**TORs FOR PROJECT EVALUATION (DRAFT)**

**Project Title:** “Implementing Bahrain’s Pledges, Voluntary Commitments and UPR outcomes” (UPR Project)

1. **Project Description**

The aim of this Project is to support the Government of Bahrain, mainly through the Ministry of Human Rights and Social Development, to follow up and implement the National Action Plan to Implement Bahrain’s Pledges, Voluntary Commitments and UPR outcomes.

The project, which covers the year 2008-2012, focuses on the following areas: strengthening Bahrain’s human rights database and information system; effective implementation of Bahrain’s obligations under international human rights treaties; strengthening Bahrain’s institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights; strengthening Bahrain’s institution dealing with ratification of international human rights instruments and dealing with national legislative incorporation of human rights treaties that Bahrain has ratified; strengthening Bahrain’s human rights capacities, both governmental and nongovernmental, especially capacities for monitoring and evaluation; and, strengthening Bahrain’s capacities for applying a human rights based approach to development.

1. **Purpose of the Evaluation**

The Evaluation is intended to assess the relevance, performance, management arrangements and success of the project. It looks at signs of potential impact of project activities with beneficiaries and sustainability of results, including the contribution to capacity development.

The Evaluation also identifies/documents lessons learned and makes recommendations that project partners and stakeholders might use to improve **the design and implementation of other related projects and programs and for the renewal of the UPR Project itself.**

**3. Scope of the Evaluation**

As agreed in the Project Document, an annual project review will be conducted during the fourth quarter of the year as a basis for assessing the performance of the project. It will involve all key project stakeholders and the implementing partners, and focus on the extent to which progress is being made towards outputs, and that these remain aligned to appropriate outcomes.

This evaluation has the following principal tasks:

1. Assess the project design in terms of its relevance to the overall human rights situation at the national level; relevance to national strategies, and relevance to beneficiaries;
2. Assess the project impact on the general population and UPR beneficiaries;
3. Assess relevance and effectiveness of the project’s strategy and approaches for the achievement of the project objectives;
4. Assess performance of the project in terms of effectiveness, efficiency, and timeliness of producing the expected outputs;
5. Assess the quality and timeliness of inputs, the reporting and monitoring system and extent to which these have been effective;
6. Assess relevance of the project’s management arrangements; identify advantages, bottlenecks and lessons learn with regard to the management arrangements;
7. Assess new areas and opportunities for further human rights work in Bahrain;
8. Provide recommendations to key project stakeholders for follow-up activities.

**4. Deliverables**

The output of the mission will be the Evaluation Report in English. The structure and content of the report should meet the requirements of the UNDP Monitoring and Evaluation Policy. The length of the Report should not exceed 30 pages in total (excluding the annexes).

The Report should:

1. Contain an executive summary (mandatory)
2. Be analytical in nature (both quantitative and qualitative)
3. Be structured around issues and related findings/lessons learnt
4. Include conclusions
5. Include recommendations