



Letter of Invitation

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

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Ref. no. Eol/02193/2020-12-22/005

**Subject: GRANTS competition for advanced technological innovation in production and processing of agricultural products on both banks of the Nistru river.**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Advanced Cross-river Capacities for Trade Project (AdTrade) implemented by the United Nations Development Programme with the financial support of Sweden invites business support associations, agricultural producers and processors from both banks of Nistru river to submit project proposal aiming to identify agricultural producers and processors on both banks of the river willing to join their efforts to adopt improved agricultural technology and innovations in production and processing of agricultural products so as to penetrate new export markets or to increase their presence on the domestic and foreign markets, being assisted by a business support organization. The grant program will financially support at least 5 partnership projects with a maximum budget of 50,000 USD each. The selected projects will receive innovative equipment and machinery, that alongside the knowledge and skills provided by the business support organization, will help the enterprises working in the sector to mitigate the negative effects of this year 's crisis caused by frost, drought and COVID-19 and to provide conditions for increasing trade and exports.

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 – Declaration of Association (in English, Romanian and Russian);
5. Annex 3 - 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.

Yours sincerely,

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