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Information Notice

Information 1

The term within which responses to the questions will be accepted ends on **12 March 2015 on 12.00**. Submissions received after this date will not be accepted.

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Question 1

I understand participation in the market consultation is no guarantee that a tender for this work will actually be published. Based on which criteria will the Ministry decide to start a tender procedure? And if you decide to do so, will you invite specific parties or will it be an 'open' tender procedure? If you invite specific parties, will these then be made publicly know?

Answer question 1

A tender procedure will be started if a range of knowledge providers can be identified, who satisfy the requirements as has been set out under chapter three of the Market Consultation Documents.

Question 2

The results of the market consultation will be incorporated in a report. Are you planning to publicly disseminate this report?

Answer question 2

Yes, the report will be published disseminate on TenderNed.

Question 3

On the one hand the document seems to emphasize on human rights as main point of interest. The phrase 'human rights and other CSR risks' is used many times. On the other hand reference is made to OECD Guidelines in which human rights are only one topic addressed. To what extent do you consider other ICSR topics than human rights equally important in all activities that will be carried out?

Answer question 3

All CSR Risks are important however KPMG Sector Risk Analysis indicated a higher risk profile for human rights and the OECD Guidelines contain more specific due diligence requirements in the chapter on human rights in comparison to the other CSR theme's and topics. Therefore the approach to CSR due diligence puts more emphasis on human rights without excluding other CSR risks.

Question 4

It seems that the Request for Information for Expert Support strongly emphasizes due diligence in the field of human rights. Is the expert support requested mainly for human rights or for all CSR topics covered by the international normative framework?

Answer question 4

See question 3:

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Question 5

Does the process towards ICSR covenants provide the opportunity to not only focus on the risks (do no harm), but also on the added value for People, Planet and Profit (doing good)?

Answer question 5

The process towards ICSR covenants will follow the OECD Guidelines and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights with the aim to prevent breaches of human and labour rights, and to protect the environment. They provide approaches to implement these standards in policymaking and in practice. In these guidelines 'due diligence' or 'CSR-risk management' takes centre stage. This refers to the process whereby companies need to identify, prevent and mitigate the real and possible negative impact of their (lack of) interventions, as well as way in which they justify their approach on the identified risks toward their stakeholders.