

Invitation to Submit an Offer for National Biodiversity Finance Specialist, under Vacancy Announcement Qu25/03026

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Follow the instructions in the user guide to search for the competition using search filters, namely **Negotiation ID: UNDP-MDA-00762** and subscribe to the competition in order to get notifications in case of amendments of the competition document and requirements.

In case you have never registered before, follow this link to register a profile: <u>https://estm.fa.em2.oraclecloud.</u> <u>com/fscmUl/redwood/supplier-registration/register-supplier/register-supplier-verification?</u> <u>id=TUW16eK6qsD94MNMxATNMoYCOHny7FmchTkUZsdOqrAW4sy6L5xSAB033Q%3D%3D</u> based on the instructions in guides available in UNDP website: <u>https://www.undp.org/procurement/business/resources-for-bidders</u>.

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We look forward to your favourable response and thank you in advance for your interest in working with UNDP.

Sincerely,

UNDP Moldova

Individual Contractor UNDP-MDA-00762





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1 Overview

1.1 General Information

Title	Qu25/03026:Biofin/National Biodiversity Finance Specialist
Contact Point	UNDP Procurement Unit
Outcome	
E-Mail	sc.md@undp.org
Reference Number	Qu25/03026
Beneficiary Country	MDA
Introduction	
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1.2 Tender Timeline

Preview Date

Open Date	11/07/25 12:27 PM
Close Date	25/07/25 13:30 PM
Time Zone	Coordinated Universal Time

1.3 Response Rules

	Rule	
N	Suppliers are allowed to revise their submitted response	

1.4 Terms

Negotiation Currency USD



2 Requirements

*Response is required

Pease review carefully the requirements and questions in this section.

Provide answers where required (marked with *asterisk symbol) and upload supporting documents when requested so (marked with *asterisk symbol).

Please note that there are several Sections to be filled in, under the <u>"Requirements"</u> step on the right side the page:

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2.1 Section 1. Overview of the assignment

1. Background

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) requires the services of an individual to perform the work described in this document.

2. Scope of Work, Responsibilities and Description of Work

For detailed information on the Scope of Work, responsibilites and description of work, please refer to hereby attached Terms of Reference.

2.2 Section 2. Documents to be included with the proposal

*1. Offeror's letter to UNDP confirming interest and availability for the individual contractor (IC)



assignment, including Financial Proposal (USD) in Annex 2

Upload the signed version of the filled in Offeror's letter to UNDP confirming interest and availability for the individual contractor (IC) assignment. Annex 2 to the Offeror's letter, incorporating the Financial Proposal, shall be filled in mandatorily and includes the detailed breakdown of costs supporting the all inclusive financial proposal.

The Financial Proposal shall be additionally submitted directly in the system. Please ensure there are no mathematical errors and that amounts from Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability match with your offer in the system.

*2. Motivation statement

Motivation statement indicating the position applying for, explaining why they are the most suitable for the work including previous experience in similar Projects (please provide brief information on each of the above qualifications, item by item);

*3. CV and other documents

Provide your personal CV including education/qualifications, professional certifications, and employment records/experience in similar assignments, including at least 3 references.

2.3 Section 3. Evaluation - Minimum Qualification Stage

1. Screening against Minimum Qualification Requirements

Initially, individual consultants will be short-listed based on the following minimum qualification criteria:

- Citizenship of Republic of Moldova

- Advanced Degree (master's or higher) in finance, economics, business management, policy development or a closely related field. Or bachelor's degree in the same field as above with 7 years of experience.

- At least 5 years' experience (master's degree) or 7 years' experience (with bachelor's degree) preferably in environmental finance, public finance, accounting, financial analysis, economics, management or related field.

*2. Minimum Qualification Requirements

Do you meet the Minimum Qualification requirements listed in the TOR?

2.4 Section 4. Evaluation - Technical and Interview Stage

1.

The short-listed individual consultants will be further evaluated based on the following methodology:



Cumulative analysis

The award of contract will be made to one individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as being:

a) Responsive/compliant/acceptable, and

b) Achieving the highest combined score (financial - 30% weight and technical - 70% weight).

- The technical criteria (education, experience, language [max. 50 points] and interview [max. 20 points]) will be based on a maximum 70 points. Only the top 3 candidates that have achieved a minimum of 35 points from the review of education, experience and language will be considered for the interview;

- All candidates obtaining 14 points or higher in the interview, thus totaling 49 points or higher at the technical evaluation stage, will be deemed technically compliant and considered for financial evaluation.

	Criteria	
	Criteria A: Relevance and responsiveness of candidate's past experience. Qualification based on submitted documents:	
<u>Technical</u>	• Advanced Degree (master's or higher) in finance, economics, business management, policy development or a closely related field. Or bachelor's degree in the same field as above. (Bachelor degree - 7 points; Master degree - 10 points; PhD - 15 points (15 points max));	50 Poin
	• Minimum 5 years' experience preferably in environmental finance, public finance, accounting, financial analysis, economics, management or related field. (5 years - 5 points, each additional year 1 point up to 10 points max)	



n I	• Professional experience working with the government, in financial analysis and public expenditures review (5 years - 5 points, each additional year 1 point up to 10 points max), and in sectoral financial mechanisms (5 years - 5 points, each additional year 1 point up to 10 points max);	
	• Professional experience working with the international organizations on aspects related to public finance management, financial analysis and public expenditures review (each year 1 point up to 5 points max).	
	Criteria B: Interview - Competency/ Questions	
1	• Briefly comment on your familiarity with the government, public finance framework, financial analysis public expenditure reviews and sectoral financial mechanisms in the Country. State examples. (Up to 6 points)	
	• Comment on your greatest professional achievement (results and impact of your work) (Up to 3 points) and a job/task where you were greatly criticized/provided feedback, how did you respond. (Up to 3 points)	
	Excellent verbal communication skills. (Up to 4 points)	
}	 Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability. (Up to 4 points) 	

2.5 Section 5. Evaluation - Financial Stage

1. Financial Evaluation



Financial

Lowest Qualified Offer / Offer under evaluation*100

2.6 Section 6. Offer Form

*1. Offeror's Declaration

I hereby declare that:

-- I have read, understood and hereby accept the Terms of Reference describing the duties and responsibilities of this assignment;

-- I have also read, understood and hereby accept UNDP's General Conditions of Contract for the Services of the Individual Contractors;

-- I hereby propose my services and I confirm my interest in performing the assignment through the submission of my CV which I have duly signed and attached hereto;

-- In compliance with the requirements of the Terms of Reference, I hereby confirm that I am available for the entire duration of the assignment, and I shall perform the services in the manner described in my proposal.

*2. Payment Type and Rates

I hereby confirm to complete the services based on the following payment rate:

A total lump sum payable in the manner described in ToR.

*3. Payment Certification Procedures

I recognize that the payment of the abovementioned amounts due to me shall be based on my delivery of outputs within the timeframe specified in the TOR, which shall be subject to UNDP's review, acceptance and payment certification procedures.

*4. Offer Validity

Please confirm your offer remains valid for a total of 90 days after the submission deadline.

*5. Contract Type

Select the contract type that you will sign if selected, from the two options below:

1. Sign an Individual Contract with UNDP;

2. Request my employer to sign with UNDP a Reimbursable Loan Agreement (RLA) for and on my behalf. Provide contact persons and details of employer in the comments box or as an attachment.

*6. Other Engagements



Please indicate whether you have any other engagements at the time of submission. Provide details using the hereby attached Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability template.

*7. Acceptance and Cost for the Proposal

I fully understand and recognize that UNDP is not bound to accept this proposal, and I also understand and accept that I shall bear all costs associated with its preparation and submission and that UNDP will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the selection process.

*8. Expectations to Re-instate

I also fully understand that, if I am engaged as an Individual Contractor, I have no expectations nor entitlements whatsoever to be re-instated or re-employed as a staff member.

*9. Former UN Staff Member

If you are a former staff member of the United Nations recently separated, please confirm hereby that you have complied with the minimum break in service required before you can be eligible for an Individual Contract.

*10. Relatives employed with UN

Please confirm that you have no first degree relative (mother, father, son, daughter, spouse/partner, brother or sister) currently employed with any UN Agency or office.

If such relationship exist, please disclose the name of the relative, the UN office employing the relative, and the relationship in the hereby attached Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability template.

*11. Relatives employed by UN or other Organizations

Are any of your relatives employed by UNDP, or any other UN organization or any other public international organization?

If such relationship exist, please disclose the name of the relative, the UN office employing the relative, and the relationship in the hereby attached Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability template.

*12. Enquiries with present employer

Do you have any objections to us making inquiries of your present employer?

*13. Permanent Civil Servant Employee

Are you now or have you ever been a permanent civil servant in your government's employee? If yes, indicate when in the comments box.

*14. Criminal Records

Have you been arrested, indicted, or summoned into court as a defendant in a criminal proceeding, or convicted, fined or imprisoned for the violation of any law (excluding minor traffic violations)? If yes, give full particulars of each case in an attached statement.



*15. Statement of Health

The selected contractor will be required to provide proof of insurance coverage as stated in the Statement of Health herewith attached prior to contract signature.

Target: I will be able to provide proof of medical insurance coverage if selected

*16. Conflict of Interest

Consistent with the overall principle of fairness and impartiality in the conduct of UNDP Procurement, individual contractors who have been involved in the preparation or formulation of a project or any project implementation activity that leads to subsequent services, including but not limited to the writing of Terms of References for services leading to the engagement of Individual Contractor, should be disqualified from the selection process for IC services arising from such work, in order to prevent situations of conflict of interest. In the same manner, an individual contractor must neither be involved in the evaluation or assessment of a project or a project activity, if the same individual was involved in any aspects of its formulation or implementation.

Please disclose if you have been involved in any of the manners described above.

*17. Certification of Statement

I certify that the statements made by me in answer to the foregoing questions are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any misrepresentation or material omission made on a Personal History form or other document requested by the Organization may result in the termination of the service contract or special services agreement without notice.

<u>Note:</u> You will be requested to supply documentary evidence which support the statements you have made above. Do not, however, send any documentary evidence until you have been asked to do so and, in any event, do not submit the original texts of references or testimonials unless they have been obtained for the sole use of UNDP.

2.7 Section I-1.

2.8 Section I-2.



3 Lines

Instructions Please add the price for each deliverable listed below, in accordance with Terms of Reference. Upload breakdown of financial proposal (in USD) using template provided (Annex 2). Make sure that the total in the breakdown matches with total of deliverables in the system.

3.1 Line Information

Line	Category Name	Item	UOM	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Additional Attributes
1-1. Inventory report of (a) existing Biodiversity Financing Mechanisms in the country developed (10 wds) and (b) existing economic valuation studies relevant to the BIOFIN process (10 wds) submitted.	80111621						
2-2. Map of existing studies/informat ion/databases on biodiversity expenditures, including an overview of earlier environmental expenditure reviews carried out.	80111621						



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3-3. A proposed national definition for "biodiversity expenditures", based on the BIOFIN methodology or other methodologies developed.	80111621						
4-4. (a) A workplan for the Biodiversity Expenditure Review for discussion with the national BFP programme team (15 wds) and (b) a target list of organizations to include in the analysis based on the PIR work (10 wds) developed	80111621						



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5-5. A system to tag biodiversity expenses into categories (GBF targets, BIOFIN categories, NBSAP themes, etc.) and a system of coefficients/attri bution to estimate the contribution of mixed actions towards biodiversity established.	80111621						
6-6. Assessment of data from the targeted organizations (including international organizations/d onors/ODA) to conduct the expenditure review on budgets and expenditures. including mapping of sources of funding, subsidies, and biodiversity- based revenues, etc. carried out.	80111621						



Line	Category Name	ltem	UOM	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Additional Attributes
7-7. Excel tool to (a) analyze the total biodiversity- related expenditures filtered by major strategy groups using existing methodology (or national categories such as in the NBSAP) (10 wds) and (b) applying budget projections	80111621						
8-8. (a) A specific strategy for data collection of the private sector developed (10 wds) and (b) dedicated consultation meetings with private sector stakeholders (e. g. chamber of commerce, multinationals) on tracking biodiversity expenditure	80111621						
9-Draft of BIOFIN Biodiversity Expenditure Review report for review by the GPMTSU (Global Project Management and Technical Support Unit) developed.	80111621						



Line	Category Name	Item	UOM	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Additional Attributes
10-10. Final Biodiversity Expenditure Review report for review by the GPMTSU developed	80111621						
11-11. Validation Workshop for the presentation of the Report	80111621						
12-1. Inventory report of (a) existing Biodiversity Financing Mechanisms in the country developed (10 wds) and (b) existing economic valuation studies relevant to the BIOFIN process (10 wds) submitted.	80111621						
13-Draft of BIOFIN Biodiversity Expenditure Review report for review by the GPMTSU (Global Project Management and Technical Support Unit) developed.	80111621						

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