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Vacancy Announcement

4 Consultancies on Development and Modern Slavery
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Organizational Unit: United Nations University – Centre for Policy Research
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About UN University
For the past four decades, United Nations University (UNU) has been a go-to think tank for impartial research on the pressing global problems of human survival, conflict prevention, development and welfare. With more than 400 researchers in 13 countries, UNU’s work spans the full breadth of the 17 SDGs, generating policy-relevant knowledge to effect positive global change. UNU maintains more than 200 collaborations with UN agencies and leading universities and research institutions across the globe.

UN University’s Centre for Policy Research in New York is an independent think tank within the United Nations system. We combine research excellence with deep knowledge of the multilateral system to generate innovative solutions to current and future global public policy challenges. For more information on UNU-CPR and its work, please visit http://cpr.unu.edu.

For the last four years, UN University has worked on a variety of policy issues around the fight against modern slavery, notably data with the creation of Delta 8.7, the Alliance 8.7 Knowledge Platform; international law and international criminal justice; and the financial sector with the creation of the Liechtenstein Initiative for a Financial Sector Commission on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. UN University’s thought leadership in this field has led it to become a centre of excellence for policy-relevant research questions related to anti-slavery and anti-trafficking efforts.

Consultancies Overview
These four consultancies offer a unique opportunity to contribute to an innovative policy research project to establish and promote a clear case for the global development community to prioritize anti-slavery and anti-trafficking efforts in development programming and policies.
The consultant/s will be responsible for contributing analysis towards a study on the development case for anti-slavery efforts. The study will be published in early 2020, and aims to reshape thinking on the economic and social development case for investment in anti-slavery efforts, and on the strategies for integrating anti-slavery thinking into development interventions.

Note that the four consultancies can be performed by individuals or by a team; and in any combination.

**Consultancy A:** between 20 and 24 days, *delivery by 30 August 2019.*
A literature review, covering relevant grey and academic literature to map what we know about the impacts of slavery and anti-slavery programming on public revenues; corruption; improved productivity; costs of capital; terms of trade; social protection; public health; and inequality. And a mapping (or network analysis) of existing anti-slavery efforts against the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

**Consultancies B, C and D:** between 55 and 60 days for each consultancy, *delivery by 30 September 2019.*
Three sectoral case studies, combining desk and field research, using a common template to identify lessons learned on how financing, political engagement and know-how have or could be combined in development interventions to promote anti-slavery results around (B) the palm oil sector (with a focus on Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria and Ivory Coast; (C) fisheries (with a focus on Thailand and Southeast Asia); and (D) apparel (with a focus on Bangladesh, Viet Nam and Ethiopia).

The budget envelope for expenditure on all four consultancies (put together) is USD 102,000. No more than USD 30,000 will be spent on any single consultancy for Consultancies B, C and D; and no more than USD 12,000 will be spent on Consultancy A.

**About you**
You are an individual or research team with a track record of analytic excellence relating to sustainable development issues, including forced or child labour, modern slavery and/or human trafficking issues. You can demonstrate:
- knowledge of the grey and academic literature relevant to the Consultancy you are bidding on;
- relevant field experience and/or exposure to relevant professional or practice networks; and
- a first class analytic and drafting record.

You are disciplined, thorough and can manage strict deadlines as well as a fast-paced work environment. You work well autonomously without constant supervision but have a record of working as part of multi-partner project teams. You thrive in multi-cultural and multi-lingual settings, enjoy innovative thinking and are committed to gender equality.

**Responsibilities and Deliverables**
The consultant/s will work closely with the Project Team, consisting of the Director of UNU-CPR and the Adviser to the Director on a research project to make the development case for fighting modern slavery. Up to four (4) consultants or consulting teams will be hired to perform the work requirements.

**Consultancy A:** by 30 August 2019 –
- Complete a 5,000-word literature review and evidence gap map dataset, covering relevant grey and academic literature to map what we know about the impacts of slavery and anti-slavery
programming on public revenues; corruption; improved productivity; costs of capital; terms of trade; social protection; public health; and inequality; and
- Complete a mapping exercise (or network analysis) of existing anti-slavery efforts against the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

No more than USD 12,000 will be made available for Consultancy A. Please note that there will be a 5% loading for the lowest bid in the scoring process.

**Consultancies B, C and D: by 30 September 2019 –**
- Complete a case study, including both desk research and in-country consultations with relevant stakeholders (including World Bank, UN Country Teams, and beneficiary organizations in the field) identifying how financing, political engagement and know-how have or could be combined in development interventions to promote anti-slavery results around:
  - (B) the palm oil sector, with a focus on Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria and Ivory Coast, considering inter alia the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil;
  - (C) fisheries, with a focus on Thailand and Southeast Asia; and
  - (D) apparel, with a focus on Bangladesh, Viet Nam and Ethiopia, considering inter alia the Bangladesh Accord and the Alliance for Bangladesh Worker Safety.

No more than USD 30,000 will be made available per consultancy for Consultancies B, C and D. Please note that there will be a 5% loading for the lowest bid in the scoring process.

**Required qualifications and experience**
- At least five (5) years of relevant domain expertise relating to sustainable development and/or economics issues;
- Knowledge of relevant academic and grey literature and areas of practice relating to modern slavery and human trafficking issues required;
- Track record of performing similar research (quantitative and qualitative) and analytical work required;
- Field experience for professional research missions required; and
- Experience managing budgets.

Post-graduate researchers with relevant domain expertise (e.g. economics, development studies) are particularly encouraged to apply for Consultancy A.

**Terms – duration and remuneration**
The consultancies will start as soon as a suitable candidate is identified. Consultancy A will run until 30 August 2019. Consultancies B, C and D will run until 30 September 2019.

Remuneration will be commensurate with experience and based on a budget proposal submitted as part of the application procedure. A total of USD 102,000 will be made available for completion of all four consultancies.
Application Procedure

1. An information call for interested applicants will be held on Friday, 3 May 2019 at 11.00AM EST. Please email Julie Oppermann, oppermann@unu.edu, to indicate your interest in joining the call and receive dial-in details.

2. Applications will be received until 13 May 2019 via develop87@unu.edu. Applicants should submit an application comprising:
   - A proposed 1-page project plan for delivery of the specific deliverables;
   - A list of personnel that will execute the project if the application is successful, including annexed resumes; and
   - A detailed budget setting out, at a minimum, personnel costs (including the anticipated time involved in completion of the consultancy), travel expenses and overhead.

3. Applications will be reviewed and scored based on the following criteria:
   - Track record of performing related research: 20/100
   - Domain knowledge and professional expertise of project personnel: 20/100
   - Suitability of the project plan: 35/100
   - Budget suitability: 20/100
   - Loading for the lowest priced application: 5/100

4. At least 2 shortlisted candidates, based on the scored applications will be invited to participate in interviews on Wednesday, 22 May 2019. An inception meeting for successful candidates will take place in New York (or by VTC) in early June 2019.