



Procurement Division, New York

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)**

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**Title of the RFI:**

Provision of professional services in relation to the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on financing African Union-led peace support operations

**Date of this RFI:** 7 November 2022**Closing Date for Receipt of RFI:** 28 November 2022**RFI Number:** RFIUNPD20448**Beneficiary Country/Territory:** Global**Commodity/Service category:** Professional Services**Address RFI response by fax or e-mail to the Attention of:** Ricardo Velez Castellon**Fax Number:** By email only**E-mail Address:** ricardo.velezcastellon@un.org**UNSPSC Code:** 80101500, 80160000, 80171500, 81121505, 84100000, 93151600**DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS**

In PRST/2022/6 dated 31 August 2022 on capacity building in Africa, the Security Council requested that the Secretary-General provide a report, no later than 30 April 2023 on predictable, sustainable, and flexible resources for African Union-led peace support operations (AU PSOs). The report of the Secretary-General is expected to inform recommendations to and decisions by the relevant UN intergovernmental bodies on the future AU PSOs. Drafting the report will require attention to a number of key issues, including support provided to past and present African PSOs, normative and doctrinal considerations, financing, capacity and capabilities gaps in the African Union and T/PCCs, compliance framework and accountability as well as safety and security. The report will further provide an opportunity to review mechanisms used to date to finance and support AU PSOs, taking into account the evolving security context; examine the benefits, limitations and modalities of possible new options to finance and support AU PSOs and develop options for more systematic burden-sharing between the AU and UN for different types of peace and security challenges affecting the continent.

In response to similar requests from the Security Council (through presidential statement PRST/2015/22 and resolution 2320 (2016)), the African Union and the United Nations conducted joint reviews in 2016 and 2017 on available mechanisms to finance and support African Union peace operations authorized by the Security



Council (A/71/410-S/2016/809 and S/2017/454). The forthcoming report has the potential to revitalize dialogue that would inform member States decision-making on outstanding issues related to the financing of African Union-led peace support operations. It also offers an opportunity for the African Union to advance discussions on the financing of its peace and security activities and provide an update on the operationalization of the Peace Fund and the development of frameworks that support accountability, transparency, and compliance.

DPPA-DPO is seeking a vendor to draft the requested report of the Secretary-General, which will not exceed 8,500 words in length. The vendor is expected to have relevant qualification and experience with the 2016 and 2017 joint reviews, in-depth and direct experience in the areas of United Nations-African Union partnership, mission support and financing of African Union-led PSOs, and associated United Nations intergovernmental processes; familiarity with qualitative and quantitative methods of data collection; the ability to independently design and manage multi-stakeholder consultations; and a track record of excellent drafting and analytical capacities, as well as an ability to undertake travel on official mission for high-level consultations.

The vendor will ensure that the joint report reflects the perspectives and contributions of all relevant UN entities within the Secretariat as well as key field offices; that the relevant entities within the African Union Commission are consulted in order to present a balanced assessment of the status of implementation of resolutions 2320 (2016) and 2379 (2017) and to generate the most timely and relevant observations and recommendations for consideration by the Security Council.

#### **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)**

The Request for Information is intended to identify potential vendors with verified experience to supply the requested services.

Questionnaire:

- a. Please provide a brief description of your company, its structure, years in business and the line of business dealing with consulting services.
- b. Please indicate past experience in providing strategic advices and recommendation to an international organization such as the United Nations;
- c. Please indicate past experience working with the African Union and associated intergovernmental processes;
- d. Please describe how your company has experience with mission support and financing of African Union peace support operations, including experience with the 2016 and 2017 joint UN-AU reviews on financing;
- e. Please indicate fee range for the project as well as daily rates range for different level of personnel.
- f. Please provide methodologies of the related services: and
- g. Information on any Long-Term Agreement with entities within the UN System (if applicable).

#### **NOTE**

Information on tendering for the UN Procurement System is **available free of charge** at the following address: <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice>

Only the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) has been authorised to collect a nominal fee from vendors that wish to receive automatically Procurement Notices or Requests for Expression Of Interest. Vendors interested in this Tender Alert Service are invited to subscribe on <http://www.ungm.org>



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***Vendors interested in participating in a potential future solicitation process should submit the Vendor Response Form of this RFI electronically (through the link available on the next page) before the closing date set forth above.***



# VENDOR RESPONSE

## NOTICE

- Companies can only participate in solicitations of the UN Secretariat after completing their registration (free of charge) at the United Nations Global Marketplace ([www.ungm.org](http://www.ungm.org)).
- Please verify that your company is registered under its **full legal** name on the United Nations Global Market Place ([www.ungm.org](http://www.ungm.org)) and that your application for registration as vendor has been submitted to the **UN Secretariat** in the same site, to be able to participate in any potential solicitation process as a result of this RFI.
- While companies can participate in solicitations after completion of registration at Basic Level, we strongly recommend all companies to register at least at **Level 1** under the United Nations Secretariat prior to participating in any solicitations.

**PLEASE NOTE: You should submit your response to this RFI electronically at:**

<https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/node/add/interest-expressed?EOI=RFIUNPD20448>

**In case you have difficulties submitting your response electronically, please contact [ricardo.velezcastellon@un.org](mailto:ricardo.velezcastellon@un.org) directly for instructions.**



## RFI INSTRUCTIONS

### 1) Registering as a Vendor with the United Nations

Vendors interested in fulfilling the requirement described above must be registered at the UN Global Marketplace ([www.ungm.org](http://www.ungm.org)) with the UN Secretariat in order to be eligible to participate in any solicitation. Information on the registration process can be found at <https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/vendors>.

#### **Prerequisites for Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for UN registration, you must declare that:

- A. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary or affiliate companies) is not listed in, or associated with a company or individual listed in:
  - I. the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists (<https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/un-sc-consolidated-list>), or
  - II. the IIC Oil for Food List website or, if listed on either, this has been disclosed to the United Nations Procurement Division in writing.
- B. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary or affiliate companies) is not currently removed or suspended by the United Nations or any other UN organisation (including the World Bank);
- C. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary or affiliate companies) is not under formal investigation, nor have been sanctioned within the preceding three (3) years, by any national authority of a United Nations Member State for engaging or having engaged in proscribed practices, including but not limited to: corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice;
- D. Your company has not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against your company that could impair your company's operations in the foreseeable future;
- E. Your company does not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been a UN staff member within the last year, if said UN staff member has or had prior professional dealings with the Vendor in his/her capacity as UN staff member within the last three years of service with the UN (in accordance with UN post-employment restrictions published in ST/SGB/2006/15).
- F. Your company undertakes not to engage in proscribed practices (including but not limited to: corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice), with the UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN.

**For Registered Vendors:** Vendors already registered at the UN Global Marketplace with the UN Secretariat must ensure that the information and documentation (e.g. financial statements, address, contact name, etc.) provided in connection with their registration are up to date in UNGM. Please verify and ensure that your company is registered under its full legal name.

**For Vendors Interested in Registration:** Vendors not yet registered should apply for registration on the United Nations Global Marketplace (<http://www.ungm.org>); information on the registration process can be found at <https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/vendors>. Vendors must complete the registration process prior to the closing date of the RFI. Vendors who have not completed the UNGM registration process with the UN Secretariat before the closing date of the RFI are not considered eligible to participate in the potential solicitation process related to the RFI. We strongly recommend all companies to register at least at Level 1 under the UN Secretariat prior to participating in any solicitations.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: Any false, incomplete or defective vendor registration may result in the rejection of the application or cancellation of an already existing registration.**

### 2) RFI Process

Vendors interested in participating in the potential solicitation process should forward their information (as requested in the RFI) to Procurement Division, New York (UNPD) by the closing date set forth in this RFI. *Due to the high volume of communications UNPD is not in a position to issue confirmation of receipt of RFIs.*

Please note that no further details of the potential solicitation can be made available to the vendors prior to issuance of the solicitation documents.

This RFI is issued subject to the conditions contained in the RFI introductory page available at <https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/rfi>.

