

UNSOS Procurement Section conducts workshop for engineers on technical tender documents and evaluation of technical proposals



Mogadishu - Twenty-six engineers from the United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS) attended a workshop on standardizing and streamlining the technical tender documents and evaluation of technical proposals which are crucial in the UN tendering process and resultant contracts. The workshop is part of UNSOS' initiative to enhance internal capacity building.

The two-day workshop, facilitated by the Procurement Section of UNSOS (PS), aimed to empower the engineers with vital skills to effectively develop and evaluate technical tender documents.

“The atmosphere was cordial and collegial, reflecting the common goals and endeavours of both sections (engineering and procurement) to achieve the UNSOS mandate,” said Ms. Manal Kamel, OiC Team Leader UNSOS Procurement Section, Mogadishu.



The participants from the Engineering and Facility Management and Maintenance Section (EFMMS) received training on key aspects of developing a statement of work, bills of quantities, key performance indicators, and non-restrictive technical evaluation criteria as well as carrying out fair and objective technical evaluations.

During the workshop PS and EFMMS agreed that the entire process should be in line with UNSOS' mandate for national capacity building for Somalia Vendors, part of which is offering debriefing sessions to vendors who are unsuccessful in UNSOS' tenders.

"We utilised recent and real-life case studies to share lessons learned and best practices with the participants when developing assessment criteria and evaluating technical proposals," Ms. Kamel said.

She highlighted the need for objectivity in tender evaluations to build trust and confidence in the UN Procurement Process.

"Any rejection by the Procurement Section of a technical evaluation report upon review is to apply fairness in the evaluation of proposals received as well as to protect UNSOS' interests and image. If the bidders discover during debriefing sessions that the evaluation of their technical proposal was erroneous and therefore unfair, it affects the integrity of the UNSOS procurement process," Ms. Kamel observed.

The participants thanked UNSOS Procurement Section for the workshop and recommended allowing dedicated time to be provided for detailed evaluation of technical proposals. In addition to the information explained in detail during the workshop, PS provided EFMMS with various guidance documents as reference for achieving consistency and continuous improvement.



“I believe that this workshop was a very important step towards improving the quality of technical tender documents and to enhance the collaboration and common understanding between PS and EFMMS to achieve the common goal of serving for best interests of the Organization.” Said UNSOS Chief Procurement Officer, Bruno Maboja

The comprehensive training, which combined in-person and virtual sessions, was attended by engineers from UNSOS’ regional offices in Baidoa, Beletweyne, Dhobley, Jowhar, and Kismayo.