CALL FOR EXPERTS

Maestral PF4C Expert Cohort

Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

Maestral is inviting applications from experts in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region for the **Maestral Public Finance for Children (PF4C) Expert Cohort**—a small group of experienced Public Finance for Children professionals who will be among the first trained to use Maestral developed public finance and investment case tools. We are looking for experts who combine strong technical knowledge with the ability to communicate complex public finance concepts clearly and engage effectively with governments and partners.

Selected participants will receive direct training from Maestral President Philip Goldman and Senior Associates, preparing them to become **PF4C Experts** who can introduce the tools and support their application with governments, development agencies, and other partners.

This regional call aims to strengthen the cohort's capacity to work with governments and partners across the MENA region in Arabic.

What Maestral provides:

- Direct training on Maestral public finance and investment case tools
- Recognition as a **Maestral PF4C Expert**, part of a small group trained to introduce and apply the tools
- The potential for paid technical assistance assignments through Maestral when governments or partners seek deeper support to adapt, learn, or apply the tools

What we ask of PF4C Experts:

- Participate fully in Maestral trainings
- Support the introduction of the tools through short webinars and presentations
- Be available for potential short-term technical assistance assignments through Maestral to help governments and organizations adapt and apply the tools

> *Participation in the Maestral PF4C Expert Cohort does not guarantee future assignments. It provides specialized training in Maestral's tools and positions PF4C Experts for consideration as opportunities arise to introduce and apply them in different country contexts.*

Maestral's Public Finance for Children Work

Maestral works with governments and partners to strengthen the financing of systems and services for children. Our Public Finance for Children expertise spans macroeconomic modelling, national and subnational costing, service costing, investment cases and economic evaluation, public financial management, and coordinated financial planning.

Our work combines rigorous analysis with practical tools that help governments understand what quality systems and services cost, identify financing needs and priorities, and make evidence-based decisions about investing in children.

Learn more about Maestral's Public Finance for Children tools and offerings.

Qualifications

We are seeking experienced professionals with:

- An advanced degree in economics, public finance, public policy, development economics, or a closely related field. Equivalent depth of professional experience will also be considered.
- At least five years of professional experience in public finance, costing, or applied economic analysis.
- Knowledge of Public Finance for Children approaches, investment case methodologies, costing, and/or economic evaluation.
- Advanced spreadsheet modelling skills, including the ability to develop transparent, auditable models with clearly documented assumptions and data sources.
- Experience working with national public finance data and relevant international economic, demographic, and social sector data sources.
- Strong analytical discipline, including the ability to distinguish evidence from assumptions, clearly communicate limitations, and defend analysis under external review.
- Strong communication skills, with the ability to make complex public finance concepts and findings accessible to non-technical audiences and engage effectively with government and development partners.
- Professional working proficiency in **Arabic and English** is required. Proficiency in **French** is an advantage.
- Professional experience in the MENA region.
- Experience working in child protection, social welfare, social protection, the social service workforce, health, or education.
- Experience working directly with ministries of finance or planning, co-developing tools with government teams, delivering capacity strengthening, or reviewing economic and costing models

How to Apply

Interested experts should complete Maestral's online application form here: (https://airtable.com/appYBaz2OQRoG3W58/shrAfvxbbAYfg0Ykk), which will request:

- A current CV highlighting relevant public finance, costing, and investment case experience
- A cover letter describing your relevant expertise and interest in joining the Maestral PF4C Expert Cohort
- Examples of relevant work, where available, with your role clearly identified
- Your working languages, current location, and indicative daily rate
- Contact details for two professional references

Application deadline: ***November 20, 2026***

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