**REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA**

 **Ministry of Higher Education**

 **and Scientific Research**

 **Virtual University Of Tunis**

**Request for Proposals from Individual Consultants**

***Object:*** *Technical Support for a* ***training mission*** *on the subject of “****Referents in internal quality assurance in higher education and in assessment (of curricula and institutions)****.*

***Attachment:*** *Terms of reference and Curriculum Vitae specimen.*

1. The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR) is implementing a Modernization of Higher Education Project in support of the employability of young graduates (PromESsE) partially funded by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Loan Agreement No. 8590-TN). In this context, the MHESR initiated a new Innovation Fund: the PAQ for the Development of Strategic Management of Universities (PAQ-DGSU) with the objective of facilitating and accelerating the evolution of public universities to more institutional autonomy, accountability and performance. The PAQ-DGSU Fund aims in particular to support each beneficiary university in its own modernization project and revolves around the following concepts:
* Institutional self-assessment, to measure its strengths and weaknesses on a realistic basis and identify avenues for development ;
* The Strategic Orientation Plan, to display its development priorities ;
* The Contract with the MHESR, which embodies the State's commitment to progress objectives shared with the beneficiary university ;
* Performance-based funding, which encourages the beneficiary university to improve its efficiency in the implementation of the contract and to maintain it.
1. In this context, the Virtual University of Tunis (UVT) received a PAQ allocation to finance the Second Improvement Project for the Management of Virtual Education (PADGEV II).

The first project had been led by the UVT within the framework of the PAQ I. This first project, PADGEV I, had prepared the ground for the strengthening of the autonomy of the UVT by allowing it, in particular, to access since January 1st, 2016 to the status of a scientific and technological public institution.

The PADGEV II will contribute to the execution of part of the strategic development plan which will prepare the access of the UVT to additional public funding based on performance and will allow it to develop its activities in Africa from a pilot launch phase to a growth phase based on an appropriate business model.

1. In this context and within the framework of PADGEV II, the UVT will entrust to an individual consultant the mission of training on the subject of “Referents in internal quality assurance in higher education and in evaluation (of curricula and institutions)”.
2. For this mission, a consultant will be chosen according to the method of selection of individual consultants in accordance with the procedures defined in the Directives "Selection and Use of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers" (May 2004 - Revised version in July 2014). For more information on the selection method, consult the website: www.banquemondiale.org under "Projects" then "Products and services" then "Procurement" then click on the hyperlink: "Guidelines for selection and 'employment of consultants'.
3. A selection committee will establish a ranking of candidates according to the following rating scale:
* Criterion 1: Relevant experiences in the field of quality assurance in higher education in a university or a quality authority ; and this at international level (60 points)
* Criterion 2: Other relevant experiences in quality assurance in higher education (20 points)
* Criterion 3: Diplomas and certificates relevant to the mission (15 points)
* Criterion 4: Knowledge of the context (5 points).
1. Individual consultants interested in carrying out the services described in the attached terms of reference must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform such services and particularly:
* Letter of application, dated, signed and addressed to the President of the Virtual University of Tunis ;
* A Curriculum Vitae, according to the joint specimen, including any information indicating that the candidate attests to the necessary experience and skills and that he is qualified to perform the services requested ;
* A list of the consultant's references in similar missions (with the contact details of the contact persons) ;
* A copy of the supporting documents (i) of the diplomas, (ii) of the candidate's experiences, and (iii) of the candidate's qualifications in relation to the nature of the mission.
1. Interested candidates can get further information about terms of reference via e-mail to the electronic address: bechir.allouch@uvt.tn and find the electronic version of the documents related to this call on the web site of the UVT: [www.uvt.rnu.tn](http://www.uvt.rnu.tn)

1. Proposals of interest must be (1) sent by post, or (2) deposited directly to the Registry Office of the UVT, or (3) emailed to the following address: hatem.hedhili@uvt.tn (with delivery notification), with the following indication:

**« Do not open, Request for interest for the recruitment of an individual consultant for the training mission on the subject of “Referents in internal quality assurance in higher education and in assessment (of curricula and institutions).**

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1. The deadline for receiving proposals is set at **March 26, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.**