

**KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA
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**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
ENHANCED INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK (EIF)**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FOR
NATIONAL CONSULTANT TO PREPARE THE CONCEPT NOTES OF THE MEDIUM
TERM PLAN 2016-2020
(REF: EIF/2015/033)**

1. The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) through the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) has received a grant of US\$1'493'000 as part of the Enhanced Integrated Framework -Tier I implementation (2010-2015). Subsequently, the Ministry of Commerce was able to mobilize around US\$7 Million for the implementation of its flagship Cambodia Export Diversification and Expansion Programme (CEDEP), under the Tier 2 category of the EIF.
2. The Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) for Trade-Related Technical Assistance to least-developed countries (LDCs) is a process that was first established in 1997 to support LDC governments in trade capacity building and integrating trade issues into overall national development strategies. The EIF has two objectives: (1) to "mainstream" (integrate) trade into the national development plans such as the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs) of least-developed countries and (2) to assist in the coordinated delivery of trade-related technical assistance in response to needs identified by the LDC. The IF is built on the principles of country ownership and partnership.
3. MoC has engaged the support of EIF and UNDP to carry out a Medium Term Plan and to formulate key concept papers for trade-related technical assistance over the period 2016-2020. The stocktaking of CTIS implementation and definition of areas still needing technical assistance were conducted in March. The list of the top 10 clusters for the 2016-2020 AFT programme was prepared through this partnership and subsequently approved by the Senior Minister in the 21st SSC-TD-TRI meeting on 3 June 2015. Five project concept notes were already developed by the Medium Term Plan team while other five project concept notes will be developed by DICO and consultant separately.
4. The DICO, serving as Secretariat and National Implementation Unit (NIU) to the EIF and SWAp Secretariat, wishes to recruit an individual national consultant to prepare the four concept notes, in close coordination with the EIF Focal Point (FP) and National Implementation Unit (NIU Director) in the Ministry of Commerce. The concept notes, will help the Ministry of Commerce and other line ministries to develop detailed project proposals for future technical assistance programmes for the period 2016-2020.
5. For that purpose, the Ministry of Commerce is seeking the support of **one** individual **National Consultant** to prepare 4 Concept Notes to be used by MoC to mobilize additional TA support from Development Partners in the 4 priority clusters designated by the Senior Minister and the SSC-TD-TRI.
6. The consultant will be contracted for a total of 30 working days over a period of two months.
7. Qualifications to be quantitatively evaluated (scored):
 - A Master's Degree in Economics or Development, or MSc/MA in Business Management, or relevant discipline.
 - At least 10 year experience in economic, trade and development research and study formulation;

- Good knowledge of trade, particularly Aid for Trade, sector-specific issues, and development issues; good understanding of the EIF will be an added advantage;
 - Proven experience in developing and evaluating strategies, program and project documents in the context of trade-related technical assistance projects and programs in least-developed countries
 - Good understanding of trade and development linkages and approaches towards pro-poor growth
 - Proven experience in working with Governments and networking with national and international stakeholders, preferably in Asian LDCs in the area of trade mainstreaming and trade related technical assistance;
 - Familiarity with donor agencies procedures, Monitoring and Evaluation practices and in the use of basket funds, trust funds and budget support for development projects;
 - Good report writing skills;
 - Ability to translate conceptual and policy frameworks into actionable plans;
 - Experience in trade policy development in developing country contexts.
8. In submitting their expressions of interest, consultants are kindly requested to indicate the following reference: Ref: EIF/2015/033. Interested consultants must provide their updated curriculum vitae, indicating personal and technical skills, academic qualifications, experience in similar assignments, and experience in Cambodia and/or other developing countries along with the names of at least three (3) referees with contact information (e-mail address, telephone or fax numbers). Expressions of Interest shall be submitted in hard copy followed by an electronic copy.
9. Interested consultants may obtain copies of the detailed Terms of Reference (in English) for the assignment by sending a request by Email or from the address below during office hours from 8:30 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 17:30 hours, Monday through Friday, except public holidays.
10. Expressions of interest must be submitted to the address below no later than **22th December 2015 (before 17:00 hours)**.

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