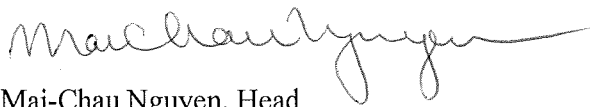


TO: Development Account Focal Points

DATE: 25 February 2016

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REFERENCE: CDO/16/043
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FROM: Mai-Chau Nguyen, Head
DE: Capacity Development Office, DESA

SUBJECT: **Utilization of residual balances from the closed seventh tranche of the
Development Account**

1. I am pleased to inform you that a residual balance of approximately \$5.0 million, resulting from the completion of the seventh tranche, is available for programming under the Development Account. In this regard, on behalf of the Programme Manager, I would like to solicit project proposals from your entity, while the final balance is being confirmed.
2. The concept proposals should be prepared in line with the theme of the 10th tranche “*Supporting Member States in implementing the post-2015 development agenda: strengthening statistics and data, evidence-based policies and accountability*”. It is suggested that the projects should focus either on statistics and data (if your entity has sufficient capacity to implement such a project and it complements the Programme on Statistics and Data) or on accountability and evidence based policies. Other proposals could be considered if they are helpful to Member States in understanding and implementing the 2030 agenda. Given that these projects will have a shorter implementation period than regular 10th tranche projects, it will be important to ensure that your divisions have sufficient capacities to implement the project in a timely manner. All concept notes should be subjected to thorough internal quality review processes within your respective entities, in order to facilitate the review and finalization of the shortlist for consideration by the Development Account Steering Committee, and subsequently approval by the Programme Manager.
3. It would be appreciated if you could submit two concept notes, for a budget of around \$500,000 each via email to Martin Kraus (kraus@un.org) no later than 16 March 2016. When submitting your proposals, a priority ranking should be indicated. Please take note that there might be variations in the final budget available for the projects, given that the exact balance of funds still needs to be confirmed in UMOJA.
4. The Development Account Team will organize a WebEx call on the subject matter at the end of next week to provide further details on the process. A separate communication on this issue will follow shortly.

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