Individual Consultant –Content Development

Vacancy No:	**IC/001/2020**
Post Title:	**Individual Consultant**
Organizational Unit:	**UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development**
Duty Station:	**Home based**
Duration:	**20 working days starting as soon as possible**
Deadline for applications:	**20 February 2020**

Background and Context:

The 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals form the most comprehensive blueprint to date for eliminating extreme poverty, reducing inequality, and protecting the planet. It is a plan of action for people, our planet, and prosperity, which requires all countries and stakeholders to act in concert.

Development is more than the rise of national incomes. It is about creating an environment in which people have opportunities and choices, where they can develop their full potential and lead productive and creative lives in accordance with their needs and interests. The notion of sustainable development elaborates further on the necessity to meet the needs of current generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own. This includes the fundamental obligation to be mindful of the long-term consequences of political, social, and economic choices we make with regard to value systems, social cohesion, stability and peace, and the need to respect planetary boundaries.

By endorsing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the world community has reaffirmed its commitment to the three pillars of sustainable development, namely – to ensuring sustained and inclusive economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental protection. Building on the three pillars, the 2030 Agenda introduces the concept of five pillars, emphasizing the need for integration for people, planet and prosperity, fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies through a new global partnership. The 2030 Agenda is universal, transformative, and rights-based. It is an ambitious plan of action for countries, the UN system, and all other development actors.

WHO and the health sector as a catalyst for sustainable policies and practices.

The 2030 Agenda underlines the importance of national ownership for sustainable solutions identified and challenges countries to think through domestic approaches, while considering the effects of their policies on other countries and supporting positions in inter-governmental negotiations, which are sustainable for all parties. Integrated policy approaches and thorough partnerships and stakeholder analyses are therefore key to identify sustainable solutions, which are in the long term interest of individual countries, as well as the global community and planet as a whole. WHO within the United Nations System has ensured that health related targets are

addressed in 14 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, thereby ensuring that social and environmental determinants of health and universal health coverage are recognized as key elements for achieving the agenda. As a directing and coordinating authority on international health within the United Nations' system, WHO has an important role to play in helping to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the SDGs.

Multi-sectoral and inter-sectoral action is crucial for health and well-being, as well as for the achievement of sustainable development outcomes overall. To address complex sustainable development challenges and reduce inequalities and inequities, it is imperative to work beyond the health sector, addressing social, environmental and economic determinants of health and using health policies as a lever to catalyse positive change across a variety of sectors.

To achieve health related SDGs particularly SDG 3 and to foster sustainable development outcomes across the board, it is essential that leadership capacities of WHO country representatives are strengthened alongside those of senior managers from ministries of health, as well as senior managers from other ministries and that their ability to build, sustain and nourish multi-sectoral partnerships to promote health and well-being under the sustainable development agenda is strengthened.

Objectives:

Building on the online programme '*Accelerating progress towards health related SDGs for WHO staff*', which UNSSC developed in 2018, this follow-up course will deepen the notion of integrated approaches to SDG implementation. The course will cover topics such as policy coherence and institutional frameworks towards integrated approaches, as well as 2030 leadership, partnerships, stakeholder engagement and advocacy in the context of the agenda. It will also address ways to communicate a coherent SDG narrative, focusing on health and well-being as catalysts for SDG achievement, as well as the socio, economic and environmental determinants of health.

A particular focus will lie on addressing specific linkages and opportunities to leverage health policies as entry point for sustainable development outcomes from an inter-sectoral perspective and to strengthen health and well-being outcomes through action in areas under the responsibility of different ministries, such as the ministries of education, the environment and agriculture. It will also discuss ways to strengthen buy in and ownership for substantive contributions WHO is making and ways to leverage its role in the context of advancing the 2030 Agenda with examples from mechanisms or platforms where WHO has forged strong cross-sectoral partnerships. The course will also address WHO's partnerships with specific stakeholders such as civil society, academia, the private sector and foundations, providing written and audio-visual examples and references.

The course will be designed as a practical, hands-on course to equip WHO staff with the ability to articulate the interconnections between health and other thematic aspects of sustainable development, to work multi-sectorally, and to leverage partnerships to advance WHO's role in achieving sustainable development at the country level.

Deliverables:

Under the supervision of the Learning Portfolio Manager, UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development, the consultant will:

- Identify and connect UNSSC team with relevant counterparts within WHO Headquarters as well as WHO country and regional offices who will be able to provide relevant substance and resources for the online course;
- Assist in identifying knowledge gaps and learning needs for the online course by providing feedback on the learning objectives, course outline and structure;
- Identify at least 5 relevant case examples from WHO country offices in different regions to be transformed into short case studies for the online course;
- Identify relevant substance, reports, factsheets, resources and tools from WHO to be included in the online course;
- Assist with writing, editing and revising the content of the course modules;
- Provide written substantive feedback on the course content of the individual modules (up to 3 iterations each);
- Provide strategic direction and specific guidance on the course content to the UNSSC team during the various stages of the course development.

Qualifications required
- Advanced University degree in adult learning, educational technologies or social sciences;
- Experience in supporting the design and development of digital learning projects and initiatives;
- In depth understanding of WHO's mandate and changing requirements in light of UNDS reform and repositioning demands
- In depth understanding of the 2030 Agenda and its implications for health related matters as cross-cutting entry points for sustainable development
- English required; French and/or Spanish is an asset.

Submission of applications
The application (in English) should include the following:
- a duly completed, updated and signed P11 form (http://www.unssc.org/sites/unssc.org/files/p11un.doc)
- a motivation letter elaborating in a concise style why you consider yourself qualified for this position The application should be submitted preferably by e-mail to recruitment@unssc.org with a subject title of "Application for Individual Consultant 001 – content development".

Late submission of application and/or incomplete application will not be considered.
Due to the volume of applications received, receipt of applications cannot be acknowledged individually. Only those candidates who are successful at the application pre-screening stage will be contacted shortly after the application deadline.

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