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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

ASSIGNMENT TITLE

Consultancy to Prepare the State of the Coast Report and Strategic Action Plan

BACKGROUND

The Pacific Ridge to Reef programme is a Global Environment Facility (GEF) multi-focal area programme guiding coordinated investment of GEF grant funding across its focal areas of biodiversity conservation, land degradation, climate change adaptation and mitigation, sustainable land management, sustainable forest management, and international waters in Pacific SIDS. It is a multi-agency initiative involving the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as GEF implementing agencies.

Executed regionally by the Pacific Community through the GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef International Waters project (GEF Pacific R2R IW), the operations of the R2R programme is supported in areas of science-based planning, human capital development, policy and strategic planning, results-based management, and knowledge sharing. Implemented through the GEF Pacific R2R IW project the R2R IW national pilot projects are designed to strengthen R2R integration by establishing synergies between sector agencies and the GEF National R2R STAR Projects, governments and communities, civil society and the private sector.

The diagnostic analysis of aims to gather and interpret information gathered regarding impacts of drinking water and waste pollution on the environment as well as the socioeconomic consequences. The immediate, underlying and root causes for each problem are to be identified as well as the specific practices, sources, locations, and human activity sectors from which water shortage/sanitation issues arise or threatens to arise. These will also be evaluated for options of reform and action. Information from the diagnostic analysis will inform the Strategic Action Plan/Framework.

The State of the Coast and SAP consultants will facilitate and support community led systems analysis to articulate and understand the most pressing and priority environmental problems, and identify, evaluate, and characterize the most feasible ICM/IWRM policy interventions. Specific objectives are as follows: - (i) Conduct SoC and SAP workshops; (ii) Collate recent and relevant scientific and technical information relative to the integrated management of water, land, and coast in the Pacific for online repository; (iii) Prepare and submit SoC and SAP workshop reports; (iv) Prepare and submit draft & final draft SoC and SAP Reports.

OBJECTIVE OF CONSULTANCY

The main task for the consultant is to conduct the following:

The scope of work includes the flow of information and outcomes to be documented and processed at each stage of the R2R science to policy process. For instance, the technical diagnostic analyses and results specific to cross-sectoral (ridge-reef) and inter-connecting problems and environment/socio-economic impacts provide a basis for further consideration and input into the preparations of the SoC/SAP or uptake in future R2R/ICM/IWRM planning.

The consultancy will deliver on outputs by following the SoC/SAP development process including, amongst others, the following activities:

- (i) Mobilize SoC/SAP development team, which could be the same team used for IDA work;
- (ii) Review and analysis of data/information stemming from site and island diagnostic analyses;
- (iii) Review and populate skeletal draft SoC prepared in the margin of diagnostic analysis work;
- (iv) Review diagnostic reports and workshop reports including notes from group discussions, and extract relevant details for the SoC/SAP;
- (v) Collect additional data and information from other sources, if required;
- (vi) Conduct SoC/SAP follow up workshops or consultations incl. prior planning, coordination, and preparation of workshop materials;
- (vii) SoC targeted workshops may be held jointly with the IDA considering a first rough draft SoC is a deliverable of the IDA process. The workshop provides the opportunity to discuss key sections of – pressures affecting the coast, catchment/coastal environments, and governance of the coast. Additional features for discussion would include guidelines for conducting the SoC/SAP process, thematic maps and summary of indicators and status;
- (viii) SAP targeted workshops normally plan for high level debates and open discussion forum possibly through the Inter-Ministry Committee given its contribution to reviewing or formulating policies and legislations –responsible for the environment and relevant to R2R approach;
- (ix) Identification of leverage points;
- (x) Brainstorm/ priority systems and plans, ideas and options for reform, intervention, and action;
- (xi) Strategies the new ideas and opportunities– prioritizing alternatives;
- (xii) Policy identification and evaluation of options for REFORM and ACTION – factual data and information is drawn from IDA and SoC;
- (xiii) Draft SoC and SAP following given templates;
- (xiv) Draft SoC/ SAP workshop reports

SCOPE OF WORK AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The consultant is expected to propose a work plan and timeline to achieve the expected objective with appropriate methodology proposal and take into consideration the reporting template that will be provided by the Environment and Conservation Division. The detailed terms of reference can be acquired by emailing Director of ECD on decd@melda.gov.ki and copy Project Manager on t.biko@melad.gov.ki

The consultancy is for 30 days (1 month) starting no later than 25 August 2021 and completing not later than 25 September 2021.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The applicant should have the following attributes:

1. At least 10 years' experience in national resources management (and/or in a related field) in Kiribati and the Pacific Islands
2. Have well recognized university achievements in field related to environment management, natural resources management, water resources management and/or climate change.
3. Strong track record in project management including work planning, field assessment,

stakeholder consultations and oversight, communication and reporting across diverse audiences in a multicultural and multi-disciplinary environment, monitoring and evaluation.

4. Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills in multicultural environment. A basic knowledge of the local language & culture would be an advantage.
5. An understanding of the importance of working alongside indigenous people and local communities to deliver the best conservation outcomes.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The application must include the Curriculum Vitae with full contact details of the three referees, a cover letter summarizing your experience and qualification for this consultant, fee proposal and work plan with timelines to undertake this assignment.

APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY 24 August, 2021 EITHER IN A HARDCOPY OR ELECTRONICALLY TO:

Hard copy:

“CONFIDENTIAL – consultancy to prepare the State of the Coast Report and Strategic Action Plan” and delivered to the address below at or before 24 August 2021.

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