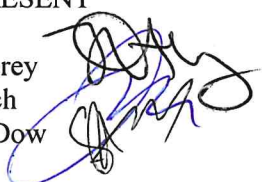


**MINUTES OF THE IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS SELECTION COMMITTEE (IPSC) HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21/08/2019 AT THE SMALL OED BOARDROOM**

**AGREEMENT: TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

1. Dyfed Aubrey
2. Joerg Weich
3. Saidou N'Dow



**MIN/28/2019 PRELIMINARIES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The meeting was called into session by Jorge Weich. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss two intended Agreements of Cooperation (AoCs) between UN-Habitat and Technical University of Berlin (Implementing Partner). Kennedy Kamau was called upon to give a brief background of the second proposed AoC and the project. He states that the proposed duration of the AoC was 4 years and that the selection of the Implementing Partner was through competitive bidding, where prospective partners were to express interest in the project. The initial functions of the intended AoC were under a previous agreement with Wupertal Institute who amended their AoC because of lack of capacity to carry out some of the responsibilities allocated to them in the agreement. The Implementing Partner was to introduce low carbon plants in four (4) partner cities in; Kenya, Brazil, Vietnam and India

**MIN 29/2019 ISSUES RAISED AND DELIBERATIONS**

Joerg raised questions as to why the Technical University of Berlin was selected. Kennedy stated that its financial and technical capacity led to its selection. He also added that they only received 1 application for expression of interest after advertising for the calls for proposal. He emphasized that they did Capacity and background checks which showed that they were suitable for the project.

Saidou then asked if the university had presence in the four partner cities. Kennedy informed the committee that the university did not have presence but intended to have exchange programmes with universities in those cities so as to execute their mandate as per the proposed agreement. Dyfed raised concerns as to why only one expression of interest was received for the project. Kennedy explained that even after an extension of the advertisement on the website, no more applications were received. He further explained to the committee that very few institutions had capacity to carry out the project. Dyfed suggested that the current method of reaching out to partners should be changed as it is passive.

**MIN 30/2019 ENDORSMENT**

The committee agreed that alternative partners should be actively sought. A more targeted approach was agreed to look for able partners for the project. The committee agreed on a 2 week extension so as to enable seeking of more partners after which a comparative analysis be given after final selection.

**MIN 31/2019 AOB**

The committee agreed that each of them should nominate an alternate member who would ably represent the absent member. The committee also agreed that the meetings should be frequent; on Wednesdays after every two weeks on a case by case basis.

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