



UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

JOB DESCRIPTION

Post title:	National Expert in Trade Policy
Duty station:	Islamabad with travels within Pakistan
Duration:	One year (with possibility of extension)
Starting date:	As soon as possible

Background:

Building on the first phase of its Trade Related Technical Assistance (TRTA I)¹ programme in Pakistan, the European Commission is funding a second phase (TRTA II) aiming at supporting the economic integration of Pakistan into the global and regional economy and to stimulate decent work and employment creation by increasing exports and enhancing the enabling climate for international trade.

TRTA II will be structured around three complementary components aimed at strengthening trade policy capacity (Component 1), strengthening standards and quality capacity (Component 2), and improving the protection of intellectual property rights (Component 3). The International Trade Centre (ITC), has the responsibility of implementing Component I of TRTA II, on Strengthening Trade Policy Capacity. A Project Management Office (PMO) has been established in Islamabad in order to coordinate the implementation of all components' activities and liaise with the Ministries and other stakeholders.

ITC is looking for a Trade Policy Expert, to be hosted within the PMO in Islamabad, to ensure the local coordination of the implementation of Component 1, working in close collaboration with the Business and Trade Policy Section of ITC, based in Geneva, Switzerland.

In undertaking his/her assignment, the Expert will pursue the objective of Component 1 which is to improve the formulation and implementation of trade policy through enhanced capacity of the Ministry of Commerce and other relevant Government of Pakistan ministries/agencies and to improve participation of the private sector in this process.

Responsibilities

Under the joint supervision of Chief Technical Advisor / PMO in Islamabad, and of the Chief, Business and Trade Policy Section, and in collaboration with other Staff of ITC, the Trade Policy Expert will:

- Assist ITC to define the needs and modalities of local training programs on trade policy, in coordination with Pakistani training institutes;
- Assist ITC, in coordination with Pakistan research institutes and government representatives, to define the needs with respect to research on trade policy;
- Assist ITC in identifying and potential experts and researchers on trade policy to develop training modules and/or to carry out analytical researches;
- Assist ITC in coordinating the formulation and implementation of twinning arrangements between international renowned training institutes and Pakistani training and research institutes

¹ TRTA I focused on building awareness of, and capacity for, WTO participation, building capacity in certification, metrology and accreditation of testing laboratories, and establishing the Intellectual Property Organization

- Assist ITC in organizing study tours for selected representatives of Pakistani training and research institutes abroad;
- Organize, in coordination with Government agencies and Pakistani training and research institutes, training, workshops, roundtables and – as appropriate - videoconferences on trade policy issues;
- Organize, in coordination with Government agencies and Pakistani training and research institutes, private sector public-private dialogues consultations on specific trade and investment policy issues;
- Assist in identifying relevant candidates from Government agencies, academia and private sector to participate in training, workshops, roundtables on trade policy organized under Component 1 of the programme
- Organize and participate in regular meetings with all stakeholders involved in the implementation of Component 1 of the programme including EC delegation, Ministry of Commerce, ITC, UNIDO, WIPO, chambers of commerce;
- Prepare regular (narrative and financial) reports on activities conducted under Component 1 in line with Result Oriented Monitoring system of the EC;
- Any other relevant tasks

Qualifications:

- Advanced university degree in law, economics, political science or related international development fields
- At least 7 years of progressively responsible experience working on issues related to the WTO and international trade.
- Ability to appreciate and make assessment of implications of particular proposals in trade negotiations/policy.
- Experience within training/research would be an advantage
- Experience with trade assistance projects would be an advantage
- Proven analytical, communication and coordination skills
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues in international organizations;
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with government officials, donors and other stakeholders within the project;
- Ability to use relevant computer technology (internet, word processing, database, statistical spreadsheet and presentation packages)

Languages:

Excellent drafting skills and fluency in English.
