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Letter of Invitation

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

1 April 2024

Ref. No. _____

Subject: *GRANT COMPETITION "Strengthen Capacities of NGOs Working on Private Sector Development", implemented by UNDP*

Dear Sir/Madam,

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hereby announces an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the selection of project proposals from partner non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working on private sector development (i.e., business support organization, sectoral business associations, chambers of commerce, trade unions, etc.).

Two grants of up to 40 000 USD will be awarded for two organizations that would strengthen the collaborative relationships with academia, industry, government, civil society, and/or private sector to address actual challenges and promote future-proof 'green' business models or trade facilitation solutions for business environment competitiveness enhancement on both banks of the river Nistru.

As women, youth, active elders, refugees, or workers in the agricultural sector, are particularly hit by the multiple crises, they will be the target groups, but also final beneficiaries of the development services provided by winning organizations. Hence, the proposed projects by the applicant organizations should be in support to businesses owned or actively employing the vulnerable groups mentioned above.

The best applications will be identified based on transparent and competitive selection procedures detailed in the attached Guidelines.

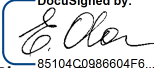
The Expression of Interest includes the following documents:

1. This Letter of Invitation (English only);
2. Applicant's Guidelines (in English, Romanian, Russian);
3. Annex 1 – Application form and plan of activities (in English, Romanian, Russian);
4. Annex 2 – Project proposal form (in English, Romanian, Russian);
5. Annex 3 – Template for the project budget (in English, Romanian, Russian)

Project proposals should be submitted in accordance with 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 EOI.

Sincerely,

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