This job posting is open for Egyptian nationals only

Terms of Reference

Researcher, Economic and Sustainable Development Challenges in the Red Sea

I. Post Title: Researcher, Red Sea Region
II. Project Title: Aswan Forum for Sustainable Peace and Development
III. Implementing Body: Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCPA)
IV. Application Deadline: 20 February 2022
V. Assignment Duration: 30 working days

Background:

The scale and complexity of the current challenges in Africa are unprecedented and further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Issues such as conflict, forced migration, refugee flows, and human trafficking have presented countries in the Red Sea Region with numerous challenges.

The socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, compounded by the upsurge in conflict and terrorist attacks, has accentuated pre-existing fragilities, threats and the humanitarian crisis in this fragile and conflict-affected region. While the Red Sea’s rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape presents a number of complex risks and challenges to the region, there also exists a range of opportunities to strengthen the humanitarian-development-peace nexus and advance sustainable peace and development. As the world adapts to the ‘new normal’, it is becoming increasingly apparent that there is a dire need to mobilize and align efforts to resolve crises, foster inclusion and build resilience while working with a broad range of partners. This requires a recalibration of efforts towards addressing structural drivers of risk across the peace-development continuum in the Red Sea.

Against this backdrop, and building on the deliberations and conclusions of the first and second editions of the Aswan Forum for Sustainable Peace and Development, the Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCPA), in its capacity as the executive secretariat of the Aswan Forum, is launching a policy-focused report on the Red Sea Peace, Security, and Development to provide a significant understanding of the geopolitical and security trends and challenges in the region, aiming at informing national policy makers to address them and to explore regional cooperation processes towards advancing sustainable peace and development.

The report chapters will examine regional complexities and interlinkages across the peace-development continuum by mapping the nature, scale and spill-over effects of systemic risks. They will also analyze the conflict dynamics and structural drivers of conflict settings and promote interlinkages and synergies in responses, while elaborating on the opportunities of sustainable development in the region.

The aim of the report is to capacitate national, regional and continental actors with the necessary knowledge to effectively understand the new geopolitical dynamic, trends and the national/regional strategies, while supporting the policy making processes with
evidence-based recommendations for mitigating risk as well as increasing resilience in the entire region.

**Tasks and Responsibilities:**

CCCPA is recruiting an experienced researcher to contribute to the content of the report on Peace, Security and Development in the Red Sea. Within this process, in close collaboration with CCCPA’s Transnational Threats (TNT) Team, the Researcher will carry out relevant research and author a 7-10-page (3,500-5,000 words) chapter on the Economic and Sustainable Development Challenges in the Red Sea, with a specific focus on the structural vulnerabilities across different sectors, and the governance deficit, states fragility and states debts. This report will have a policy-focused approach; therefore, the Researcher is expected to present evidence-based arguments as well as policy recommendations to respond to the economic and sustainable development challenges in the Red Sea region. This chapter will be accepted in either Arabic or English, depending on the Researcher’s strongest language ability.

**Qualifications**

**Education:**
- PhD degree in sustainable development, international economy, African Studies or other related fields.

**Work Experience:**
- Minimum of 7 to 10 years of research experience with a focus on political economy and sustainable development.

**Required Knowledge and Skills:**
- Solid knowledge of the interlinkages between economics and the sustainable development.
- Solid knowledge of the economic dynamics of the Red Sea as well as the regional development challenges.
- Knowledge of the wider African context, and conflict dynamics.
- Excellent research, writing and analytical skills
- Commitments to the timely submission of deliverables

**Languages:**
Mastery of Arabic or English is required.

**Institutional Arrangement:**
- The Researcher shall perform his/her tasks in close coordination with and under the general supervision of the CCCPA Transnational Threats Team.
- The supervision will include feedback and acceptance/approvals of the deliverables.
- The Researcher is required to keep in close contact with CCCPA on a regular basis and whenever needed throughout the length of the assignment.
- In the event of any delay, the Researcher will inform CCCPA promptly to allow decisions, modifications to the timeline and remedial action to be taken accordingly.

**Application Requirements:**

1. **Personal CV**, indicating all past experience on similar projects, as well as contact details (email and mobile number)
2. **Detailed Financial Proposal**

The required documents should be sent to tnt@cairopeacekeeping.org with the subject heading “Researcher, Red Sea Chapter 2” **no later than 20 February 2022**.

**Assessment Method:**

Evaluation of qualified candidates for this consultancy will include a substantive and skills-based assessment, which will be followed by a short interview with CCCPA management.