



REQUEST FOR QUOTES

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To: Interested consultants

From: Monifa Fiu, GCCA+ SUPA Impacts Analysis Adviser

Subject: Request for quotes (RFQ): GCCA+ SUPA National Facilitator with identified stakeholder sector groups to advocate for the application of the impact analysis methodology in strategic planning for 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: www.sprep.org.
- 1.4. The Global Climate Change Alliance Plus Scaling Up Pacific Adaptation (GCCA+ SUPA) Project, the SPREP component developed an impact analysis methodology that was field tested on sites with information on past adaptation interventions completed in the past 5-years in four countries. These are Tonga, Palau, Cook Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia. Key criteria for assessing past interventions include:
 - (i) effectiveness,
 - (ii) sustainable social and behavioral 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 impact methodology was tested on a spectrum of adaptation interventions across key priority sectors of coastal protection, water security, resilient agriculture measures and marine resources management. Results of the impact methodology will be integrated into a user-friendly database module which can be added to existing national climate change por-



tals. Training will be provided so that countries can install, populate, and customise the adaptation impacts database and apply it to inform their national prioritisation and decision making. The other six countries taking part in this GCCA+ SUPA Action will also be involved in training activities and information sharing sessions at regional meetings.

- 1.5. This tender procedure is for the provision of facilitation assistance services for the GCCA+ SUPA Project at SPREP to support in-country work in seeking the buy-in of key sector stakeholders for this applied impact analysis methodology.

2. Specifications: statement of requirement

- 2.1. SPREP wishes to call for quotes from qualified and experienced technical consultants/experts in this area of expertise who can offer their services to the GCCA+ SUPA Project at SPREP.
- 2.2. Full specifications for the Terms of Reference and the specific statement of work for this tender are set out in Annex A.
- 2.3. 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/spreporganisational-values-code-of-conduct.pdf. Including SPREP's policy on Child Protection, Environmental Social Safeguards, Fraud Prevention & Whistleblower Protection and Gender and Social Inclusion.
- 2.4. SPREP Standard Contract Terms and Conditions are non-negotiable

3. Conditions: information for applicants

- 3.1. To be considered, interested consultants must meet the following conditions:
 - i. Must be currently based in Tonga and legally entitled to work, be culturally competent in the local language(s), customs and practices.
 - ii. Submit details of relevant qualifications and previous relevant experience for at least ten years' experience in facilitation of national strategic planning processes, particularly in the fields of climate change adaptation, conservation, and environment sector, and demonstrate familiarity with designing and applying robust and appropriate performance monitoring and results frameworks in development studies, social sciences, international relations, and environmental sciences.
 - iii. Submit a comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV) to demonstrate that consultant has the relevant experience, skills, work ethics, and qualifications to carry out this contract successfully.
 - iv. Submission must include a technical proposal that includes a detailed work plan and schedule of activities plus a financial proposal.
 - v. Provide three referees relevant to this submission, including the most recent work completed.
 - vi. Provide examples of past related work outputs.

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- vii. Complete the **tender application form** provided (*Please note you are required to complete in full all areas requested in the Form, particularly the Statements to demonstrate you meet the selection criteria – DO NOT refer us to your CV. Failure to do this will mean your application will **not** be considered*).
For the Technical and Financial proposals you may attach these separately.
 - viii. Provide a copy of valid business registration/license.
- 3.2. Tenderers must declare any areas that may constitute conflict of interest related to this activity and sign the **conflict of interest form** provided.
- 3.3. **Tenderer is deemed ineligible due to association with exclusion criteria, including** bankruptcy, insolvency or winding up procedures, breach of obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions, fraudulent or negligent practice, violation of intellectual property rights, under a judgment by the court, grave professional misconduct including misrepresentation, corruption, participation in a criminal organisation, money laundering or terrorist financing, child labour and other trafficking in human beings, deficiency in capability in complying main obligations, creating a shell company, and being a shell company.
- 3.4. Tenderer must sign a declaration of **honour form** together with their application, certifying that they do not fall into any of the exclusion situations cited in 3.3 above and where applicable, that they have taken adequate measures to remedy the situation.

4. Submission guidelines

- 4.1. Documentation should demonstrate that the interested consultant satisfies the conditions stated above and in the Terms of Reference and is capable of meeting the specifications and timeframes. Documentation must also include supporting examples to address the evaluation criteria.
- 4.2. Documentation should be submitted in English and outline the interested consultant's complete proposal:
- a. **SPREP Tender Application form and conflict of interest form.** (Please note you are required to complete in full all areas requested in the Form, particularly the Statements to demonstrate you meet the selection criteria – DO NOT refer us to your CV. Failure to do this will mean your application will not be considered).
For the Technical and Financial proposals you may attach these separately.
 - b. **Honour form**
 - c. **Technical Component** includes:
 - i. Technical Proposal which contains the details to achieve the tasks outlined in the Terms of Reference (Annex A).
 - ii. Curriculum Vitae of the proposed personnel to demonstrate that they have the requisite skills and experience to carry out this contract successfully.
 - d. **Financial Component** – detailed outline of the costs involved in successfully delivering this project submitted in United States Dollars (USD) and inclusive of all associated taxes. Prices shall be fixed and not subject to revision during the performance of the contract.
- 4.3. Provide three referees relevant to this submission, including the most recent work completed.

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- 4.4. Tenderers/bidders shall bear all costs associated with preparing and submitting a proposal, including cost relating to contract award; SPREP will, in no case, be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.
- 4.5. The tenderer/bidder might be requested to provide additional information relating to their submitted proposal, if the Evaluation Committee requests further information for the purposes of the evaluation process. SPREP may shortlist one or more Tenderers and seek further information from them.
- 4.6. The submitted proposal must be for the entirety of the Terms of Reference and not divided into portions which a potential tenderer/bidder can provide services for.
- 4.7. The Proposal must remain valid for 90 days from date of submission.
- 4.8. Tenderers must insist on an acknowledgement of receipt of proposal.

5. Clarification

- 5.1. a. Any clarification questions from applicants must be submitted by email to procurement@sprep.org before 16 August 2022. A summary of all questions received complete with an associated response will be shared with all Tenderers by 18 August 2022.
- b. Tenderers should identify in their question what, if any, information in the question the Tenderer considers is confidential.
- c. If a Tenderer believes they have found a discrepancy, error, ambiguity, inconsistency or omission in this RFQ or any other information given or made available by SPREP, the Tenderer should promptly notify the Requesting Officer setting out the error in sufficient detail so that SPREP may take the corrective action, if any, it considers appropriate.

6. Evaluation criteria

- 6.1. SPREP will select a preferred consultant on the basis of SPREP's evaluation of the extent to which the documentation demonstrates that the tenderer offers the best value for money, and that the proposal satisfies the following criteria:
- 6.2. A proposal will be rejected if it fails to achieve 70% or more in the technical criteria and its accompanying financial proposal shall not be evaluated.

I. Technical Score – 90%



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Criteria	Detail	Weighting
Qualifications	Postgraduate qualifications in development studies, social sciences, international relations, or environmental sciences.	15%
Experience, Skills and Technical Services	At least ten (10) years of experience in facilitation of national strategic planning processes, particularly in the fields of climate change adaptation, conservation, and environment sector.	20%
Experience, Skills, and Technical Services	Demonstrated experience in the design and delivery of robust, relevant, and timely evaluation strategies and reviews of development interventions using qualitative and quantitative methods; monitoring and evaluation of large, complex, long-term projects/programmes with a specific focus on the Pacific region.	20%
Experience, Skills, and Technical Services	Demonstrated experience undertaking similar assignments with methodology development in the Pacific Islands in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction actions, and the analysis of multi-variable environmental systems.	20%
Technical Proposal / Methodology and Proficiency	Detailed technical proposal/workplan and methodology including timeframe.	15%

II. Financial Score – 10%

Detailed financial proposal.

The following formula shall be used to calculate the financial score for ONLY the proposals which score 70% or more in the technical criteria:

$$\text{Financial Score} = a \times \frac{b}{c}$$

Where:

a = maximum number of points allocated for the Financial Score

b = Lowest bid amount

c = Total bidding amount of the proposal

7. Variation or Termination of the Request for Quotes



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- 7.1 a. SPREP may amend, suspend or terminate the RFQ process at any time.
- b. In the event that SPREP amends the RFQ or the conditions of tender, it will inform potential Tenderers.
- c. If SPREP determines that none of the Tenders submitted represents value for money, that it is otherwise in the public interest or SPREP's interest to do so, SPREP may terminate this RFQ process at any time. In such cases SPREP will cancel this process and inform unsuccessful bidders accordingly.

8. Deadline

- 8.1. **The due date for submission is: 22 August 2022, midnight (Apia, Samoa local time).**
- 8.2. Late submissions will be returned unopened to the sender.
- 8.3 Please send all quotes clearly marked '**RFQ: GCCA+ SUPA National Facilitator with identified stakeholder sector groups to advocate for the application of the impact analysis methodology in strategic planning for Tonga.**'

Mail: SPREP

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Email: monifaf@sprep.org

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Person: Submit by hand in the tenders' box at SPREP reception,

Vailima, Samoa.

Note: Submissions made to the incorrect portal will not be considered by SPREP. If SPREP is made aware of the error in submission prior to the deadline, the applicant will be advised to resubmit their application to the correct portal. However, if SPREP is not made aware of the error in submission until after the deadline, then the application is considered late and will be returned unopened to the sender.

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

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SPREP reserves the right to enter into negotiation with respect to one or more proposals prior to the award of a contract, split an award/awards and to consider localised award/awards between any proposers in any combination, as it may deem appropriate without prior written acceptance of the proposers.

A binding contract is in effect, once signed by both SPREP and the successful tenderer. Any contractual discussion/work carried out/goods supplied prior to a contract being signed does not constitute a binding contract.

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 Facilitator with identified stakeholder sector groups to advocate for the application of the impact analysis methodology in strategic planning for Tonga.

1. Objectives of the Contract

This tender procedure is for the provision of technical assistance services for the GCCA+ SUPA Project at SPREP to review the existing draft methodology and tools that have been developed for impacts assessment and the data collected to date; identify the gaps and assist with preparing a revised methodology and application at country level.

2. Scope of Work and Description of Key Activities

Reporting to the GCCA+ SUPA SPREP Team Leader/Impacts Analysis Adviser, the national facilitator consultant will work with the GCCA+ SUPA SPREP Project Team to advocate and provide support on the application of impact analysis methodology amongst key sector stakeholder groups, in strategic planning process(es) for the cross-cutting climate change sector.

Specifically:

- a) Work with the GCCA+ SUPA Impacts Analysis Adviser to prepare a plan for the facilitation outreach and capacity building program with policy priority sector groups, advocating for the uptake of impacts analysis (iA) methodology into strategic planning processes.
- b) Support national stakeholders' facilitation in coordination with climate change focal point of seeking buy-in for application of impacts analysis methodology as means to track action impacts.
- c) Duties related to advancing the application of the Light version of impacts analysis (iA) methodology in Tonga.

3. Specific Tasks

The following essential functions are to be conducted under the guidance of the GCCA+ SUPA SPREP Project Team. These essential functions include, but are not limited to:

- a) Prepare a plan and schedule detailing the delivery of this work.
- b) Support national facilitation of sector stakeholder groups advocacy of the impacts methodology and database training activities.
- c) Duties related to advancing the application of the Light version of impacts analysis (iA) methodology in Tonga.

4. Logistical and Reporting Arrangements

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

There is scope for this to be a remote working consultancy, therefore internet access is compulsory.

The consultant is to have own their technical equipment required to undertake this work.

The consultant will liaise with the GCCA+ SUPA SPREP Project Team Leader for support and guidance.



5. Requirements

Technical and Financial Evaluation Criteria	Obtaining Score
i. Postgraduate qualifications in development studies, social sciences, international relations, or environmental sciences.	15%
ii. At least ten (10) years of experience in facilitation of national strategic planning processes, particularly in the fields of climate change adaptation, conservation, and environment sector.	20%
iii. Demonstrated experience in the design and delivery of robust, relevant, and timely evaluation strategies and reviews of development interventions using qualitative and quantitative methods; monitoring and evaluation of large, complex, long-term projects/programmes with a specific focus on the Pacific region.	20%
iv. Demonstrated experience undertaking similar assignments with methodology development in the Pacific Islands in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction actions, and the analysis of multi-variable environmental systems.	20%
v. Detailed technical proposal/workplan and methodology including timeframe.	15%
Total (Technical)	90%
Financial	
vi. Detailed financial proposal - A financial proposal should be priced on a workplan on where, when, and how the technical assistance will be provided. The proposal should outline costs for consultancy fees costs, inclusive of all costs, including taxes, facilities, insurance, travel to sites, and associated costs, should be included in the financial proposal.	10%

6. Timeline

The consultant will work closely with SPREP for 25 working days from agreed start date until the end of November 2022.

7. Working Arrangements



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The consultant will be based at home and work remotely until able to travel locally for site implementation purposes and project meetings. These local travel arrangements for any project related activities will be facilitated by the GCCA+ SUPA SPREP Project Team when necessary.

The consultant will work under the direction of the GCCA+ SUPA SPREP Team Leader with monthly updates to the GCCA+ SUPA SPREP Project Team reporting against agreed tasks and output(s) delivered.

The consultant will need to demonstrate that he/she is legally entitled to work.

8. Project Management

The execution of this consultancy work requires the capacity to manage several orders simultaneously and to ensure coordination between all parties involved, where needed.

Where instruction is challenging to address via email, the consultant is expected to interact with the GCCA+ SUPA SPREP Project Team and other relevant colleagues via teleconference and other virtual platforms (Zoom Cloud Meetings, Microsoft Teams).

9. Duration of the Consultancy

This consultancy will run up to the end of November 2022 and commencing as soon as practical.