

Title	National Consultant for Afghan National Assembly
Organization	Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC)
Duty Station	Kabul
Duration	120 calendar days
No. of Jobs	1
Nationality	Afghan
Sex	any
Salary Range	According MEC salary Scale
Announcing Date	15-Nov-2017
Closing Date	24-Nov-2017
Shift	Full day- Saturday through Wednesday 08:00AM until 04:30PM
Experience	A minimum of five years of senior experience in the parliamentary affairs, bill drafting and legislation and must have the knowledge of the Afghan National Assembly

General Overview of MEC

In 2010, the Government of the Islamic Republic Afghanistan (GIRoA) invited the international community to form the Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC), to provide anti-corruption policy advice, and monitor and evaluate progress against specific anti-corruption benchmarks. The MEC was established jointly by the GIRoA and the international community, following the London and Kabul Conferences in January and July 2010, respectively, and by Presidential Decree 61, 2010.

The MEC is an independent agency, and is not subject to direction from either the Afghan government or from the international community. Following the London Conference, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan invited the international community to form a joint Afghan-International monitoring and evaluation committee. On September 18, 2016, the Afghan president issued Presidential Decree No. 115. This changed the legal status, duties, scope of activities and authorities of the Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee which abrogates all previous Presidential Decrees. The MEC focuses on:

- Developing anti-corruption recommendations;
- Monitoring and evaluating the anti-corruption efforts of the Afghan government and the international community; and
- Reporting on a regular basis to the President, Parliament, and people of Afghanistan, as well as to the international community about the state of the fight against corruption.

Job Summary

The primary responsibility of the National Consultant is to support the MEC Vulnerability to corruption assessment (VCA) in the Afghan National Assembly and to provide technical support to MEC VCA Team consisting one international parliamentary expert (Team Leader) and one VCA officer. The National Consultant will bring high quality parliamentary expertise and/or expertise in conducting assessment/evaluation of the performance and legislation of state institutions in the assessment.

This VCA will be the first comprehensive assessment of the corruption vulnerabilities in the Afghan National Assembly including both Upper and Lower Houses, and their Secretariats. The assessment will review and analyze legal provisions, internal procedures, conflict of interest, HR and procurements, integrity rules and standards, immunity of members of the parliament, independency, etc. The overall project duration is expected to be four months, starting in December 2017.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist the international consultant in analyzing the collected data
- Assist the international consultant in writing the final VCA (in English) and propose recommendations to address problems identified therein
- Will support the international consultant and the team in designing tools to collect information from the Parliamentarians, staff members of the National Assembly, constituencies and other stakeholders.
- Assist the international consultant to develop an Active Follow-Up plan for the implementation of issued recommendations
- Will fulfil any other tasks given by Executive Director, Technical Director and Team Leader;
- Conduct analysis of Afghanistan's national legislation in regard to the Parliament and any other issue connected with the project;
- Conduct in-depth, semi-structured interviews and prepare notes of the interviews;
- Conduct focus group discussions and/or participate in it as note-taker;
- Provide necessary operational translation on request of the Team Leader;
- Conduct desk reviews upon the request of Team Leader and Technical Director

Qualifications:

- University degree in Law, Public Policy, Political Science , Parliamentary Affairs or relevant fields
- A minimum of five years of senior experience in the parliamentary affairs, bill drafting ,legislation and/or experience in conducting evaluation/assessment of the performance and legislation of a state institution;
- Must have proper knowledge of the Afghan National Assembly;
- High quality analytical skills;
- High quality report writing skills in English and Dari/Pashto;
- Native speaker of Dari/Pashto;
- Knowledge of Vulnerability to Corruption Assessments, research and assessment methodology is a significant plus.
- Ability to work in a politicized environment on a highly sensitive topic
- Ability to effectively work in a team environment by respecting colleagues.

Female Candidates are highly encouraged to apply

How to Apply

Candidates can apply for the position by sending their cover letter and CV in one PDF or Microsoft Word document, named in the following way: "LAST_NAME_first_name.pdf" or "LAST_NAME_first_name.doc." Supplementary documents - degrees, certificates, etc. - should not be sent at this time. The single PDF or Word file should be emailed to jobs@mec.af with the subject line "National Consultant for Afghan National Assembly" by 24 November, 2017.