



REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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To: Interested suppliers
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Subject: Request for tenders: GCCA+ SUPA National Consultant for Impacts Analysis/Adaptation Specialist (Service-Based Consultancy) - TONGA

1. Background

- 1.1. The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) is an intergovernmental organisation charged with promoting cooperation among Pacific islands countries and territories to protect and improve their environment and ensure sustainable development.
- 1.2. SPREP approaches the environmental challenges faced by the Pacific guided by four simple **Values**. These values guide all aspects of our work:
 - We value the **Environment**
 - We value our **People**
 - We value high quality and targeted **Service Delivery**
 - We value **Integrity**
- 1.3. For more information, see: <http://www.sprep.org/>

2. Specifications: statement of requirement

- 2.1. SPREP would like to call for tenders from qualified and experienced consultants to work with the Department of Climate Change under the Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDECC) on the work funded through the GCCA+ SUPA Project at SPREP.
- 2.2. The successful applicant will need to provide the details of works required as referred to in the attached Terms of Reference
- 2.3. The Terms of Reference and the specific statement of work for the consultancy are set out in Annex A.

3. Conditions: information for applicants

- 3.1. To be considered for this tender, interested suppliers must meet the following conditions:
 - i. Must be a Tongan resident, eligible to work in Tonga and must speak fluent Tongan. Submit details of qualification and previous relevant experience in adaptation practice and environment projects management in the Pacific region or equivalent developing countries.
 - ii. Submissions should include a technical proposal that includes a work plan and schedule of activities plus a financial proposal.
Please note all costs, including taxes, facilities, insurance, local travel, and associated costs, should be included in the financial proposal.. Submitted proposals will be evaluated based on best value for money.



- iii. Submit a CV to demonstrate the consultant has the relevant experience, skills, and qualifications to carry out this contract successfully.
- iv. Provide at least three referees most recent and relevant to this work.
- v. Provide examples of prior relevant work outputs; and
- vi. Complete the tender application form – (please note you are required to complete all areas in full as requested on the form, particularly the statements to demonstrate you meet the selection criteria – DO NOT refer us to your CV or your Technical Proposal. Failure to complete the tender application form will result in the application not being considered).

4. Submission guidelines

- 4.1. Tender documentation should demonstrate the interested consultant satisfies the conditions stated above and can meet the required specifications and timeframes. Documentation must also include supporting examples to address the evaluation criteria.
- 4.2. Tender documentation should comprise the interested supplier's complete proposal, comprising:
 - (a) The CV of the proposed personnel highlighting experience relevant to the tender;
 - (b) A Technical Proposal which contains the details to achieve the tasks outlined in the Terms of Reference; and
 - (c) A Financial Proposal to be priced based on a work plan on where, when, and how the technical assistance will be provided. The proposal should be for consultancy fees inclusive of all costs, including taxes, facilities, insurance, local travel, and associated costs, should be included in the financial proposal.
- 4.3. Tender submission must be in United States Dollars (USD).
- 4.4. The Proposal must remain valid for 90 days from date of submission.
- 4.5. Interested consultants must insist on an acknowledgement of receipt of tenders/proposals/bids. Tender documentation should demonstrate that the interested supplier satisfies the conditions stated above and capable of meeting the specifications and timeframes. Documentation must also include supporting examples to address the evaluation criteria. Describe any additional minimum content and format requirements.
- 4.6. Tender documentation should outline the interested supplier's complete proposal: methods, personnel (and their skill sets/curricula vitae), timeframes and costs.
- 4.7. Tenderers/Bidders must insist on an acknowledgement of receipt of tenders/proposals/bids.

5. Tender Clarification

- 5.1. Any clarification questions from applicants must be submitted by email to Maraea Pogi on maraeap@sprep.org before 28 September 2020. A summary of all questions received with an associated response will be posted on the SPREP website www.sprep.org/tender by 30 September 2020.

6. Evaluation criteria

- 6.1 SPREP will select a preferred national consultant on the basis of SPREP's evaluation of the extent to which the documentation demonstrates the tenderer offers the best value for money, and that the tenderer satisfies the following criteria:
 - i. Minimum Bachelor level qualifications in environmental science or related field and more than 5 years' experience working in areas of environmental management, adaptation practice, knowledge, and information management (15%);



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- ii. Demonstrated experience and knowledge of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction practice, priority actions at national level towards delivering on targets of the Sustainable Development Goals, climate change policy and commitments under the UNFCCC, of the Sendai Framework for disaster risk reduction and regional management arrangements such as the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP). (20%)
- iii. Proven experience in project management (10%);
- iv. Demonstrated high-level of skills in reviewing and report writing and ability to deliver within the timeframe (10%);
- v. Demonstrated experience working in Tonga, the Pacific region or other developing countries, must be eligible to work in Tonga, be able to speak Tongan, and willing to work with a diverse team to provide technical support and strengthen capacity of national officers (15%);
- vi. Detailed technical proposal/workplan and methodology including timeframe (20%);
- vii. Detailed financial proposal (10%).

7. Deadline

7.1. **The due date for submission of the tender is: 08 October 2020, midnight (Apia, Samoa local time).**

7.2. Late submissions will be returned unopened to the sender.

7.3. Please send all tenders clearly marked 'TENDER: **GCCA+ SUPA National Consultant for Impacts Analysis/Adaptation Specialist (Service-Based Consultancy) – TONGA**'

Mail: SPREP
Attention: Procurement Officer
PO Box 240
Apia, SAMOA

Email: tenders@sprep.org (MOST PREFERRED OPTION)

Fax: 685 20231

Person: Submit by hand in the tenders box at SPREP reception,
Vailima, Samoa.

SPREP reserves the right to reject any or all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For any complaints regarding the Secretariat's tenders please refer to the Complaints section on the SPREP website

<http://www.sprep.org/accountability/complaints>



ANNEX A

TERMS OF REFERENCE

GCCA+ SUPA National Consultant for Impacts Analysis/Adaptation Specialist (Service-Based Consultancy) – TONGA

1. Background

The Global Climate Change Alliance Plus Scaling up Pacific Adaptation (GCCA+ SUPA) Project – is seeking a national consultant for the Impacts Analysis work/Adaptation Specialist for Tonga Department of Climate Change, MEIDECC on a service-based consultancy. The intent of this consultancy is to provide direct support to MEIDECC in the facilitation of national consultations and liaise with partners in the collection of baseline data for the trial of impacts analysis methodology.

Impact assessment of climate change adaptation interventions, several years after their completion, is a major gap in the Pacific countries. (Standard end-of-project evaluations focus almost entirely on outputs and are usually conducted around the project end-date). Yet without information about longer-term impact, Pacific nations remain in a cycle of designing and executing new adaptation initiatives which in many cases do not fulfil their hoped-for long-term potential. Pacific countries need an objective impact assessment of past interventions that shifts their planning horizons from the short-term project approach to the medium term (10+ years) sector resilient approach.

In utilising an information and knowledge management approach, an impacts analysis methodology will be designed and tested. To do this, information on past adaptation interventions completed in the past 5-years will be compiled. A methodology will then be developed to assess the impacts of these past interventions. Key criteria for assessing past interventions include (i) effectiveness, (ii) sustainable social and behavioural changes (e.g. enhanced decision making skills for women and vulnerable groups), (iii) successful lessons and practices, and (iv) overall sustainability of completed climate change adaptation interventions.

The impacts analysis methodology will be tested and finalised. The impacts analysis methodology will then be integrated into a user-friendly database module which can be added to existing national climate change portals. Training will be provided so that countries can install, populate and customise the impacts database and apply it to inform their national prioritisation and decision making. The other countries taking part in this GCCA+ SUPA Action will be involved in training activities and information sharing sessions at regional meetings. Besides supporting longer-term national decision making, the impact databases will also contribute to national and regional baselines on which to assess the FRDP and to the GCCA+ lessons learnt.

2. Scope of Consultancy

The national consultant will work with the Tonga Government through the MEIDECC to source, collect, update and monitor information required to carry out the impact analysis around past, present and pipeline adaptation projects. The national consultant will work with Department of Climate Change staff on a data collection plan and follow Department processes. He/ She will also be required to work closely with staff and GCCA+ SUPA project partners working in the field to collect relevant data that informs the Impacts Analysis key indicators for the focal sectors at which adaptation interventions were carried out.

The second focus will be to trial an impacts analysis methodology as well as providing support with training held in conjunction to the build of a national impacts database of past adaptation actions. The national consultant is expected to appropriately document the research and report on the data analysis, data portal functions and the characteristics of trial indicators for an impact analysis of each identified adaptation action per focus sector.



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The GCCA+ SUPA project team at SPREP in collaboration with the Department of Climate Change, MEIDECC will provide guidance on the use of a developed adaptation impacts database and tools within the scope of the impacts analysis methodology.

3. Specific Tasks

- i. Connect with the JNAP Technical Working Group and collaborate with others where necessary.
- ii. Identify data sets for the application of impacts analysis on past adaptation actions.
- iii. Document the research highlighting relevant interventions carried out, analyses, tools and methods, approaches, projects, programmes recently used and or implemented.
- iv. Where necessary, work with other consultants and the GCCA+ SUPA field implementing partners to coordinate data gathering, testing of tools adapted for the impacts' analysis methodology.
- v. Build capacity within the Department of Climate Change, MEIDECC through on-the-job training to use the data portal and indicators reporting tool in draft for an impacts' analysis on adaptation.
- vi. Assist and provide support to all logistical and administrative requirements of the project where necessary.
- vii. Maintain proper records of meetings, incoming data files, monthly update reports, data portal and number of dataset uploads as part of the project management information system overseen by SPREP.
- viii. Regular communications of data management, reporting of impacts analysis to MEIDECC and national stakeholder group.
- ix. Prepare monthly progressive reports on progress of implementation in country to MEIDECC and SPREP.

4. Logistical and Reporting Arrangements

The service-based consultancy will be funded through the GCCA+ SUPA Project at SPREP.

The national consultant will be based at the Department of Climate Change, Nukualofa. The national consultant will be directly accountable to SPREP and the Director of Climate Change, MEIDECC.

The national consultant will liaise with the SPREP GCCA+ SUPA Project Team for technical advice and guidance.

5. Requirements

- Minimum of Bachelor of Science level qualification in the areas of science (biology, physical geography, chemistry or environmental science) or social science and have more than 5 years' work experience in areas of environmental management, climate change policy, adaptation practice, knowledge and information management, development planning, GIS, database and information management.
- Be able to work under pressure and deliver on time.
- Familiar with international, national commitments under the UNFCCC and other policy instruments, regional management arrangements like the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific and SDGs.
- Experience in project coordination with similar assignments in the past; have good English proficiency (oral and written) and possess high quality report writing skills; have good communication, public relations skills and an established network of professionals in various fields; be willing to work alongside colleagues from different professional backgrounds and be sensitive to cultural differences.
- Must have strong analytical skills and be willing to build/strengthen capacity of the national officers and the technical working group/committee in report writing and other aspects of the project.
- Be able to work independently, provide his/her own laptop and bandwidth for use at the Department of Climate Change, MEIDECC.



6. Timeline

The national consultant will work closely with MEIDECC and SPREP.. The national consultant is to submit a proposed work plan with clear timelines and milestones as per the requirements of the Terms of Reference.

7. Work arrangements

The national consultant will be based at Tongatapu and work from the Department of Climate Change Office, MEIDECC.

The national consultant will work under the direction of the Director of Climate Change, MEIDECC and submit monthly reports to the SPREP Team Leader reporting against agreed work plans and project deliverables.

The national consultant will need to demonstrate that he/she is legally entitled to work, currently residing in Tonga and must speak fluent Tongan.

The successful consultant must supply the services to the extent applicable, in compliance with SPREP's Values and Code of Conduct

https://www.sprep.org/attachments/Publications/Corporate_Documents/sprep-organisational-values-code-of-conduct.pdf

8. Duration of the Consultancy

This service-based consultancy will run up to the 30 June 2022 commencing as soon as practicable.