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Dear Mar,

**Request For Approval for Direct Implementation Modality (DIM): Electoral Support to the Gambia, 2016-2018.**

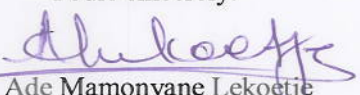
The Gambia will hold Presidential elections on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 to be followed by National Assembly on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017. This current electoral cycle will be completed on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 with the Local Government elections on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The UNDP CO facilitated a Needs Assessment Mission (NAM) in July 2015. Based on the NAM's Report and building upon previous to elections in the Gambia, a project document has been formulated to support a more broad-based and inclusive electoral process. Accordingly, the project will support the Independent Electoral Commission to undertake consultations, confidence building measures and policy dialogue with key stakeholders including governing and opposition parties, promote women's electoral and political participation whilst enhancing the capacities of the National Council for Civic Education for civic education, Media houses for fair and professional coverage of the elections and the CSO-Coalition on Elections for monitoring and observation.

In accordance with DIM procedures, I hereby request authorization for UNDP as the executing agency for the project, Electoral Support to the Gambia, 2016-2018, GMB 10, project ID: 00094117 with a total budget of \$350,000. This request is in line with DIM regulations and the established practice of using DIM for projects related to elections.

The project document together with the minutes of the LPAC as well other related documents are attached for your consideration. The road to the finalization of the project document took much longer than anticipated as we continue to operate in a very challenging and sensitive country context. Given the strategic importance of the forthcoming elections to the consolidation of democratic governance in The Gambia, I hope this request will receive an urgent and positive consideration.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely,

  
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