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CALL for INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS

Training of Trainers (ToT) for Guidelines on Child-friendly Legal Aid (Facilitated by UNICEF ECA Regional Office)

UNICEF and Union of Turkish Bar Associations (UTBA) are looking for qualified participants from Türkiye in the ToT to be conducted on the Child-friendly Legal Aid Guidelines between 28 August – 03 September 2023, in Antalya.

*Please carefully review the background, terms and conditions below. If you are interested submit your **motivation letter** along with your **CV**, [to **gkocylidirim@unicef.org**](mailto:gkocylidirim@unicef.org) , ional@unicef.org and ekahramanoglu@unicef.org **no later than 09.07.2023.***

UNICEF will shortlist & contact with the eligible candidates.

Many thanks in advance for your interest.

BACKGROUND:

UNICEF's Europe and Central Asia Regional Office (UNICEF ECARO) conducted research on children's access to justice in 2015 (Children's Equitable Access to Justice, Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, UNICEF, Geneva, 2015). One of the findings of the research was that there was a lack of guidance for legal practitioners in the region when providing children with support and assistance to access justice. In response to this, "[Guidelines On Child-Friendly Legal Aid](#)" (GCFLA) have been developed to be a practical tool to support both experienced and newly qualified legal practitioners in their daily work on the frontline of children's rights. The Guidelines are aimed at government-funded and private lawyers, paralegals and other legal practitioners who provide legal aid to children in civil, criminal, administrative and restorative justice proceedings, and who represent children in cases addressed by national, regional and international human rights monitoring bodies.

Following its development and use in several countries, UNICEF ECARO developed a training and ToT programme for improved mainstreaming of the guidelines across the Region.

UNICEF Türkiye has been also involved in the development phase of the Guidelines, which is also adopted by the Executive Board of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations (UTBA) in 2018. To further strengthen the child friendly legal aid in Türkiye, UNICEF and UTBA also developed a EU-funded project, entitled "*Improving the Capacity of Lawyers and Bar Associations on Promotion, Protection and Monitoring of Children's Rights*" or shortly the ÇABA Project Among many others, one of the aims of the Project is to increase the capacity of lawyers who are working with/for children through a full-fledged training programme to be adopted by UTBA. To catalyse the impact of the global knowledge with the experience at the local level, UNICEF and UTBA also agreed to integrate the GCFLA training programme into ÇABA Training programme.

Therefore, UNICEF and UTBA is seeking qualified lawyers who can participate in 5-day GCFLA ToT programme in English and also take part in the training activities of the ÇABA project.





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PURPOSE & SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME:

The purpose of the programme is to donate the participants with the necessary technical knowledge on GCFLA as well as how to facilitate a training on the guidelines.

6 participants will be selected from Türkiye, along with 10-15 participants from other countries from the ECA Region.

The selected participants are expected to attend a 5 days ToT (to be facilitated by a consultant) and 2 days workshop (exclusively with the Turkish participants, for the integration of the programme into Turkish context). The ToT and the workshop will be held in Antalya, between 28 August-3 September.

The participants are expected to commit the following:

- Ensure full participation in 5-day ToT and the 2-day workshop*
- Examine and study any given materials before the training
- Give a presentation concerning challenges that they faced while providing legal aid for children in Türkiye. *The presentation is expected to include at least two case examples of their own experience.*

**The entire program will be in English and no translation support will be provided, except for the two-day workshop. All trainings, training materials and presentations made by the participants will be carried out in English. For this reason the participants are expected to have an advanced English level in order to understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, expressing themselves fluently, using language flexibly and effectively for academic and professional purposes.*

METHODOLOGY & LOCATION:

The programme is expected to be conducted in Antalya with international participants from 6 countries.

Participation to the training is voluntary and no remuneration will be provided. The travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by UNICEF.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimum required qualifications of the participants are as follows:

- At least an undergraduate degree in law (having a higher degree, particularly on child rights and/or relevant studies, would be deemed as a strong asset)
- At least advanced level in English (All the submitted documents, namely the motivation letter and the CV should be in English. Proof of English degree (such as IELTS, TOEFL etc.) would be an asset but is not compulsory. **The short-listed candidates will be asked to have a brief interview in English**)
- A minimum of three years of and ongoing professional experience in legal services (as a registered lawyer), proven work with/for children and sound experience in relevant projects
- Sound expertise in child justice and child protection





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- Knowledge, skills and experience in the delivery of contemporary child-centred, child focused and child inclusive practices
- Proven experience as a trainer would be deemed as a strong asset



