Request for Expressions of Interest

Consultant – National Plastics Program

Location:	Grenada
Type of Contract:	Single Lump Sum Contract
Starting Date:	
Languages Required:	English
Duration of Initial Contract:	
Expected duration of Contract	3 Months
Submission Deadline	August 15, 2022

Background

Grenada under its Climate Promise with Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) is supporting dematerialization and accounting for the greenhouse gases (GHGs). Mitigation would help Grenada in its 2050 climate neutrality goal under the Paris Agreement. In addition, plastic pollution from consumer plastics as well as abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded fishing gear has negative social, economic, and environmental impacts that need to be addressed to make the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) a reality.

In the context of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and its risk of infection, global demand for single-use plastics is spiking and may undo some early progress made on curbing plastics pollution nationally. To strengthen Grenada's efforts in tackling the plastics issue, there is a need for a senior consultant to support the design and formulation of a National Plastics Programme with special focus on the possible reduction of marine plastics. Emphasis can be placed on what has already been achieved with consideration of the impact of COVID-19 on plastics in the short, medium, and long-term.

Objectives of the Assignment

The main objective of the consultancy is the formulation of a National Plastic Programme with a primary focus on the reduction of marine plastics.

Scope of Work

The main responsibilities for the consultant may include but are not limited to:

- Undertake research on solutions to plastics challenge, and identify Grenada's unique positioning and added value to address this challenge
- •Provide intellectual inputs, critical analysis and writing support to the development of Grenada National plastics program
- Develop a national program document on plastics with particular focus on examining possibilities for the reduction of marine plastics, including the baseline analysis, activities, results framework, M&E plan, communications and knowledge management plan, and other elements as required;
- Develop a framework to identify partners, cultivate relationships and secure interests to support the development and implementation of the national plastics program;
- Provide technical assistance, programming and policy support as needed;
- Develop good practices, identify viable solutions to scale up, and facilitate learning and knowledge sharing in plastics management.

Competencies

Technical

- Good knowledge of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) implementation, program development, global finance, circular economy concepts, the concept of sustainability and sustainable development across developed and developing countries, and the interrelatedness between plastics production and waste disposal within the regional;
- Ability to quickly grasp and synthesize inputs from a range of disciplines related to developing a systems-driven National Plastics Programme to deliver integrated solutions to the externalities of plastics and use;
- Ability to advocate and provide technical advice on the relevant sector/theme;

Functional:

Communications

• Able to communicate effectively in writing to a varied and broad audience in a simple and concise manner.

Professionalism

- Capable of working in a high- pressure environment with sharp and frequent deadlines, managing many tasks simultaneously;
- Excellent analytical and organizational skills;
- Exercises the highest level of responsibility and be able to handle confidential and politically sensitive issues in a responsible and mature manner.

Teamwork

- Works well in a team:
- Projects a positive image and is ready to take on a wide range of tasks;
- Focuses on results for the client:
- Welcomes constructive feedback.

Qualifications

Education

• Postgraduate degree or equivalent in Finance, Business, Development, Science, Engineering (Environmental, Energy, Mechanical, Chemical, Industrial). Any other related applied planetary or social sciences degree is an advantage.

Experience

- A minimum of 10 years of progressively responsible professional experience (design and implementation) in the areas of national, regional and international environmental, social and organizational development or programming and finance, preferably related to climate, agricultural, sustainability, materials and resource management & efficiency.
- Experience in developing and implementing complex programs or projects funded by bilateral or multilateral donors

- Proven research and writing skills on plastics, circular economy, climate change, agricultural, environment and sustainable development issues. Please attach two recent pieces of written work prepared such as technical report, conference report, and/or communication pieces;
- Proven track record at the national and/or international level in providing technical and policy advisory services in materials and resource management, development and efficiency is an asset;
- Strong understanding of the need and experience in interweaving issues related to social and environmental safeguards, and understanding of development of SMART indicator frameworks;

Language Requirements

• Fluency in English, both written and oral, is required.

Duration of Assignment

The duration of the assignment is expected to be **40 working days over a period of 3 months** from contract signature date.

Application

Interested candidates should submit their CV including information on proposed daily fee, cover letter which describes why you are the most suitable person to take this assignment by including information on your relevant experience and achievements, and two recommendations.