

Technical Assistance Project Proposal for follow up to the Recommendations of the Philippines Voluntary Peer Review

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- **Duration: 3 years**
- **Starting Date: 2015**
- **Sector: Competition law and policy**
- **Project Objective: To assist the Department of Justice - Office For Competition to enhance its enforcement capacity and to develop a competition culture.**

The project proposal is prepared on the basis of the recommendations of Philippines Peer Review in consultation with DOJ-OFC.

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Overall Goal

- Create a well-functioning market economy in Philippines conducive to enterprise development, economic growth and improved consumer welfare.

Project Objectives

- Improve the competition legislation of Philippines by reviewing the current law and providing advice or drafting assistance for new comprehensive competition law and related regulations and guidelines;
- Enhance the DOJ-OFC's enforcement consistency and transparency in decision making and legal procedures to build public confidence;

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Project Objectives (cont'd)

- Enhance capacity of the DOJ-OFC with the effective use of the full range of enforcement options including criminal, civil and administrative sanctions, with a view to quickly driving compliance with competition law
- Raise awareness on the benefits of competition law and policy amongst all the stakeholders, including sector regulators, the judiciary, the business community and consumers

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Outcome

- Enhanced effectiveness and efficiency in competition law enforcement by the DOJ-OFC and improved business environment conducive to inclusive development in Philippines

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Outcome Indicator

- Enhanced legal framework for competition defence
- Increased budget and staff for DOJ-OFC
- Increased number of competition cases handled successfully
- Enhanced level of competition in markets
- Increased level of awareness of the benefits of competition amongst different stakeholders
- Increased role of competition policy in regulated sectors and in economic policy making

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Project Activities

1. Legal Framework

- Review of the current competition law and provide advice or drafting assistance for new comprehensive competition law and related regulations and guidelines for implementation

2. Capacity-building

- Training on competition law and policy and investigation techniques for DOJ-OFC staff
- Training for the judiciary on competition law enforcement

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Project Activities(cont'd)

3. Competition Advocacy

- Establishing mechanisms to promote mutual understanding and to improve cooperation between DOJ-OFC on the one hand, and other Government institutions, such as the sector regulators, the business community, judiciary and academia, on the other hand.
- Conducting advocacy seminars on the role of competition law and its benefits for the economy and consumers for government officials, consumer associations, the business community, academics, lawyers and the judiciary.

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Institutional and Implementation Arrangement

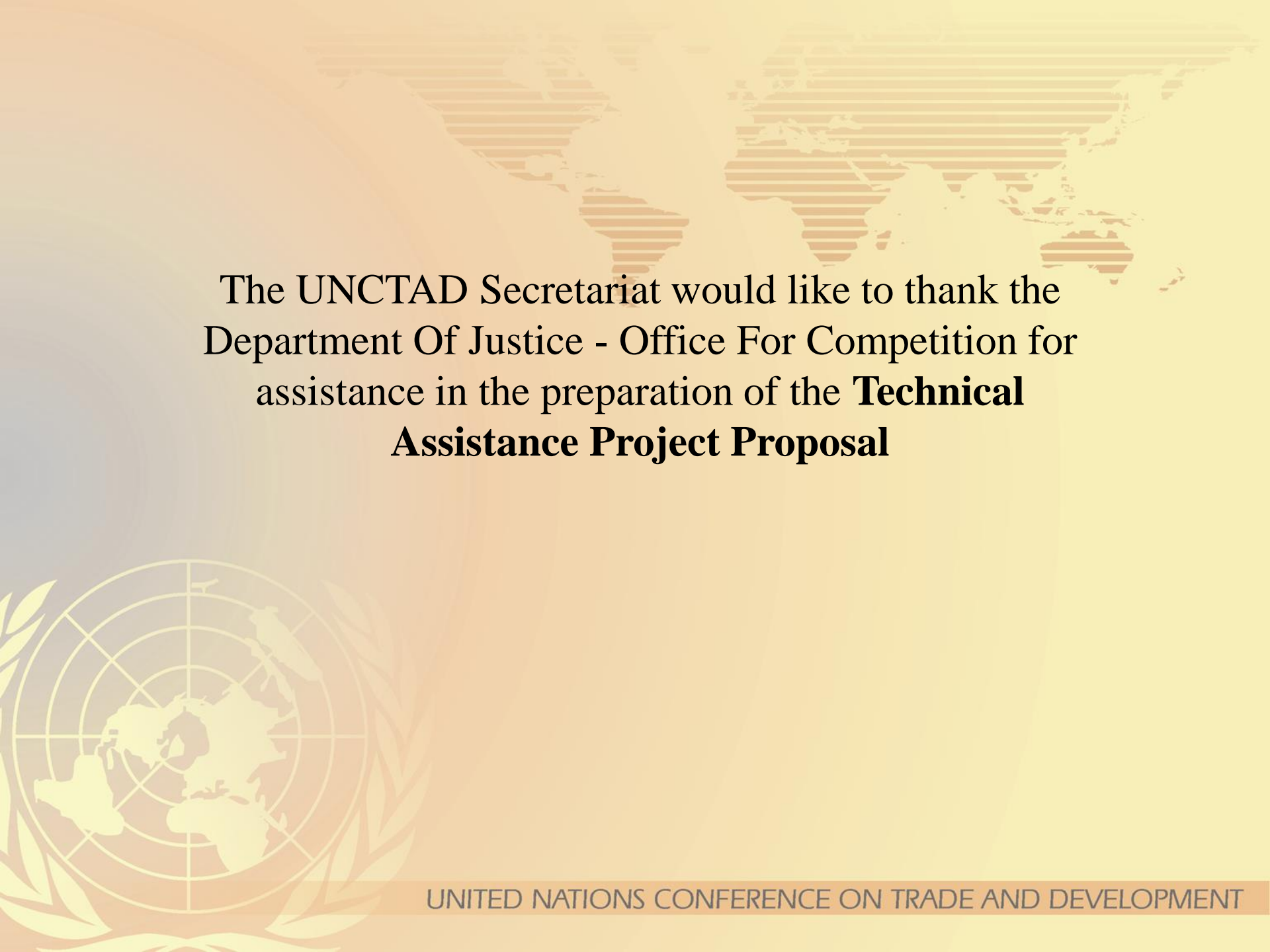
- **Executing Agency: UNCTAD**

UNCTAD shall retain overall responsibility for the execution of the project in consultation with DOJ-OFC. All services shall be provided in accordance with United Nations procedures, rules and regulations.

- **National Project Coordinator: DOJ-OFC**

OFC-DOJ will provide policy guidelines and extend logistical support and assistance to UNCTAD during the implementation of the project.

- **Project Management Committee** will be composed of representatives from UNCTAD and DOJ-OFC. The Committee will prepare and adopt a yearly work plan including specific activities. It will carry out a mid-term review every six months and hold an annual meeting with the participation of the donors to monitor the implementation and the progress achieved as well as to revise the priorities, if needs be.

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