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**Procurement Notice/Advertisement
Open International Competition (OIC)**

Country of Destination: France

Reference Number: *RFP / EES / EARTH NETWORK / 2024*

Description: *Final evaluation of the Earth Network project*

Deadline for Submission of Sealed Tenders: *23 August 2024, 23:59 CEST*

Posting Date: *17 July 2024*

United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) hereby invite qualified companies to submit sealed tenders to conduct the final evaluation of the Earth Network project.

The final evaluation will cover the period from December 2020 to November 2024 and will focus on the project's relevance, effectiveness and impact based on its main expected results : (i) improved capacity in environmental management, restoration and resilience of UNESCO designated sites; (ii) exchange of experiences, knowledge and best practices; (iii) enhanced environmental awareness among youth and communities for transformative changes in values and practices; (iv) strengthened international environmental cooperation on the management, conservation and safeguarding of the UNESCO designated sites; (v) improved inclusion of biodiversity and ocean preservation as a priority in our daily lives, lifestyles and living spaces to drive behavioural change, and; (vi) increased conscience on the interdependence between our health and Earth's health. It will further assess its coherence with UNESCO's strategic objectives and determine the efficiency and sustainability of the project. The external final evaluation aims to assess the project implementation, gather feedback from beneficiaries and stakeholders involved, identify challenges and barriers to project implementation, and identify opportunities and best practices to address these potential challenges, informing the donor and UNESCO Secretariat for future project design.

The time schedule for the evaluation is planned between September 2024 and December 2024. It is mandatory that none of the members of the evaluation team have been previously involved in the implementation of the activities under review. The selected evaluator/evaluation team is expected to submit the following deliverables:

- An inception report,
- A draft evaluation,
- A final evaluation report.

The evaluation team should possess the following profile:

Mandatory qualifications:

Lead evaluator

- Master's degree or equivalent in evaluation, political science, social sciences, economics, public administration, or any related field to the topic of the evaluation
- Extensive experience (10+ years) in designing and conducting evaluations.
- 5 years of experience in conducting evaluations in international settings (including interacting with a diverse group of stakeholders from diverse cultural backgrounds)
- Knowledge of UNESCO mandate
- Excellent analytical skills and ability to produce concise and clear documents.
- Excellent language skills in English (oral communication and report writing).
- No previous involvement in the implementation of the activities under review.

Scientific and technical expert

- Advanced university degree in natural sciences, biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of the environment
- 5 years of experience in conducting evaluations in the field of natural sciences (including interacting with a diverse group of stakeholders from diverse cultural backgrounds)
- Knowledge of UNESCO mandate
- Excellent analytical skills and ability to produce concise and clear documents.
- Excellent language skills in English (oral communication and report writing).
- No previous involvement in the implementation of the activities under review.

Desirable qualifications:

Additionally, it is desirable for one or more external evaluators to have the following qualifications and characteristics:

- Advanced and proven knowledge of international research/studies related to the Earth Network project.
- Professional experience in designing and conducting evaluations for international or regional/multilateral organizations.
- Familiarity with the United Nations system and other international organizations.
- Understanding and application of UN mandates on environment and natural sciences
- Examples of work demonstrating understanding and application of UN mandates in Gender Equality and/or of gender-sensitive approaches in evaluation

Preference will be given to evaluation teams that are gender-balanced and diverse in terms of geographic and cultural backgrounds. Qualifications will be verified based on the CVs provided to UNESCO. Additionally, references, internet links, or electronic copies of two recently completed evaluation reports must be provided.

The purpose of this notice is to provide general information on the requirements for the procurement process and to inform interested suppliers how to obtain a copy of the Solicitation Documents.

Interested companies who wish to participate in the OIC must request for a complete set of Solicitation Documents, available free of charge, from UNESCO contact person at the address shown below.

Your electronic offer, comprising a technical and financial proposal submitted in two separate emails must be sent to mab@unesco.org on or before **23/08/2024 at 23:59 hours (CEST)**, in strict compliance with the instructions as stipulated in the Solicitation Documents.

UNESCO reserves the right to amend the documents at any time during the solicitation process. Any amendments or clarifications will be communicated directly to all Bidders who have requested for a complete set of solicitation documents and officially confirmed their intention to submit a sealed tender. No remuneration will be made to companies for preparation and submission of their tenders.

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