

Questions Received and Answers

Invitation for expressions of interest for the ACT Global Civil Society Platform on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls

Question 1:

I would like to kindly ask whether at this stage the consortium needs to have clearly identified members (we are still waiting to hear back from partners in one region) or whether it is sufficient to identify the regions in which our initial partnerships will be based in.

Answer:

Applicants can express interest as an individual global or regional women's rights and feminist organization or as a consortium of organizations. At the Expression of Interest Stage, organizations intending to apply as a consortium do not need to have clearly identified consortium members. Applicants may provide information on consortium members if they have already been identified, but it is not required at this stage. Shortlisted applicants that have not indicated that they are applying as a consortium in their Expression of Interest can still apply as a consortium at the call for proposal stage, as long as the lead organization submitting the expression of interest meets all the requirements detailed in the invitation for expression of interest.

Question 2:

It says that the consortium should be 2 or 3 organizations. Is that a hard limit?

Answer:

Applicants can express interest as an individual global or regional women's rights and feminist organization or as a consortium of organizations. If applying as a consortium, there is not a limit on the number of organizations that can form part of the consortium. The invitation for expression of interest provides a suggested composition of the consortium to ensure regional representation across the regions currently covered by the ACT Programme as an example. However, as noted in the invitation for expression of interest, other compositions of the consortium will also be considered.

Question 3

Is there a template for the letter of interest or a maximum number of words?

There is not a specific template or word limit for the expression of interest. However, the expression of interest must include all the required information listed on page 8 within the Invitation for expressions of interest, as well as the completed Annex 1 – Mandatory Requirements Form.

Question 4

Would you know if they really intended it to say it is for Africa & Latin America only or is it LAC (including the Caribbean?)

Answer:

The invitation for expressions of interests is not limited to organizations representing only Africa and Latin America. Individual global or regional women's rights and feminist organization or consortium of organizations representing other regions can also apply for the expression of interest. The invitation for expression of interest provides a suggested composition of the consortium to ensure regional representation across the regions currently covered by the ACT Programme as an example only. However, other compositions of the consortium will also be considered.

Question 5

Can you share anything about the next steps in the procedure to select a Responsible Party for this project?

Answer:

Once the invitation for expression of interest has been closed all expression of interest will be reviewed to determine if they meet the criteria and mandatory requirements as outlined in the invitation for expression of interest. Short-listed candidates will subsequently be invited to submit formal proposals (using the standard UN Women Call for Proposals template).

Question 6

When applying as a consortium; do all organizations in the consortium need to meet all mandatory requirements in Annex 1 or do these only concern the lead organization?

Answer:

The annex 1 - mandatory requirements is to be completed and provided as part of the expression of interest by the lead organization only.

Additional consortium members are considered sub-partners. If the applying lead organization is selected as a programme partner (upon completion of the full selection process), the lead

organization shall ensure (in writing) that each Sub-partner forming part of the consortium (if applicable), are bound by the terms and conditions of the Programme Partner Agreement, relevant to the portion of the work to be performed by such Sub-Partner. The lead organization shall select Sub-Partners according to its own financial regulations, rules and procedures for selecting, Sub-Partners to the extent that it is determined by UN Women that these do not contravene the principles of the Financial Regulations and Rules of UN Women and are otherwise appropriate.

Question 7

I would like to ask if the application due today is required to attach 1 Mandatory Requirements document, in case of a consortium or Mandatory Requirements of the organisations that form the Consortium.

Answer:

The application deadline has been extended until the 30th of May 2024 23:59 New York time. The annex 1 - mandatory requirements is to be completed and provided as part of the expression of interest by the lead organization only.