



COMMONWEALTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT FORUM

POOL OF EXPERTS

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Eoi)

(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES)

**NAME OF PROJECT: *Blue-Green Development in Kiribati:
Sustainable community-based development for climate and pandemic resilience***

Assignment Title: Pool of Local Experts

Reference No: IKI KIRIBATI LETA1

Background

Focusing on South Tarawa, capital of Kiribati, the project *Blue-Green Development in Kiribati: Sustainable community-based development for climate and pandemic resilience* aims to build resilience to common challenges faced by Small Island Developing States in the Pacific region, such as remoteness, climate change and pandemic impacts. By developing new models combining income generation, ecological health, coastal defence, improved food security and economic self-reliance, it will reduce dependence on external supplies and services. Two urban local councils will develop, adopt and initiate the implementation of Climate and COVID Resilience Plans (CCRP). This promotes inclusive and sustainable community-based development aligned with national policies and programs. Self-reliance will be enhanced through improved sustainable livelihood opportunities, which contribute towards improved food security and environmental protection. Driving this project through traditional governance systems will demonstrate how enhanced participation and collaboration at all levels of government and society accelerate sustainable development.

The project is funded by the International Climate Initiative (IKI). The lead Project Implementing Organisation is ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability World Secretariat, working with Implementing Partners Commonwealth Local Government Forum Pacific (CLGF) and the Kiribati Local Government Association (KiLGA).

The project will support a range of initiatives selected by ten participating communities in South Tarawa, with particular focus on sustainable management of marine resources, innovative approaches to waste management, and improvements for land based food production.

Description of the Assignment

CLGF is seeking the services of experts based in Kiribati, to provide technical assistance in relation to the following activities.

1. Composting of seaweed collected from beaches, with addition of available cellulose materials to achieve an optimal C:N balance.

2. Seaweed farming initiatives as prioritised by the target communities. This is likely to include establishment of seagrape farming on the ocean side reef areas.
3. Support for improvement of compost production at the Government owned composting. Facility. Production could be considerably increased with improvements in quality without incurring additional costs relating to labour, infrastructure or feedstock.
4. Production of food crops from local gardens. This will involve support for constructing garden beds that are resistant to salination and which conserve soil moisture, protection of food trees from saline water intrusion and selection and promotion of salt tolerant or other hard food species.
5. Community based waste separation to achieve resource recovery and divert wastes from landfill and processing other waste materials that are available in South Tarawa, such as shredded cardboard for compost, woody waste pyrolysis for biochar, and shredded PET plastic wastes to add flexibility to concrete.
6. Establishing aquaponics as an integrated food production system.

It is proposed that the appointed local consultant/s will join a pool of local experts that can provide technical services for any or all of these project components. During the duration of this framework contract and following the needs of the project, CLGF will issue work orders to one or more experts with specific tasks, workplan and deadlines as well as number of working days to be performed the tasks to be delivered. Once the relevant expert has agreed to the work order, the work can start and will be remunerated at the daily rate agreed in the financial proposal submitted during the procurement process of the framework contract. It should be noted that being selected to be part of the pool of experts does automatically means that you will reserve a work order and CLGF reserves the right not to issue any work order.

The duration of this framework contract will be June 2023 to December 2024.

Procurement Process

CLGF will select a maximum of one expert per activities listed above. It is possible for a candidate to apply for more than one activity to be implemented if they can showcase the same level of expertise in those different fields. If no suitable candidate is found for one or more of the activities, CLGF reserves the right to remove them from this Terms of Reference (ToR) and to procure them through a separate procurement process.

Key Selection Criteria

The successful consultant/s will be able to demonstrate:

- At least 5 years practical experience in at least one of the activities listed in this ToR (1 to 6)
- Proven experience providing training in at least one of the activities listed in this ToR to a range of different client groups
- Academic or professional qualifications in relevant disciplines or 10 years of proven practical experience

Application Procedure

Expressions of interest should include integrate the following documents:

1. A Technical Offer which is composed of a description of the prior practical experiences and training work in the field(s) of expertise (see activities listed under “Description of Assignment”) for which the applicant will apply as well as a first assessment of the Kiribati local context with regards to the activity selected.
2. A Financial Offer composed of a daily rate which will be fixed for the entire duration of this framework contract as well as a statement of availability for the duration of the project.
3. A curriculum vitae with past project references.

Expressions of Interest should be delivered by e-mail in pdf format no later than **Friday, 2nd June 2023** to Mrs Karibaiti Taoaba, Regional Director, Commonwealth Local Government Forum, taoaba@clgfpacific.org.fj

Evaluation Methodology

Submissions will be evaluated as follows:

Understanding of the local Context in selected field of expertise – 20%

Relevant past experience in at least one of the selected fields of expertise– 30%

Experience in delivering training – 20%

Financial Offer – 30%

Further Information

Inquiries and requests for further information and documentation in relation to the provision of the required services should be directed by email to Dr Jane Stanley, Consultant to the Commonwealth Local Government Forum: jstanley49@bigpond.com .