



**Support to Confidence Building Measures Programme**  
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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

<b>Job title:</b>	<b>National Consultant to provide consultancy services on analysis of potential environmental initiatives</b>
<b>Duty station:</b>	Chisinau and Tiraspol, Moldova
<b>Reference to the</b>	"Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme
<b>Contract type:</b>	Individual Contract (IC)
<b>Contract Duration:</b>	15 working days during 01 June – 15 July 2013

### Job content

#### I. Background:

In early 2012 the UNDP Moldova launched a three-year "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme (SCBM Programme), funded by the European Union, co-funded and implemented by UNDP Moldova. The overall objective of the programme is to facilitate the settlement of the Transnistrian issue through ensuring economic and social development of local communities and increasing confidence between both banks of the Nistru River by involving local authorities, civil society organizations, business community and other stakeholders in joint work.

The CBM program includes three large areas, which are subdivided into a range of projects. These are business development, civil society and community development.

A comprehensive community development component, aims at fostering cross river cooperation, enabling and empowering citizens on both banks to jointly participate in tackling community development needs. The component targets rehabilitation of social institutions and basic infrastructure, providing better access to social, educational and medical services. The component also includes a range of activities in the field of environment/environmental protection, promoting joint work and cooperation to address most urgent environmental issues of mutual interest.

### SPECIFIC CONTEXT

The first phase projects (2009-2011) to support joint work in environmental spheres ensured tangible benefits to communities on both banks of the Dniester. Future work will build on previous successful initiatives by continuing ongoing joint activities and expanding the range and scope of collaboration across banks.

Indicative fields of future environmental initiatives could include, *inter alia*:

- ♦ Solid waste management projects which will build on successful efforts to transfer knowledge and expertise for the purpose of establishing sound community waste management systems;

- ◆ Waste water treatment facilities and sanitation projects which will build on successful initiatives to transfer knowledge between banks for the purposes of building or upgrading communities on both banks, with a focus on communities in urgent need;
- ◆ Reinforcement of dams on both banks of the river through joint community efforts;
- ◆ Activities to facilitate joint management of the lower Nistru River, building on first phase programming which brought together specialists from both banks and Ukraine. The programme aims at contributing to the development of a common vision for managing the Lower Nistru;
- ◆ Activities to facilitate further cooperation in the hydro-meteorological field to support sharing of data and joint work of specialists from Chisinau and Tiraspol. The projects can potentially include the establishment and functioning of joint water quality monitoring groups and common flood prevention systems.

These are indicative areas, and others may be added as further analysis is carried out.

## II. Objective of the assignment:

The general objective of the requested services is to provide an outline for environmental initiatives under the expanded CBM program. The assignment will include a situation analysis and ongoing initiatives in the field of environment, as well as visits to meet key stakeholders (representatives of environmental authorities, civil society, researchers etc.) on both sides to identify environmental priorities and suggest areas where joint environmental initiatives hold the most promise and potential, which would include above-mentioned indicative fields of activities but would also go beyond them.

The delivery of the assignment is expected through desk research, field visits, meetings with local stakeholders and relevant counterparts.

The tasks performed under this assignment include:

1. Undertake a brief **assessment** of the situation and environmental priorities of the sides, as well as previous and ongoing environmental projects on both banks supported by donors or the Government;
2. Provide a brief **overview** and zoom in on potential areas for joint environmental projects that would be of interest to both sides, based on the assessment in p.1 above, previous studies, lessons learned and the experience accumulated during the implementation of previous environmental projects;
3. Conduct meetings with key stakeholders on both sides, including representatives of environmental authorities, the CBM Working Group in the field of environment, researchers, analysts etc. in order to **assess the needs** in the field of environment on both sides, with a particular focus on areas and projects that both sides want and would be willing to promote;
4. **Identify areas** where projects have the highest potential and promise in terms of joint environmental work to address urgent needs of mutual interest;
5. Propose, based on the above analysis, **general areas for future initiatives** in the field of environment, as well as **joint environmental projects** within these areas that could be implemented under the current and future phases of the CBM program;
6. **Draft a report** on the findings of the analysis; provide key conclusions and recommendations.

## III. Expected results/Deliverables

The assignment will require the delivery of a **report** that will contain the following:

1. A general **assessment** of the situation and environmental priorities of the sides;
2. A brief assessment of the past and ongoing environmental initiatives on both banks of Nistru River;

3. An overview and analysis of potential joint projects in the environmental sector, outlining specific areas for future environmental initiatives and individual projects, as detailed above, under the environmental component of the CBM programme.

The assignment shall tentatively commence in May and will last until July for not more than 15 working days (1 day preparatory reading, 8 days of field work/meetings/analysis on both sides of the Nistru River and 6 days for the preparation of the report).

#### **IV. Organizational setting:**

The Contractor will work under the direct supervision of the SCBM/Community Infrastructure Project Manager and SCBM Programme Manager. The work is based on desk research and field visits, including meetings with key stakeholders, with a particular focus on areas and projects that hold the highest promise and potential in terms of confidence building and joint work in the environmental component.

#### **V. Payment for provided services:**

The payment for services provided by the Consultant under the SCBM Programme will be made on a lump-sum basis (upon completion of service), as per contract, and accepted by the Community Development Project Manager and the SCBM Programme Manager.

#### **VI. Qualifications and skills required:**

- Degree in environmental sciences, public policy, public administration or other related field;
- At least 5 years of professional experience in the field of environment/environmental protection;
- Previous experience with development projects in the field of environment is a an advantage;
- Experience in analytical (thematic analysis, assessments, evaluations and/or reviews, etc.) and/or policy advisory works in the area of environment/environmental protection.
- Familiarity with environmental issues existing on both banks of Nistru River, as well as experience in joint work between Chisinau and Tiraspol is a strong advantage;
- Excellent analytical and reporting skills, including writing and communications skills;
- Proven ability to prioritize, plan, organize, monitor and co-ordinate competing demands and deadlines.
- Computer skills, including experience of working with Microsoft Office, MS Word, Excel spreadsheets;
- Fluency in Russian and/or Romanian