

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST for the selection of a consultant (firm)



INDIAN OCEAN
COMMISSION

Country: **MAURITIUS – Indian Ocean**

Name of Project: **SECOND SOUTH-WEST INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES GOVERNANCE
AND SHARED GROWTH PROJECT (SWIOFish2)**

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: **IDA-Grant Number D1720**

Assignment Title: **Consultant (firm) for the establishment of a regional collaborative web platform dedicated for the emergence of enterprises and innovative projects to promote circular economy and reduce marine pollution in the African and Indian Ocean Developing Island States (AIODIS).**

Reference No. **SW2/Y5-C015**

1. The Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) is an intergovernmental regional cooperation organization which brings together the Union of the Comoros, France, on behalf of Réunion, Madagascar, Mauritius, and Seychelles. Its mission is to strengthen the bonds of friendship and solidarity between peoples and to contribute through regional cooperation to the sustainable development of its member states. The IOC has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the SECOND SOUTH-WEST INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES GOVERNANCE AND SHARED GROWTH PROJECT (SWIOFish2) regional project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services
2. The consulting services (“the Services”) include the Service contract for establishment of a regional collaborative web platform dedicated for the emergence of enterprises and innovative projects to promote circular economy and reduce marine pollution in the African and Indian Ocean Developing Island States (AIODIS), which will take place remotely between June 2022 and June 2023 with possibility of missions to the project sites (including Cabo Verde, Guinea Bissau, São Tomé & Príncipe, Comoros, Mauritius, Madagascar, Maldives and Seychelles).

The Consultant's mission is to (i) Undertake a landscape needs assessment and mapping of entrepreneurship support institutions and structures, including incubators and accelerators in each of the eight AIODIS and their capacity to respond to the orientation of the economy towards circular economy; (ii) design an integrated solution including hosting services for 12 months for a regional collaborative web platform dedicated for the emergence of enterprises and innovative projects to promote circular economy and reduce marine pollution in the AIODIS. (iii) elaborate a clear operational plan with clear specific elements to establish the platform and for running the platform for 18 months following its creation. You may wish to consult the terms of reference on the website of the Indian Ocean Commission (<https://www.commissionoceanindien.org/sw2-y5-c015/>)
3. The Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - Officially registered legal entity with a valid registration;
 - Minimum 5 years of relevant experience with a demonstrable ability to work with entrepreneurs, private sector companies, building inclusive business models and applied expertise in the areas of gender, economic empowerment, and multi-sector partnerships.
 - Strong network of partners in the space of entrepreneurship within the AIODIS;
 - Strong demonstrable experience on running entrepreneurship incubator and accelerator programmes;
 - Positive track-record on unlocking co-financed resources with public and private sector;
 - Innovation track-record and work-experience and/or presence in the SIDS, particularly the AIODIS countries;
 - Strong networks with private sector companies operating in the AIODIS will be an advantage.
4. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers edition January 2011 Revised July 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.
5. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.
6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on the Consultants’ Qualifications (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.
7. Further information can be obtained at the address below.
8. Expressions of interest must be sent to the email addresses below by Monday 11 April 2022 at 4:30pm (Mauritian time UTC+4):

e-mail: innocent.miada@coi-ioc.org and njiva.r@coi-ioc.org

Reference: " (SW2/Y5-C015) the establishment of a regional collaborative web platform "