

**AUDIT**

**OF**

**PROJECT NAME: Projet d'Appui aux activités du Représentant Spécial du facilitateur du Dialog Direct  
Inter-Ivoirien en Cote d'Ivoire  
(Atlas Award ID 00058795)**

**At UNOPS COTE D'IVOIRE PROJECT CENTRE**

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**Report on the audit of 'Projet d'Appui aux activités du Représentant Spécial du facilitateur du Dialog Direct Inter-Ivoirien en Cote d'Ivoire'**  
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### Executive Summary

The Internal Audit and Investigations Group (IAIG) of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), through PricewaterhouseCoopers Cote d'Ivoire (the audit firm), conducted an audit of project 'Projet d'Appui aux activités du Représentant Spécial du facilitateur du Dialog Direct Inter-Ivoirien en Cote d'Ivoire' (Atlas Project ID 00058795) (The Project) in Cote D'Ivoire Project Centre (the Office). The audit firm was under the general supervision by IAIG in conformance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing*.

The Project reported expenditure totaling USD 7,209,104 during the period from 22 November 2007 to 30 September 2011. The project was funded by the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) administered by the United Nations Development Program.

#### Audit scope and objectives

The audit firm conducted a combined financial audit and audit of internal controls and systems to express an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the results of the Project's operations, as well as assess compliance with UNOPS regulations, rules, policies and procedures and donor agreements. The audit covered the review of the Project's Statement of Expenditure for the above mentioned period and Statement of Non-Expendable Property. It also reviewed the relevant systems, procedures and practices in place as they relate to the Project, in the areas of: project management, finance, human resources management, procurement and supply chain, and general administration (including asset management).

#### Audit rating

Based on the audit report and corresponding management letter submitted by the audit firm, IAIG assessed the management of the Project as **Partially satisfactory**<sup>1</sup>. The details of the audit results are presented in Tables 1 and 2.







Table 1: Summary results of the audit

Period	Project Expenditure		Project non expendable property		Overall rating on internal controls
	Amount (in USD)	Opinion	Amount (USD)	Opinion	
22 November 2007 to 30 September 2011	7,209,104	Qualified	38,544	Unqualified	Partially satisfactory

The Audit Firm issued a qualified audit opinion on the Financial Statements due to expenses of USD 314,498 not being supported by appropriate documentation.

<sup>1</sup> See definitions in Annex 1

Table 2: Internal controls ratings summary

RATING SUMMARY BY FUNCTIONAL AREA		
Functional area	Rating	
Project management	Satisfactory	
Finance	Partially satisfactory	
Procurement and supply chain	Partially Satisfactory	
Human resources	Partially Satisfactory	
General administration (incl. assets management)	Partially Satisfactory	
<b>Overall rating of Internal control</b>	<b>Partially Satisfactory</b>	

### Key recommendations

The audit raised 10 recommendations of which 1 is high priority and 9 are medium priority. The high priority recommendation includes an action to ensure that project expenditures are properly supported by documentation.

The medium priority recommendations include actions to address: correct usage of chart of accounts; recovery of paid VAT; documentation of suppliers' selection process; annual performance of assets physical inventory; reconciliation of assets register with project financial statements; and systematic preparation of 'on loan receipt form' for assets issued to personnel.

### Follow up of recommendations

The follow up of the action taken by management to implement the audit recommendations is monitored by IAIG on its web based issue tracking system.