be inclusive of all expenses deemed necessary by the Individual Consultant for the performance of the contract.

(ii) EVALUATION AND AWARD OF THE CONTRACT:

Expressions of Interest determined to be formally compliant to the requirements will be further evaluated technically.

An Expression of Interest is considered compliant to the requirements if:

* It fulfils the formal requirements (see Paragraphs 2,3,4,5,6 and 7 above),
* The financial proposal (professional fees) does not exceed the maximum available budget for the contract as indicated under Para 3.

The award will be made to the applicant who obtained the highest technical score and with the financial offer (professional fees) within the budget as indicated under Para 3. Expressions of Interest not obtaining a minimum technical score of 70% will be rejected.

(iii) VALIDITY OF THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:

Your Expression of Interest should be valid for a period of 90 days from the date of deadline for submission indicated in Paragraph 6 above.

10. The assignment is expected to commence within two (2) weeks from the signature of the contract.

11. Additional requests for information and clarifications can be made until 7 calendar days prior to deadline indicated in the paragraph 6 above, from:

The Procuring entity: **SADC Secretariat**

 Contact person: Mrs. Jacinta Hofnie

 Telephone: **+267395 1617**

 Fax: **+2673972848**

E-mail: jhofnie@sadc.int **Copy to**  ggwaza@sadc.int

 **All responses to requests for clarifications made will be posted** on the SADC Secretariat’s website at the latest 3 calendar days before the deadline for submission of the proposals.

**ANNEXES:**

ANNEX 1: **Terms of Reference**

ANNEX 2**: Expression of Interest Forms**

ANNEX 3: **Standard Contract for Individual Consultants**

**Sincerely,**

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**Title:** *Head of Procurement Unit*

**ANNEX 1: TERMS OF REFERENCE**



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**RECRUITMENT OF CONSULTANCY TEAM: TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL INVENTORY ON SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLANCE LEGISLATION IN SADC REGION**

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The expected results, and Key Results Area of the Programme are:

Result 1: Strengthened capacity for electoral assistance in SADC;

Result 2: Enhanced capacity in SADC for (gender-sensitive) conflict prevention, management and resolution;

Result 3: Strengthened capacity of SADC Member States to uphold and enhance cross-border safety and security; and

Result 4: Strengthened SADC capacity to address the prevalence of sexual and gender-based violence.

To achieve the expected results, the programme will:

1. Enhance SADC’s capacity for electoral assistance through training and deployment of relevant staff and stakeholders at regional and national levels; enabling peer exchange and dialogue opportunities; promoting domestication of existing legal and strategic frameworks as well as technical support to roll out expert rosters;
2. Strengthen SADC’s capacity to prevent, manage and resolve intra and inter-state conflicts by enhancing deployment capabilities, developing conflict tracking tools and promoting inclusive approaches to addressing conflict;
3. Strengthen capacity of SADC Member States to uphold and enhance cross-border safety and security and implement global and regional commitments related to transnational (organised) crime; and
4. Enhance and strengthen capacity of key service providers (as defined in the SADC Regional Gender Based Violence Strategy and Framework for Action (2019 - 2030) to effectively respond to gender based violence.

This particular assignment is limited to Key Result Area 4 on Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

Research demonstrates that all Member States have adopted legislation to prevent and respond to sexual and gender based violence (SGBV). These laws criminalize violence, ensure the prosecution and punishment of perpetrators, and provide services to support victims and survivors of SGBV. It is important to note that comprehensive legislation provides the foundation for a holistic and effective response to SGBV and that such legislation must be consistently enforced and monitored, and adequate resources. Users of the law must have the skills, capacity and sensitivity to apply the law.

Although most Member States have legislation on SGBV, operationalisation and implementation of laws remains a challenge. Furthermore, since Member States use a number of supportive legislations, in addition to the specific gender based violence law, some of the laws require harmonisation.

This consultancy therefore seeks the services of the consultancy team to establish an inventory on SGBV legislation and to conduct a rapid assessment of laws and policies on SGBV and make recommendations for the identified gaps.

1. **DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT**

The SADC Protocol on Gender and Development, 2008 (revised in 2016) is the first firm commitment by Member States towards addressing gender based violence (GBV) comprehensively. The Protocol identifies GBV among the priority areas of focus through its provisions under Articles 20 to 25.

The SADC Regional Strategy and Framework of Action for Addressing Gender Based Violence, 2018 – 2030 further underscores the need to support Member States on legal and policy reform. In the region, all the SADC Member States have laws on criminalising gender based violence. Similarly all the Member States, except Lesotho have specific national action plans on addressing gender based violence. There is however need to review and harmonise such laws at national levels and also further review with the aim of identifying areas that require strenghtening.

1. **OBJECTIVES**

The consultancy seeks to recruit a team of ***two (2) experts*** to establish an inventory and conduct a rapid assessment of laws and policies on sexual and gender based violence in the SADC Region.

The specific objectives are to:

1. Establish an inventory of SGBV related laws and policies existing in SADC Member States;
2. Conduct a rapid assessment of laws and policies on sexual and gender based violence, to identify gaps and areas that require strengthening; and
3. Provide recommendations to address the gaps.

The specific responsibilities of the consultancy team are as follows:

1. Establish an Inventory on Sexual and Gender Based Violence Legislation in the SADC Region;
2. Conduct a rapid assessment of SGBV legislation with recommendations on areas to strengthen and how to address the identified gaps;
3. Facilitate and rapporteur at a regional workshop, convened by SADC Secretariat, to validate the draft Regional Inventory on Sexual and Gender Based Violence, and submit a report of the validation workshop; and
4. Finalise and submit the Final Regional Inventory and Assessment of Legislation on Sexual and Gender Based Violence in the SADC Region based on the inputs from the workshop convened to validate the draft.

1. **KEY DELIVERABLES**

The major output of this assignment is the Regional Inventory on Sexual and Gender Based Violence, which will be validated by stakeholders and partners. The specific deliverables are:

* A **final Detailed Inception Report** outlining the consultant’s understanding of the assignment and the approach to be employed and the work plan. The inception report will be discussed with the SADC Secretariat prior to the commencement of the assignment;
* **Draft Regional Inventory on Sexual and Gender Based Violence Legislation in the SADC Region including the Assessment findings**, which will be subjected to a validation process in the form of a regional workshop convened by SADC Secretariat. The Consultants will also be responsible for facilitating and rapporteuring this regional validation workshop;
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The key stakeholders/informants for this consultancy will be all **sixteen (16) SADC Member States.** The consultants are expected to do a desk review of the relevant sexual and gender based violence legislation, policies and strategies that are available in all the SADC Member States. The consultants will engage Member States virtually, particularly drafters and users of SGBV legislation drawn from the judiciary, police and gender machineries, amongst others.

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1. Consultancy Fee for = USD24,500.00

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*Gaborone, 24th July 2019*

To: SADC Secretariat

Dear Sirs:

I, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for the “**RECRUITMENT OF CONSULTANCY TEAM: TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL INVENTORY ON SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLANCE LEGISLATION IN SADC REGION** ’’ accordance with your Request for Expression of Interests number SADC/3/5/2/60 , dated [*24th July 2019* ] for the sum of [*Insert amount(s) in words and figures*1[[1]](#footnote-2)]. This amount is inclusive of all expenses deemed necessary for the performance of the contract in accordance with the Terms of Reference requirements, and *[“does” or “does not” delete as applicable]* includeany of the following taxes in Procuring Entity’s country: value added tax and social charges or/and income taxes on fees and benefits.

I hereby declare that all the information and statements made in my CV are true and accept that any misinterpretation contained in it may lead to my disqualification.

I take note that under the provisions of the SADC Procurement Policy applicable to this Request For Expression of Interest, a contract cannot be awarded to applicants who are in any of the following situations:

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I confirm that I am not in any of the situations described above, and I hereby declare that at any point in time, at the SADC Secretariat’s request, I will provide certified copies of documents to prove so.

I am aware that the penalties set out in the Procurement Policy may be applied in the case of a false declaration, should the contract be awarded to me.

My proposal is binding upon me for the period indicated in Paragraph 9(iii) of this Request for Expression of Interest.

I undertake, if my Proposal is accepted, to initiate the consulting services related to the assignment not later than the date indicated in Paragraph 10 of the Request for Expression of Interest, and to be available for the entire duration of the contract as specified in the Terms of Reference.

I understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

Yours sincerely,

Signature [*In full and initials*]:

Name and Title of Signatory:

B. CURRICULUM VITAE

***[Insert full name]***

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| 1. **Family name:**
 | *[insert the name]* |
| 1. **First names:**
 | *[insert the names in full]* |
| 1. **Date of birth:**
 | *[insert the date]* |
| 1. **Nationality:**
 | *[insert the country or countries of citizenship]* |
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| 1. **Physical address:**
2. **Postal address**
3. **Phone:**
4. **E-mail:**
 | *[insert the physical address]**[Insert Postal Address]**[insert the phone and mobile no.]**[Insert E-mail address(es)* |
| 1. **Education:**
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| **Institution:****[Date from – Date to]** | **Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:** |
| *[indicate the month and the year]* | *[insert the name of the diploma and the specialty/major]* |
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**10. Language skills:** (Indicate competence on a scale of 1 to 5) (1 – excellent; 5 – basic)

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| **Language** | **Reading** | **Speaking** | **Writing** |
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| **11. Membership of professional bodies:**  | *[indicate the name of the professional body]* |
| **12. Other skills:** | *[insert the skills]* |
| **13. Present position:** | *[insert the name]* |
| **14. Years of experience:** | *[insert the no]* |
| **15. Key qualifications:** (Relevant to the assignment)*[insert the key qualifications]* |

**16. Specific experience in the region:**

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| **Country** | **Date from - Date to** |
| *[insert the country]* | *[indicate the month and the year]* |
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| *[insert the country]* | *[indicate the month and the year]* |

**17. Professional experience:**

| **Date from – Date to** | **Location of the assignment** | **Company& reference person (name & contact details)** | **Position** | **Description** |
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| *[indicate the month and the year]* | *[indicate the country and the city]* | ***Name of the Company:******Address of the company:******Phone:******Fax:******Email:*** ***Name and title of the reference person from the company:*** | *[indicate the exact name and title and if it was a short term or a long term position]* | ***Name of the Assignment:*** ***Beneficiary of the Assignment:******Brief description of the Assignment:*** ***Responsibilities:*** |
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| *[indicate the month and the year]* | *[indicate the country and the city]* | ***Name of the Company:******Address of the company:******Phone:******Fax:******Email:*** ***Name and title of the reference person from the company:*** | *[indicate the exact name and title and if it was a short term or a long term position]* | ***Name of the Assignment:*** ***Beneficiary of the Assignment:******Brief description of the Assignment:*** ***Responsibilities:*** |

1. **Other relevant information:** (e.g. Publications)

***[insert the details]***

***19. Statement:***

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any willful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

I hereby declare that at any point in time, at the SADC Secretariat’s request, I will provide certified copies of all documents to prove that I have the qualifications and the professional experience as indicated in points 8 and 14 above**[[2]](#footnote-3),** documents which are attached to this CV as photocopies.

By signing this statement, I also authorize the SADC Secretariat to contact my previous or current employers indicated at point 14 above, to obtain directly reference about my professional conduct and achievements.

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|  | Date: |  |

**ATTACHMENTS:** ***1) Proof of qualifications indicated at point 9***
 ***2) Proof of working experience indicated at point 15***

C. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

**REQUEST FOR SERVICES TITLE: ‘RECRUITMENT OF CONSULTANCY TEAM: TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL INVENTORY ON SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLANCE LEGISLATION IN SADC REGION’’**

**REFERENCE NUMBER: SADC/3/5/2/60**

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| **N°** | **Description** | **Unit** | **No. of Units** | **Unit Cost****(in US$)** | **Total****(in US$)** |
| **Fees** | Day |  |  |  |
| **Reimbursable expenses, out of which**  | ***Total*** |  |  |  |
| 1 | Per diem allowances | Day | N/A |  |  |
| 2 | Flights | Trip | N/A |  |  |
| 3 | Miscellaneous travel expenses | Trip |  |  |  |
| 4 | Insurances cost, out of which: | Lump sum  |  |  |  |
|  | i) | Life insurance (including repatriation) | Lump sum | N/A |  |  |
|  | ii) | Heath insurance  | Lump sum | N/A |  |  |
|  | iii) | Third party liability insurance | Lump sum |  |  |  |
|  | iv) | Professional liability insurance | Lump sum | N/A |  |  |
| 5 | Drafting, reproduction of reports | Lump sum |  |  |  |
| 6 | Office rent | Per month | N/A |  |  |
| 7 | Others**4** | TBD |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL FINANCIAL OFFER (Fees + Reimbursable expenses)**  |  |

Signature [*In full and initials*]:

Name and Title of Signatory:

**ANNEX 3: STANDARD CONTRACT FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS**

STANDARD TERMS OF CONTRACT

(Individual Consultant)

**REFERENCE NUMBER: SADC /3/5/2/60**

 **‘’ RECRUITMENT OF CONSULTANCY TEAM: TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL INVENTORY ON SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLANCE LEGISLATION IN SADC REGION ’’**

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THIS Contract (“Contract”) is made on *[day]* day of the month of *[month]*, *[year]*, between, **on the one hand**,

***The SADC Secretariat*** (hereinafter called the “Procuring Entity”) with the registered business in: *Plot 54385 CBD, Private Bag 0095, Gaborone, Botswana*

**and, on the other hand,**

***[Insert the full name of the individual]***(Hereinafter called the “Individual Consultant”), with residence in***[insert the Individual Consultant’ address, phone, fax, email],*** citizen of ***[insert the Individual Consultant’s citizenship]*** owner of the ID/Passport Number ***[insert the number]*** issued on ***[insert the date]* by*****[insert the name of the issuance authority],***

WHEREAS, the Procuring Entity wishes to have the Individual Consultant perform the services hereinafter referred to, and WHEREAS, the Individual Consultant is willing to perform these services,

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES hereby agree as follows:

1. **Définitions**

For the purpose of this contract the following definitions shall be used:

* 1. **Procuring Entity** means the legally entity, namely ***the SADC Secretariat*** who purchase theServices described in Annex 1 to this contract.
	2. **Contract** means the agreement covered by these Terms including the Annexes and documents incorporated and/or referred to therein, and attachments thereto.

**Contract value** means the total price of the Financial Proposal included in the Individual Consultant’s Expression of Interests dated ***[insert the date]*** for the project **– ‘RECRUITMENT OF CONSULTANCY TEAM: TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL INVENTORY ON SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLANCE LEGISLATION IN SADC REGION’’**

**and**reflected as such in the Annex 2 of this contract**.**

 **Individual Consultant** means the individual to whom the Procuring Entity has awarded this contract following the Request for Expression of Interest  **-“ RECRUITMENT OF CONSULTANCY TEAM: TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL INVENTORY ON SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLANCE LEGISLATION IN SADC REGION”**

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* 1. **Services** means the Services to be performed by the Individual Consultant as more particularly described in Annex 1; for the avoidance of doubt, the Services to be performed include all obligations referred to in this Contract (as defined above).
1. **The Services**

The Individual Consultant will undertake the performance of the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Annex 1 of this Contract and shall, in the performance of the Services, exercise all the reasonable skill, care and diligence to be expected of an Individual Consultant carrying out such services.

1. **Payment**
	1. The Individual Consultant shall be paid for the Services at the rates and upon the terms set out in Annex 2.
	2. Payment shall be made to the Individual Consultant in US $ unless otherwise provided by this contract and where applicable, VAT shall be payable on such sums at the applicable rate. The Individual Consultant must, in all cases, provide their VAT registration number on all invoices.
	3. Unless otherwise provided in this Contract, invoices shall be delivered to and made out to Procuring Entity and shall be paid within 30 days of receipt by the Project Director, subject to the Individual Consultant having complied with his/her obligations hereunder in full as stated in the Annex II to this Contract. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to delay and/or withhold, fully or partially, payments that have not been supported by full and appropriate supporting evidence that the services provided were delivered and accepted by the Procuring Entity.
2. **Status of the Individual Consultant**
	1. For the duration of the Contract, the Individual Consultant will have a status similar to the Procuring Entity’scontractor with regards to their legal obligations, privileges and indemnities in the Procuring Entity’s country.
	2. The Procuring Entity will be responsible for ensuring all visas, work permits and other legal requirements to enable The Individual Consultant to live and work in the countries of the assignment as per the duties under the contract.
	3. The Individual Consultant shall be responsible for paying any tax and social security contributions in his/her country of residence, for any activity deriving from this contract. Such costs shall be assumed included in the Individual Consultant’s fees.
	4. The Procuring Entity shall be responsible for paying any taxes resulting from the activities performed under this contract imposed to the Individual in the country(ies) of the assignment with the exception of the ones set out in paragraph 4.3 above.
3. **Supervision of the Services**

The Individual Consultant undertakes to deliver the Services in compliance with a system of quality assurance acceptable to the Procuring Entity which shall include any steps to comply with the standards operated by the Procuring Entity. The Individual Consultant shall be informed of the specific requirements in relation to this, and at the request of the Procuring Entity (s)he shall allow access to information, records and other materials during normal office working hours as the Procuring Entitymay require in order to confirm that the work in progress is in accordance with these quality procedures.

1. **Compliance with this contract**

The Procuring Entitywill be entitled to seek confirmation from the Individual Consultant, at any time during the delivery of this contract, and for a period of 1 year after its completion, that the Individual Consultant has complied with the terms of this contract. Itmay also request the provision of reasonable documentary evidence to support this. As stated in article 2.3 of this Contract, the Procuring Entity may delay or withhold payments in the event of non-compliance.

1. **Assignment and Subcontracting**
	1. The Individual Consultant shall under no circumstances sub-contract, sublet, assign or transfer the Contract or any part share or interest in it. Where the Individual Consultant considers it necessary to use the services of a third party, (s)he shall inform the Procuring Entity’s Project Director in writing, and only once written approval is provided can the Consultant proceed to use a third party.
	2. When the Project Director agrees that the activities under the contract can be performed by a third party, the third party involved in the delivery of services in this contract, will be under the direct control of the Individual Consultant. The Procuring Entity will not be responsible for the third party’s performance of duties or Services assigned to it, and neither for ensuring that conditions of employment are met nor for any other employment obligations relating to that person including, but not restricted to, taxation and insurance including professional indemnity insurance, employer’s liability insurance and public liability insurance.
2. **Breach of the Terms**

In the event of a breach of any Terms of the Contract, the party not in breach may serve a notice on the party in breach requiring the breach to be remedied within a period specified in the notice, not normally being longer than 30 days. If the breach has not been remedied before the expiry of the specified period, the party not in breach may then terminate the Contract in writing and may take appropriate steps to remedy the breach.

1. **Liability of the Individual Consultant**
	1. The Procuring Entity will be relying on the Individual Consultant’s skills, expertise and experience in relation to the performance of the Services in accordance with this contract and also upon the accuracy of all representations and statements made and the advice given in connection with the provision of the Services.
	2. In view of the reliance by the Procuring Entity set out in 9.1 above, the Individual Consultant agrees to indemnify at its own expense, protect and defend the Procuring Entity, its agents and employees, from and against all actions, claims, losses or damages arising out of the Individual Consultant's performance of this contract provided that:
2. the Individual Consultant is notified of such actions, claims, losses or damages not later than 30 days after the Procuring Entitybecomes aware of them;
3. the ceiling on the Individual Consultant's liability to the Procuring Entity shall be limited to an amount equal to the contract value but such ceiling shall not apply to any losses or damages caused to third parties by the Individual Consultant's willful misconduct; and
4. the Individual Consultant's liability shall be limited to actions, claims, losses or damages directly caused by such failure to perform its obligations under the contract and shall not include liability arising from unforeseeable occurrences incidental or indirectly consequential to such failure.
	1. At its own expense, the Individual Consultant shall, upon request of the Procuring Entity, remedy any defect in the performance of the services in the event of the Individual Consultant's failure to perform its obligations under the contract.
	2. The Individual Consultant shall have no liability whatsoever for actions, claims, losses or damages occasioned by the Procuring Entity omitting to act on any recommendation, or overriding any act or decision of the Individual Consultant, or requiring the Individual Consultant to implement a decision or recommendation with which the Individual Consultant disagrees or on which (s)he expresses a serious reservation.
5. **Insurance**
	1. The Individual Consultant must ensure that full and appropriate professional indemnity insurance and third party liability insurance, is in place for all Services provided.
	2. The cost of such insurances will be covered from reimbursable expenses of the contract.
	3. Where national requirements or practices provide for different regulations/practices concerning insurance, the Individual Consultant may provide written confirmation of all insurances held and a signed declaration that these are in line with regulations/practices in their country of operation. Only if such confirmation has been provided, and written confirmation of its acceptance provided to the Individual Consultant by the Procuring Entity, will this remove the obligation to meet the requirements of clause 11.1 of this Contract in full.
	4. All insurances effected by the Individual Consultant shall be effected with an insurer of good repute and the Individual Consultant agrees to maintain such insurances for a period of 1 year from the completion of the Services under this Contract so long as such insurance continues to be available upon reasonable terms at reasonable commercial rates failing which Procuring Entityshall be entitled to take out insurance itself to cover any potential liability to its own Procuring Entity in relation to the performance of the Services under this contract. The cost of such insurance shall be a debt immediately due from the Individual Consultant.
	5. The provisions of this clause shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the completion of the performance of the Services hereunder and the satisfaction of all other provisions of this contract.
6. **Copyright**
	1. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, the title of the copyright and any other intellectual property rights arising out of the performance of this Contract shall be vested in the Procuring Entity which shall have the unfettered right to assign and grant sub-licences in respect of the same. Except as permitted by the Terms of this Contract, the said materials shall not be reproduced or disseminated without proper consultation with, and written permission from, the Procuring Entity. This provision shall apply to the title to rights arising from the performance under this contract but shall not apply to the internal systems or rights in relation to the Individual Consultant’s own systems not created specifically for this purpose and where the same are an important part of the Services. The Individual Consultant shall grant a free and irrevocable licence to the Procuring Entity and its assigns for the use of the same in that connection.

The Individual Consultant warrants that it is free of any duties or obligations to third parties which may conflict with this contract and, without prejudice to the generality of Term 9 above, agrees to indemnify the Procuring Entity against any and all actions, costs damages, direct, indirect or consequential, and other expenses of any nature whatsoever which the Procuring Entitymay incur or suffer as a result of the breach by the Individual Consultant of this warranty.

1. **Non Disclosure & Confidentiality**
	1. The Individual Consultant will treat all information and results obtained in discharging the Services under this Contract as confidential and will not disclose by any means whatsoever such results or material to any third party without the prior written consent of the Procuring Entity and will only use such information for the purposes of this Contract. In addition, the Individual Consultant shall not make any communication to the press or any broadcast (including, but not limited to, inclusion of information on a website) about the Services without the prior written agreement of the Project Director.
	2. If the Individual Consultant violates clause 12.1, then (s)he will automatically and legally be held to pay the amount estimated as the minimum reasonable damages resulting from a breach of confidentiality. This is without prejudice to the right of the Procuring Entity to demonstrate that a higher amount of loss has or may be incurred as a result of liabilities held by the Consultantin relation to the Procuring Entity.
2. **Suspension or Termination**
	1. In response to any factors out of the control of Procuring Entityand/or to breaches of contract by the Consultant, the Procuring Entity may at any time, by giving 30 days’ notice in writing, terminate in whole or in part or suspend the Individual Consultant’s performance of the Services. In such event, the Individual Consultant shall be entitled to payment pursuant to sub-clause 13.4 below. If such suspension continues for a period in excess of twelve months, then either party may terminate this contract forthwith by written notice to the other.
	2. The Individual Consultant may also terminate the contract unilaterally, without providing any reasons for such decision, if (s)he gives a 30 days prior written notice to the Project Director.
	3. In the event of early termination of the Contractunder sub-clauses 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 of this clause, the Individual Consultant shall be entitled to a fair and reasonable proportion of the fees payable for that part of the Services carried out up to the date of such termination or suspension but this shall not include any loss of profit or contracts or any other expenses, losses or claims arising out of such termination or suspension or consequential thereupon.
3. **No Waiver**

No forbearance shown or granted to the Individual Consultant, unless in writing by an authorized officer of the Procuring Entity,shall in any way affect or prejudice the rights of the Procuring Entityor be taken as a waiver of any of these Terms.

1. **Variations**

Any variation to these terms or the provisions of the Annexes shall be subject to a written Addendum and be signed by duly authorized signatories on behalf of the Individual Consultant and the Procuring Entity respectively.

1. **Jurisdiction**

This contract shall be governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with Botswana law and each party agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Botswana courts in regard to any claim or matter arising under this contract.

**The following Annexes are integral part of this Contract:**

***Annex 1: Terms of Reference***

***Annex 2: Payment Schedule and Requirements***

Signed today ***[insert the date]*** in four (4) originals in the English language by:

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| **For the Procuring Entity** | **For the Individual Consultant** |
| **Name :** |  | **Name :** |  |
| **Position :** |  |  |  |
| **Place :** |  | **Place :** |  |
| **Date:**  |  | **Date :** |  |
| **Signature:** |  | **Signature:** |  |

***Annex 1: Terms of Reference***

*[insert the Terms of Reference]*

***Annex 2: Payment Schedule and Requirements***

* 1. For Services rendered pursuant to Annex 1, the Procuring Entity shall pay the Individual Consultant an amount not to exceed the ceiling of US Dollars ***[insert ceiling amount],*** which shall be considered the contract value. This amount has been established based on the understanding that it includes all of the Consultant’s costs and profits as well as any tax obligation that may be imposed on the Individual Consultant in his/her country of residence.
	2. The breakdown of prices is:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **N°** | **Description** | **Unit** | **No. of Units** | **Unit Cost****(in US$)** | **Total****(in US$)** |
| **Fees** | Day |  |  |  |
| **Reimbursable expenses, out of which**  | ***Total*** |  |  |  |
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| 5 | Drafting, reproduction of reports | Lump sum |  |  |  |
| 6 | Office rent | Per month |  |  |  |
| 7 | Others**4** | TBD |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL FINANCIAL OFFER (Fees + Reimbursable expenses)**  |  |

3. The payment shall be made in accordance with the agreed schedule in line with the deliverables

 4. **Payment Conditions:** Payment shall be made in US Dollars not later than 30 days following submission of original invoice by the Individual Consultant, in duplicate, accompanied by the requested supporting documents. All payments under the contract shall be made by bank transfer into the bank account indicated by the Individual Consultant in her/his invoices.

1. Amounts must coincide with the ones indicated under Total Cost of Financial proposal in Form FIN-2. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. ***The proof of stated qualifications shall be in the form of the copies of the degrees and diploma obtained, while for the professional experience the proof shall be either acknowledgement letters from the previous employers or copies of the Purchase Order/ Contract signed with them.***  [↑](#footnote-ref-3)