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REQUEST FOR REXPRESSION OF INTEREST

ASSIGNMENT TITLE

Consultancy to Prepare a Diagnostic Analysis for the Kiribati R2R project Demonstration sites

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.

Kiribati IW R2R project is a sub project of the regional R2R project pursuant to Memorandum of Agreement between SPC and Kiribati government through the Ministry of Environment, Land and Agriculture Development to deliver specific outputs and achieve mainstreamed R2R approach. Kiribati's R2R IW project will focus on local capacity of waste management through effective community engagement, testing of sustainable dry-litter technology (DLT) for reduction of nutrient offload and contamination, and increased information management and community awareness in support of sustainable animal waste management.

Kiribati IW R2R project demonstration site is South Tarawa where a heavy population migration has led to increased pressures on drinking water as well as sustainable waste management. A larger desalination plant to remedy the shortage of drinking water was not deemed cost effective and the introduction of compost toilets were not socially accepted.

The diagnostic analysis 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.

OBJECTIVE OF CONSULTANCY

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

- Undertake a diagnostic analysis for the Kiribati demonstration sites, including amongst others, with following activities:
- Identify & prioritise the challenges and problems associated with the Kiribati demonstration site.
- Gather and interpret information on the environmental impacts and socio-economic consequences of each problem.
- Analyze the immediate, underlying, and root causes for each problem, and in particular identify specific practices, sources, locations, and human activity sectors from which environmental degradation arises or threatens to arise.
- Identification and evaluation of options for reform and action.

SCOPE OF WORK AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The consultant is expected to propose a work plan and timeline to achieve the expected objectives 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@melad.gov.ki and copy Project Manager on t.biko@melad.gov.ki

The consultancy is for 30 days (1 month) starting no later than 15 June 2021 and completing not later than 13 July 2021.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The applicant should have the following attributes:

- At least 10 years' experience in natural resources management (and/or in a related field) in Kiribati and the Pacific Islands
- Have well recognized university achievements in field related to environment management, natural resources management, water resources management and/or climate change.
- 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.
- Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills in multicultural environment. A basic knowledge of the local language & culture would be an advantage.
- 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 Curriculum Vitae with full contact details of 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 11 JUNE, 2021 EITHER IN A HARDCOPY OR ELECTRONICALLY TO:

Hard Copy:

"CONFIDENTIAL – Consultancy to Prepare a Diagnostic Analysis for Kiribati IW R2R Demonstration Sites"
and delivered to the address below at or before 5.00 pm on the 11 June, 2021.

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Incomplete applications will not be considered and only candidates from whom there is further interest will be contacted.