



Request for Expression of interest

Enhancing Women's Political Representation through improved capacity and enhanced support in Moldova (Women in Politics) program invites interested organisations/companies to apply on the following:

Summary of the Request:

UN Women, grounded in the vision of equality enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, works for the elimination of discrimination against women and girls; the empowerment of women; and the achievement of equality between women and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action and peace and security. Placing women's rights at the center of all its efforts, UN Women leads and coordinates United Nations system efforts to ensure that commitments on gender equality and gender mainstreaming translate into action throughout the world. It provides strong and coherent leadership in support of Member States' priorities and efforts, building effective partnerships with civil society and other relevant actors.

UN Women is operational in Moldova since 2010 on the basis of former UNIFEM projects, which were laid and active in the country from 2007. It extended continuous support to the Government of Moldova, to key stakeholders from national and local levels, through various programmes and activities aimed at creating an enabling environment for gender equality, recognized as a prerequisite for sustainable development with a strong and active policy on gender equality

In 2014, UN Women jointly with UNDP and in partnership with the East Europe Foundation (EEF) and the Centre for Participatory Development (CPD) started a new programme in Moldova: "Enhancing Women's Political Representation through improved capacity and enhanced support in Moldova" (Women in Politics), is implemented with the financial support offered by the Government of Sweden.

The programme aims at ensuring an increased participation of women in politics and in the decision-making process by creating an environment conducive to their meaningful participation, and providing support to capacity development of women before, during and after the elections at the central and local levels. It will also seek to promote increased public awareness of women's contribution to political leadership. The proposed programme will support the realization of women's rights and commitments undertaken by the Government of Moldova.

The programme purpose is to support gender equality advocates in creating a favourable environment for advancing women's right to participate in decision making at national and local levels by influencing legal frameworks and policies to increase women's leadership and political participation.

In order to implement the activities envisaged in the Women in Politics Program related to building and enhancing the capacity of women to run for elections, it is planning to organise trainings and capacity building activities for candidates and prospective candidates before and during elections and for elected officials after parliamentary or/and local elections. In this context the program is creating a roster of organizations/companies with expertise in building and enhancing the capacity of candidates to run for elections. Consequently organisations/companies with relevant expertise are invited to fill in the table below (check-list) for registering in the roster of organisations/companies.

Women in Politics Program reserves the right to further contact the relevant organisations/ companies to apply for carrying out trainings and capacity building activities for candidates and prospective candidates before and during elections and for elected officials after elections.

The applying organizations shall fill in the check-list of mapping of organizations/companies with expertise in building and enhancing the capacity of women and men to participate in the electoral process.

Outputs:

The aim of this Request for Expression of Interest is to develop a comprehensive list of organizations/companies with relevant expertise in building and enhancing the capacity of candidates, prospective candidates for parliamentary and/or local elections and elected officials.

Eligibility criteria

<u>List of attributes</u>	<u>Benchmark</u>
Proven experience in capacity building of candidates (potential candidates) before and during parliamentary and local elections and/or of elected members of Parliament, head of districts, mayors and local councillors.	At least 2 years
Experience in capacity building of women candidates (potential women candidates) before and during elections and of elected women	An asset
Previous experience of working with international organizations, especially with UN Agencies	An asset

Submission details

- Interested organizations/companies should fill in the attached Check-list of mapping of organizations/companies with expertise in building and enhancing the capacity of women and men to participate in the electoral process (Annex 1) and send the CV of organization/companies

- All the documents (the filled in Check-list and CV) should be sent by 10th of October, 2014, 16:30 (Moldovan time), on the following e-mail address:

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- The submitted documents should be provided in Romanian, Russian or English.

The documents must be received by UN Women no later than 10th of October.

This task does not entail any commitment on the part of UN-Women, either financial or otherwise. UN-Women reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submissions without incurring any obligation to inform the affected applicant/s of the grounds.

Interested organizations/companies may obtain further information by contacting:

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