**Response to queries against RFP 34, Development of Gender policy and strategy**

1.       Does the undertaking to travel have to be on a stamp paper, or a letter head of the firm, signed and stamped will suffice?

**The undertaking on a letter head duly signed and stamped by an authorized signatory would suffice.**

2.            Financial and credit access and utilization data about How many sectors with in the domain of SME is required? Like e.g. how many industries and industrial sectors one has to research for data collection and updating, other than those have been given in the RFP?

**Karandaaz would appreciate atleast the top five sectors to be evaluated, in terms of contribution to GDP and concentration of SMEs, such as Agriculture, Manufacturing, Services, Eduation, Health etc. The goal of the exercise is to ascertain sectors which**

* **exhibit women inclusion in their workforce or value chain (inclusive of subsectors implicitly or explicitly stated)**
* **exhibit high potential for women inclusion**

3.            What will be major analytics/data modeling and inference  requirements other than trends and YoY comparisons? (major requirements will surely help in resource estimation)

**It may be feasible to conduct assessment based on growth potential of a sector, the employment statistics, average remuneration of respective employed capital (especially women) etc. Please note that indepth discussion with the short listed firms would include the opportunity for the firms to present solutions and/or ideas which may be in addition to the ones implied in the RFP. This metric may be adjusted as the findings start becoming visible during the project and with mutual discussions**

4.            Is there any requirement of keeping an economist/SME sector expert/ on board even during the back stopping phase?

**An SME sector expert would be an asset.**