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| **INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT - ADVISOR FOR CONSTITUTION BUILDING** | |
| **Location :** | Kathmandu, NEPAL |
| **Application Deadline :** | 30-Nov-14 |
| **Additional Category** | Democratic Governance |
| **Type of Contract :** | Individual Contract |
| **Post Level :** | International Consultant |
| **Languages Required :** | English |
| **Starting Date :** (date when the selected candidate is expected to start) | 01-Jan-2015 |
| **Duration of Initial Contract :** | 90 days over a period of six months |
| **Expected Duration of Assignment :** | 90 days over a period of six months |
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| **Background** |
| The UNDP has supported Nepal’s constitution building process since 2006. The Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) of 2006 ended a decade long conflict and committed the country to a process of transition and change. The adoption of a new constitution by an elected and inclusive Constituent Assembly (CA) was a key element of the peace agreement. The constitution building process was designed to be inclusive, broadly consultative, supported mainly by Nepali experts and to lay the foundation for a new social contract for a new Nepal for the people of Nepal.  Though substantial progress was made following the election of the first Constituent Assembly in 2008, despite several extensions of its term, it failed to adopt a new constitution by May 2012. After a period of constitutional crisis a political consensus was reached and elections to a second Constituent Assembly conducted in November 2013. The second CA is expected to build on the achievements of the first CA, resolve the contentious issues that prevented consensus during the first CA and draft and adopt a new constitution as a matter of national priority. The adoption of a new constitution in keeping with the commitments to change outlined in the CPA of 2006 and the provisions of the Interim Constitution of 2007 are vital for sustainable peace and democracy.  UNDP’s Support to Participatory Constitution Building in Nepal (SPCBN) project has since 2008 worked closely with the Constituent Assembly and civil society to:   * Provide technical and infrastructure support to the CA; * Provide space for an informed debate on constitutional issues with particular reference to international norms and comparative best practice; * Facilitate public participation and civil society engagement in the constitution making process; * Facilitate coordination and policy advice to the international community to support the constitution making process   The International Advisor on Constitution Building will provide support to the constitution making process in keeping with the commitments made under the CPA 2006 and advice on the effective implementation of the new constitution. |
| **Duties and Responsibilities** |
| The International Advisor will have 3 main areas of responsibility:   * Advise the project and project staff for outputs to remain relevant to Nepal’s post peace agreement constitution making process. * Provide high quality technical, policy and advisory services to CA members, other national partners, the international community, the Resident Coordinator and UNDP Offices; * Facilitate partnership development with key stakeholders, both national and international and support the Resident Coordinator and the UNDP Country Office in coordination, information sharing and dialogue with development partners as well as CA members, key state and non-state actors and political parties.   The International Advisor will report to the UNDP Deputy Country Director (P), while maintaining a close working relationship with the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Country Director.  Interested candidates can download the Procurement Notice, detailed Terms of Reference (Annex1), general Conidtions of Contract for the services of Individual Contractors (Annex 2) and P11 Form (Annex 3) from the UNDP website:  [http://procurement-notices.undp.org/view\_notice.cfm?notice\_id=19351.](http://procurement-notices-admin.undp.org/view_notice.cfm?notice_id=19351)  Please submit your application at the following email address if you face problem applying online:  [procurement.np@undp.org.](mailto:procurement.np@undp.org) |
| **Competencies** |
| **Functional Competencies:**   * Self-development, initiative-taking; * Acting as a team player and facilitating team work; * Facilitating and encouraging open communication in the team, communicating effectively; * Creating synergies through self-control; * Managing conflict; * Learning and sharing knowledge and encourage the learning of others. Promoting learning and knowledge management/sharing is the responsibility of each staff member; * Informed and transparent decision making. * Demonstrate professional competence and expert knowledge of the pertinent substantive areas of work.   **Corporate competences:**   * Commitment to UNDP’s mission, vision and values; * Sensitivity to cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age differences; * Fulfills all obligations to gender sensitivity and zero tolerance for sexual harassment; * Demonstrate consistency in upholding and promoting the values of UN in actions and decisions, in line with the UN Code of Conduct. |
| **Required Skills and Experience** |
| **Education:**   * An advanced (Master’s or above) degree in law, political science or related social science.   **Experience:**   * At least 10 years experience of senior level experience dealing with constitutional reform, state restructuring or conflict resolution; * A proven policy, advisory and advocacy experience including engagement with political leaders, civil society and the international community; * Experience in operating in a complex political environment; * Nepal and South Asian experience on constitutional development is an asset.   **Language:**   * Excellent English language skills, oral and written. |