



(DCPSF)

**Expression of Interest – Terms of Reference  
Research Report on the Role of Community Leadership across Darfur**

1. As part of an ongoing Evidence and Capacity Mapping Phase, the DCPSF is looking to commission research into the role of community leadership across Darfur. In reviewing the variables of community leadership the proposed research should contribute to a clearer understanding of how community leaders might be linked into existing and planned peace and mediation processes. The research intends to deepen an understanding of the role played by community leaders in moderating and resolving disputes between diverse communities. Existing research appears to suggest that community leaders play a critical role in peacemaking and peacebuilding however, this remains as yet unverified. The research intends to investigate this supposition.
2. Specifically, the proposed research will focus on the following areas:
  - a. Review, map and interpret the roles played by various forms of community leadership particularly those relating to dispute resolution between diverse communities
  - b. Provide an analysis of the relevance and utility of indigenous leadership structures
  - c. Consider the principle challenges to engaging representative community leaders in existing and planned peace/mediation efforts
  - d. Submit an overview of the historical role played by community leaders
3. Applicants should provide a summary of the research they propose to undertake and the rationale behind their approach.
4. Applicants should outline the research methodology, and include the areas in which they plan to conduct research as well as the actors with which they will engage. Along with the methodology, applicants should submit a research plan with a timeline for their work.
5. Applicants should state the members of their proposed research teams and provide a brief description of their expertise.
6. The overall output of the research the DCPSF is commissioning is a research report focusing on the areas highlighted in point 1 above. The successful applicant however, will also propose additional relevant outputs and/or activities that use their research to support peacebuilding in Darfur.
7. Applicants are asked to submit a budget.

UN participating organisations and **registered** NGO's/academic institutes are invited to respond to this Eol by submitting a concept paper.

Submissions should be sent to [simon.little@undp.org](mailto:simon.little@undp.org) and [lisa.carl@undp.org](mailto:lisa.carl@undp.org) no later than **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009** at 12.00hrs Khartoum time.