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### OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME

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| ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER | 9-CON-15 |
| DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS | 20 February 2015 |
| TITLE | Consultant (Maritime Crime Law Reform and Legal Training, Indian Ocean  and East Africa) |
| ANTICIPATED DURATION | 66 working days |
| ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT | UNODC |
| DUTY STATION | Home based (with occasional travel to Indian Ocean and East Africa regions) |
| ESTIMATED REMUNERATION\* | to be determined |

# ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

\* This assignment does not carry any entitlement to social benefits such as medical insurance, pension, sick leave, etc.

**BACKGROUND AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The international response to the problem of Somali Piracy has involved high cost maritime interventions, large investments in the strengthening of the capacity of regional criminal justice systems to carry out prosecutions of piracy suspects and elaborate refurbishment and construction work in Somalia to raise the capacity for secure and humane imprisonment for piracy prisoners. This concerted effort has proved highly effective in containing the problem of piracy and continues to be relevant.

However, as the incidence of piracy is declining off the coast of Somali, piracy and armed robbery at sea – particularly related to oil bunkering – has been escalating in the Gulf of Guinea region. The UNSC, ECOWAS, and Gulf of Guinea States have all recently expressed grave concern at this escalating phenomenon. Each has called urgently for international assistance in the area of criminal justice system reforms that will place regional States in a position to consider undertaking prosecutions of apprehended pirates.

The UNODC Maritime Crime Programme (MCP) is further providing capacity building programming with respect to maritime crime law enforcement and maritime security legal reform and strategy in Somalia. This assignment focuses upon supporting certain elements of maritime crime law reform and legal training under the Maritime Crime Programme.

Under the direct supervision of the Senior Expert on Piracy and Maritime Crime, UNODC / Regional Co-ordinator Maritime Crime Programme (ROEA), the consultant will be required to complete the following tasks:

-conduct Law of Sea training for MCP staff in Nairobi;

-conduct defence legal training in Mauritius;

-develop the publication: 'Maritime Crime: A Manual for Criminal Justice Practitioners' (working title);

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Education: Advanced university degree (Master’s degree or equivalent) in law

Professional Experience: At least ten years of relevant, and progressively responsible and extensive work experience with Law of the Sea and other international law applicable at sea, and the application of criminal law at sea; Proven experience in drafting legally focussed reports, proposals, and training plans; Proven experience in dealing with counterparts from various cultural backgrounds; Proven familiarity with the UNODC Maritime Crime Programme.

Languages: English and French are the working languages of the UN Secretariat. For the position advertised, fluency in English with proven drafting and communication skills is required/desired/an asset.

All applicants are requested to complete a United Nations Personal History form (PHP), available online (inspira.un.org) or send a complete United Nations Personal History form (P.11). **Applicants should also outline in a cover letter why they consider themselves qualified for the** **position. Due to the expected high volume of applications, only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted.** All applications should be sent to consultants@unvienna.org, by e-mail with PHP/P.11 in pdf format attached and with the announcement number mentioned clearly in the subject line. **Preference will be given to equally qualified women applicants.**