



## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### **Negotiated procedure without publication: Technical assistance to accompany the UfM Regional Dialogue on women empowerment - UfMS/CNP/0021/2016**

With reference to the above-mentioned negotiated procedure without publication, please find below the answers to the questions posed by the interested companies:

#### **REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS Nr. 1**

**Question 1:** A schedule of Working Groups' meeting has been fixed yet?

**Answer:** A tentatively action plan for Working Groups' meetings before the next Ministerial meeting has been prepared. The proposed agenda is as follows:

- End of April 2016: Meeting in Barcelona of 4 Working groups (plenary sessions) (the selected expert will not be able to participate to this meeting. He/she will have access after appointment to the meeting's outcomes.
- Between May and September: separate meetings of each of the 4 Working groups, ideally in the country which moderates the group (Italy, France, Egypt and Morocco).
- October 2016: Meeting in Barcelona of the 4 Working groups and of the Ad-Hoc SOM on Strengthening the role of Women of Society to validate the final report of the process before submitting it to the Ministerial.

**Question 2:** Have the participants to the Working Groups 'Meetings been selected yet?

**Answer:** Working Groups 'Meetings gather Senior Officials from UfM countries mainly representatives of Ministries dealing with gender equality and women empowerment as well as influential participants from international organisations (UN women, UNIDO, OECD...), financial institutions and civil society organisations.

**Question 3:** Where could we find more information on the activities of the Working Groups?

**Answer:** The access of the information about the activities of the Working Groups is limited to the working groups' members. It will be shared with the gender expert once appointed.

**Question 4:** Have both date and the venue of the next UfM Ministerial Conference on strengthening the role of women in society been set yet?

**Answer:** The next UfM Ministerial Conference on strengthening the role of women in society is foreseen to be held during the first semester 2017. The exact date and venue will be decided at an early date of the Conference

**Question 5:** Is there a minimum and a maximum number of key experts that could be proposed for the contract?

**Answer:** Only one senior expert should be proposed.