



Public tender

Call for bids: “Research paper: After the ‘Arab Spring’: systemic change in Morocco?” for the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)”

- Announcement -

Day of announcement: 26.06.2018

(1) Award procedure

The acquisition will be carried out by a public offer process corresponding to Section 8 (1) UVgO.

(2) German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik gGmbH (DIE), Tulpenfeld 6, 53113 Bonn, Germany, is one of the world's leading research institutions in the field of development policy. Through excellent research, policy advice and training, the Institute contributes to finding solutions to global challenges of the future. It is building bridges between theory and practice as part of an interdisciplinary approach. DIE develops policy-related concepts, advises ministries, governments and international organisations, and comments on current policy issues. The institute's training programmes for university graduates and young professionals are integrated into the research and advisory process. DIE has some 130 staff members, two thirds of whom work as researchers. Its Board of Directors comprises Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner as Director, Dr. Imme Scholz as Deputy Director and Gabriele Kahnert as Head of Service Facilities and holder of general power of attorney for all financial and administrative matters.

(3) How the offer process works

Bidders will be asked to submit an offer concerning the terms of reference. A professional jury will evaluate the submitted offers and select those offers that provide the best value for money.

(4) Submission of bids

Bids are to be submitted in written form only using a sealed envelope/package. Bids submitted in other ways (for example, via e-mail or fax) will not be considered.

The tendering and contractual documents (Annexes 1-3) must be completed in full, signed and submitted. Bids must be completed in English, carry a legally binding signature and contain all required details and information.

Please send us your bid in a sealed envelope/package by

28 July 2018, 12.00 pm (deadline for receipt by DIE).

Bids submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

Please write the following on the front of the envelope:

Do not open – offer-process

Bid for “Research paper: “After the ‘Arab Spring’: systemic change in Morocco?”

Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik gGmbH

Ms. Annabelle Houdret

Tulpenfeld 6

53113 Bonn, Germany

The bid can also be submitted to the reception desk in the main entrance (Tulpenfeld 6, 53113 Bonn). The reception desk is open Monday to Friday from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm.

The following documents must be completed, signed and enclosed in the bid documentation for the pre-qualification round:

Annex 1	Offer
Annex 2	Personal declaration of the absence of grounds for disqualification pursuant to Sections 123 and 124 of the German Act Against Restraints of Competition (GWB) in conjunction with Section 42 of the Regulation on the Award of Public Contracts (VgV)
Annex 3	Career, professional experience, publications

Costs for preparing bids will not be reimbursed. The documents, samples, etc. enclosed with the bid or the offer will become the property of DIE, with no entitlement to remuneration or return on the part of the bidder.

Please note that the bidder is responsible for submitting the bid on time. Only bids received at the aforementioned address **by 12.00 pm on 28 July 2018** will be considered.

Incomplete bids may be disregarded. Observing the principles of transparency and equal treatment, the client may subsequently request missing documents, ask for missing information to be supplied and inaccuracies to be corrected, or seek clarification, on several occasions if relevant, concerning the bid content.

The bidder must ensure that the documents he or she submits are complete, comprehensible and clear. Consequently, it is particularly important that all bid components are structured and clearly identified.

The printed sheets provided by the client should be used without any changes. Please note: Any changes made to the printed sheets will lead to disqualification from the tendering process! Failure to submit any of the documents listed below could lead to disqualification.

Please note:

It is the content of the bid that is key in its evaluation; its design has no bearing on the evaluation whatsoever. Consequently, to make it easier to process, the bid should be compiled in the following manner: A4 format, hole-punched, not stapled or bound.

It is not permitted to submit the bid electronically.

(5) Bidders' questions

All questions about the tendering process must be submitted in writing only. Please address these questions to sonja.packschies@die-gdi.de.

Questions and answers are published regularly at www.die-gdi.de.

To allow us to answer any questions about the award process and the required work as fully as possible, we ask that you submit all questions **by 20 July 2018 the latest**. All answers will be published at www.die-gdi.de **by 23 July 2018** the latest.

While questions may be submitted after this date, bidders are not guaranteed a response before the expiry of the bid submission deadline.

Bidders have a duty to check the website (www.die-gdi.de) regularly to see whether the offer documents have been updated.

Bidders are required to communicate with the client in the form of written questions only (mail to sonja.packschies@die-gdi.de), refraining from any other form of contact. The client will immediately refuse any attempt to establish contact other than in writing.

(6) Verification duty of bidder

If the bidder believes that the offer documents or other documents and information provided in the course of the offer process contain ambiguities, gaps or inconsistencies that could hinder or influence the submission of the offer, then the bidder must inform the client accordingly without delay and in time before the offer submission deadline expires. Relevant information should be provided in writing or by e-mail to the contact indicated.

(7) Key dates:

Questions to be submitted in written form only to **sonja.packschies@die-gdi.de** by 20 July 2018 at latest.

Call for offers:		28 June 2018
Offer submission deadline:		28 July 2018
Acceptance of the bid	provisionally	30 July 2018
Duration:	provisionally	1 August to 10 December 2018
Binding period:	provisionally	14 August 2018

The client reserves the right to modify the aforementioned dates and schedule as necessary. The client will simultaneously inform all those taking part in the offer process of any changes. The client will observe the general principles of competition, equal treatment and transparency as laid down in contracting regulations when making decisions about changes.

(8) Ancillary offers

Ancillary offers are not permitted.

(9) Bidder consortiums

Bidder consortiums and other joint bidders are treated in the same way as individual bidders.

It is not permissible to form new bidder consortiums or change existing ones once the offer process has come to an end. Furthermore, members of bidder consortiums cannot simultaneously take part as individuals in the call for tenders. Such behaviour will be considered as inadmissible agreement to restrict competition and will lead to disqualification in the case of both offers. The same applies in the event of a bidder taking part in several bidder consortiums.

Bidder consortiums and other joint bidders must submit with their offer a declaration signed by all members which

- explains that a consortium will be formed to complete any assigned work,
- lists all members and identifies the representative authorised to implement the agreement,
- states that the authorised representative acts in a legally binding manner on behalf of all members in dealings with the client,
- states that all members are liable as co-debtors.

If any of this information is missing from the offer, it must be supplied before the agreement is awarded.

Appropriate account must be taken in agreements between consortium members of the interests of small and medium-sized enterprises. Evidence of this must be provided to the client upon request.

(10) Award criteria

DIE will award the contract to the bidder with the best value for money concerning the following criteria:

30% Price (net), max. 15.000 Euro, excl. travel costs

The best price is evaluated with 10 points. For all other bidders, the points score is determined from the percentage relative to the best bidder, based on the following formula: $\text{Best price} \times 10 / \text{bidder's price}$. Points scores are rounded up to whole numbers based on commercial rules.

20% Relevant knowledge of the political regimes and their evolution in Morocco (Point-based system (rating points 0 (worst) -10 (best)), will be evaluated on the basis of publications in peer-reviewed journals and experience in the region.

50% A 3 pages abstract incl. hypotheses on the topic, a theoretical argument / framework and a methodological approach that is suitable for testing the hypothesis. This includes a proposal for indicators to assess the key question of systemic change.

The abstract will be evaluated according to a point-based system (rating points 0 (worst) -10 (best)) to assess: a) if the abstract reflects the current state of research, b) if the abstract proposes indicators for analysing systemic change in the country under study.

(11) Terms of reference

Background:

The Arab Spring has led to very different outcomes in the countries of the MENA region. While severe conflicts and civil wars are still ongoing in Syria and Libya for instance, Morocco and Jordan have experienced a transition 'from above'. Egypt is facing the comeback of an even more autocratic regime than before 2011, Algeria seems stuck in a political stalemate and even Tunisia, the 'showcase' of the Arab World, is struggling with its transition towards a more democratic political system. Even the more stable countries are facing numerous challenges, not only related to high rates of unemployment, especially among youth, but also with respect to insufficient legitimate and effective means for political participation and more transparent and efficient governance across all key sectors.

As a response to the 2011 uprisings, the countries' old and partly new regimes initiated different reforms, including new constitutions for Morocco and Tunisia aiming at more

participative and accountable governance. Political participation and political freedom may have improved in some cases, but overall results in terms of systemic change are perceived to be limited. Disillusion over lacking progress on economic development and job creation, but also regarding governance prevail. There is a widespread fear at national levels and from international observers that the reforms initiated after the uprisings in 2011 are mainly cosmetic.

Key questions of the study:

The study should take a closer look at the nature and efficiency of the reforms in Morocco since 2011 and seek to respond to the following question: Did reforms initiated after 2011 bring about systemic change or do they have the potential to trigger systemic change in the future?

DIE intends to commission the draft of a study in response to this question. The study should derive suitable variables from theoretic literature for measuring whether systemic change has taken place and apply them to the case of Morocco. The study can be based on desk but possibly also field research and should outline possible future political developments, like persistent authoritarianism, more democratic governance or other developments. DIE is planning to commission a second study with a similar focus in 2019, possibly on systemic change in Jordan.

Deliverables:

The main deliverable is an academic study of 30-50 pages.

In addition, the commissioned researcher should find time to discuss the first and second draft of their study with a group of peer reviewers from DIE and to revise the respective drafts until they are suitable for publication as DIE discussion papers.

Main qualifications of the researchers:

The researcher should hold a PhD degree in social sciences and be familiar with the relevant political science literature on the region. He or she should be familiar with theories of systemic change and able to assess such a change in a given country with pertinent indicators. He/she should have published at least one publication in the field of systemic change/ regime transformation.

Budget and Timeframe:

The overall budget for the study is 15.000 € (net) plus travel costs (max. 2.500 Euro).

The timeframe is as follows:

Submission of proposal: July 28, 2018

Notification of acceptance: July 30 (provisionally)

An annotated outline of the study (which will also be the basis of the first payment): end of August

First draft: October 31

Review meeting: around November 15

Final version including addressing reviewers' comments: December 10, 2018.



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Annex 1: Offer

German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

Tulpenfeld 6
53113 Bonn, Germany

Application: Call for tenders for “Research paper: After the ‘Arab Spring’: systemic change in Morocco?”

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

I hereby submit my offer in response to the call for tenders for the offer process “Research paper: After the ‘Arab Spring’: systemic change in Morocco?”

(Name, address, email address and phone number of bidder)

(VAT identification number of bidder)

Please tick:

I am liable to pay VAT.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am not liable to pay VAT.	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Price sheet (in Euro):

Number of working days	
Day rate	
Total	

I have enclosed the following documents with my application (*please tick*):

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Annex 3	Career, professional experience, publications	

By signing this form, I confirm that my application meets the requirements set out in the tendering and contractual documents.

My signature below applies to all sections of my offer, including all enclosed annexes, declarations and documentation.

This offer consists of personal details and self-declarations. As such, only the signature of the bidder himself or herself is required, not that of a manager/project manager/customer advisor etc.

I am aware that providing false declarations may result in my disqualification from the tendering process.

Place / date

(Company stamp if relevant) /
signature



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Annex 2:

Personal declaration of the absence of grounds for disqualification pursuant to Sections 123 and 124 of the German Act Against Restraints of Competition (GWB) in conjunction with Section 42 of the Regulation on the Award of Public Contracts (VgV)

Name of individual or company: _____

Please tick as appropriate:

Bidder	<input type="radio"/>
Member of bidder consortium If so, please ensure that the other members submit a separate Personal declaration of the absence of grounds for disqualification pursuant to Sections 123 and 124 of the German Act Against Restraints of Competition (GWB) in conjunction with Section 42 of the Regulation on the Award of Public Contracts (VgV).	<input type="radio"/>

I/we declare that there are no Section 123 GWB cases:

I/we declare that no individual whose actions are attributable to my/our company pursuant to Section 123 (3) of the German Act Against Restraints of Competition (GWB) has been convicted in a court of law of any of the following offences and, furthermore, that no regulatory fine has been imposed on my/our company pursuant to Section 30 of the German Act on Regulatory Offences for any of the following offences:

- Membership of a criminal organisation (Section 129 of the German Criminal Code (StGB))
- Money laundering (Section 261 StGB)
- Fraud (Section 263 StGB), subsidy fraud (Section 264 StGB), obtaining credit by deception (Section 265b StGB)
- Taking and giving bribes in commercial practice (Section 299 StGB).

A conviction or fine pursuant to Section 123 (2) GWB is equivalent to a conviction or fine under comparable legal provisions of other states.

According to Section 123 (3) GWB, the actions of an individual convicted in a court of law are attributable to a company if that individual acted on behalf of the company’s management board; this also includes the monitoring of business activities and other forms of exercising supervisory powers in a management capacity.

I/we declare that I/we have fulfilled my/our legal obligation to pay taxes, duties and statutory social security contributions.



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I/we declare that there are demonstrably no Section 124 GWB cases which could result in disqualification from participation in the award process:

I/we declare that

- my/our company has not violated any of its obligations under environmental, social or labour law in the course of carrying out public-sector work, my/our company is solvent, no insolvency or similar proceedings have been applied for or opened with regard to my/our company’s assets or applied for but not opened due to lack of assets, and my/our company is not undergoing winding-up proceedings, nor has it been forced to suspend operations,
- my/our company has not engaged in any serious misconduct in the course of its business activities that would call into question its integrity,
- my/our company has not made any arrangements with other companies that, intentionally or otherwise, restrict, hinder or distort competition,
- taking part in this award process does not cause any conflict of interest which could compromise the impartiality and independence of an individual performing work for the public client as a result of this process,
- my/our company was not already engaged in preparations for the award process and so there is no distortion of competition,
- my/our company has not engaged in any serious deception in relation to the grounds for disqualification/suitability criteria or withheld information, and it is able to provide the necessary proof,
- my/our company
 - a) has not attempted to influence the decision-making process of the public client in an unlawful manner,
 - b) has not attempted to obtain confidential details about the award process which would allow it to gain an unfair advantage in the process, and
 - c) has not negligently or intentionally provided misleading information which could significantly influence the public client’s decision regarding the award of agreements, nor has it attempted to provide such information.

I/we are aware that Section 21 of the German Posted Workers Act (AEntG), Section 98c of the German Residence Act (AufenthG), Section 19 of the German Minimum Wage Act (MiLoG) and Section 21 of the German Act to Combat Clandestine Employment (SchwarzArbG), according to which the public client is entitled to disqualify bidders in the cases stipulated therein, remain unaffected.

I/we are aware that knowingly providing false statements could lead to my/our disqualification from this and other award processes.

Place, date

Signature and (if applicable) stamp



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Annex 3: Career, professional experience, publications

1. Career:

Name:
Current employment:
Career:
Degree (including details of university, degree classification, year and location):
Miscellaneous:



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2. Professional experience

I. Disqualification criteria (please provide evidence)

I hold a PhD degree in social sciences.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
I am familiar with the relevant political science literature on the region and the theories of systemic change.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
I have published at least one publication in a peer-reviewed academic journal on political systems or political change in the country under study.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

II. Advantageous, but not essential

Evidence of familiarity with and experience in the use of EndNote	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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I am fully familiar with the referencing guidelines of the 6th edition of APA Style.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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3. Publications

Publication 1:	
Title	
Published in	
Text length	
Keywords (max. 5):	
Link to publication (if available):	

Publication 2:	
Title	
Published in	
Text length	
Keywords (max. 5):	
Link to publication (if available):	

Publication 3:	
Title	
Published in	
Text length	
Keywords (max. 5):	
Link to publication (if available):	



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For more than 3 publications, please print out this form more than once and fill it in accordingly.

Place / date

(Company stamp if relevant) /
signature