

Note of information 1**Tender: Experts for apparel and home textiles sector in Egypt****Date: 8 July 2021**

	Subject	Question	Answer
1	Eligibility of companies outside the EU	Can companies based outside the EU participate, for instance in the United Kingdom?	Yes.
2	Amount of experts per lot	Are you looking for 1 expert (individual) per lot or can a team of experts be selected per lot as well?	Please see paragraph 3.1.: "The execution of the assignment must be done by one single expert per lot. Multiple contact persons are not allowed. The reason for this is that one contact point is needed for the companies and for the contact with CBI. The personal approach towards the stakeholders is important in order to optimally fulfil the expert role. If a collaboration is needed to fulfil the suitability requirements, then such collaboration is possible, provided that one single expert in person will remain the contact point for all the stakeholders".
3	Applying for multiple lots	Can one team of experts apply for multiple lots?	It is possible to apply for multiple lots. Please also see paragraph 7.13.16.
4	Winning one or more lots	If a team of experts applies for all lots, is it possible that it loses two lots but wins one?	Yes.
5	Question regarding Self declaration form point ch. 3 (3.2, 3.3 and 3.4)	the boxes are to be ticked by the contracting authority it says in the form. In the downloaded form we see 3.1 and 3.5 are ticked, but 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 are not ticked, is it correct they are not ticked or have we misunderstood and should we from our side do anything here?	It is correct and you don't have to do anything indeed.
6	tender document p. 12 first two bullet points	on top of p. 12 CBI has described the long term outcome 1 of phase 2, referring to a goal of 15 SME's at both points. Are these 15 for lot 1 and 2 in total or per lot? what is roughly planned distinguishing this number for lot 2?	This refers to the total (lot 1 & 2) number of SMEs that we expect will reach the end of the project (i.e. be able to establish themselves on the EU market based on sustainable business models). We expect to select a group of around 25 SMEs at the beginning of the project, of which roughly 50% in the apparel sub-sector, and 50% in the home textiles sub-sector.
7	tender document, sourcing SME's	has CBI already sourced SMEs in Egypt that have shown interest in participating in lot 2 of the program? if so, how many showed interest?	This has not been done yet. There have been pre-audits but not all companies audited were a fit for participation in this project.
8	tender document, pre-selection / selection	has CBI already carried out a pre-selection and final selection of SMEs in Egypt that have applied for program in lot 2?	No.
9	tender document, SME selection criteria	has CBI applied / will CBI apply the selection criteria they have applied for home textiles and home decor programs in recent years or do they plan to deviate from them, if so, what would be the major differences?	This is to be determined. Focus will mainly be on selecting companies who are willing and able to incorporate more sustainability aspects in their business to make a change

10	tender document, SME selection criteria	would the expert be involved – if he/she considers this relevant – in (re)setting the selection criteria (to select SME's for the program) if considered relevant?	Yes, we have the ambition to focus on companies who want to be involved in a sustainability transition but are also looking at the context and reality in Egypt on what is feasible.
11	tender document, number of SME's at start of program phase 1	how many SME's CBI plans to start working with in Phase 1 for lot 2 (after final selection)?	Expectation is around 10-12.