

United Nations Development Programme**Letter of Invitation**

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

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Ref. no. Eol-23/02635/2023-03-09/**Subject: GRANTS on development of SUPPORT AND advocacy capacities
of the business support organizations**

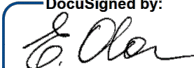
Dear Sir/Madam:

The Advanced Cross-River Capacities for Trade Project (AdTrade) implemented by UNDP with the financial assistance of Sweden and UK, launches a Grants competition aiming at developing the BSOs institutional capacities for advocating the interests of the private sector for an improved business environment on both banks of Nistru river. The initiative would also rely on cross-river transfer of knowledge and skills through establishing partnerships between business associations from both riverbanks with a view to share knowledge and expertise on support and advocacy. This competition is launched to identify up to 6 (six) partnership initiatives in the amount of up to 50,000 USD developed and submitted by a consortium of BSOs from two banks of the Nistru river. The business support organizations (sectorial business associations, unions of producers, employers' associations, chambers of commerce, other non-state and non-private business support organizations) from both banks of Nistru river will offer support to the private sector to deal with challenges in their entrepreneurial activity, including the ones caused by regional crisis, and improve the business environment on both banks of the Nistru river. With joint efforts, the applicant organizations will identify the needs of support for the private sector, will strengthen the public-private dialogue, propose feasible policy solutions for the improvement of the business climate.

The expression of interests includes the following documents:

1. The letter of Invitation (in English only);
2. Application Guidelines (in English, Romanian and Russian);
3. Annex 1 - Application Form (in English, Romanian and Russian);
4. Annex 2 - Project Budget Template (in English, Romanian and Russian).

The Proposals should be submitted in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Guidelines. Should you require any further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person identified in the attached Guidelines as the focal point for queries on this Expression of Interest

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Yours sincerely,

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