



# SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

## TENDER APPLICATION FORM

RFT: 2022/008

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### THIS APPLICATION IS FOR THE FOLLOWING TENDER:

**Consultancy services to develop a Strategy on Gender Equity and Social Inclusion in Nature-based Solutions for climate adaptation projects and training activities**

*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>1.</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>		
NAME OF FIRM (if applicable)			
NAME OF PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT			
LIST OTHER PROPOSED PERSONNEL (if applicable)			
NATIONALITY			
POSTAL ADDRESS		E-MAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE WORK		MOBILE NUMBER	
TELEPHONE HOME		FAX NUMBER	
<b>2.</b>	<b>ACADEMIC BACKGROUND (PRINCIPAL APPLICANT &amp; PROPOSED PERSONNEL)</b>		
Dates	Institution/Country	Qualification Attained	
<b>3.</b>	<b>WORK EXPERIENCE</b>		
Dates	Employer	Position (briefly list core functions)	
<b>4.</b>	<b>PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/AWARDS</b>		
Dates	Organisation	Member/Award Status	

5. PROFESSIONAL REFEREES (List at least 3 including the most recent relevant to this job)		
Name	Position	Organisation & Contact Details

  

6. STATE HOW YOU MEET EACH SELECTION CRITERIA
<b>CRITERIA 1</b> <p>i. Experience:</p> <p>a. Demonstrated experience in public policy drafting and capacity-building (focus on both company, and officers to deliver the works) – please provide examples and link to work/reports <b>15%</b></p>
<b>CRITERIA 2</b> <p>i. Experience:</p> <p>b. Demonstrated experience in Gender and Social Inclusion issues as they relate to biodiversity conservation or climate change adaptation. Experience or working knowledge in the countries described in the ToR is preferable <b>30%</b></p>
<b>CRITERIA 3</b> <p><u>Proposed project Methodology</u></p> <p>Detailing activities to be conducted over the term of the engagement, with specific mention of the proposed workplan (methodology) and scope of investigation to provide necessary guidance to the region <b>35%</b></p>
<p>*full details can be attached separately.</p>

**CRITERIA 4**Demonstration of value for money

Based on value for money considering (but not limited to) cost, experience of staff, hours invested, product scope and depth etc. **20%**

\*full details can be attached separately.

**7. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Declaration of close relations to any individual who is currently employed at SPREP. Please list name/s and nature of relationship.

Declaration Tenderer has no 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.

Declaration Tenderer (and other proposed personnel) have not been charged with any child related offences

Discipline Record (list past employment disciplinary cases or criminal convictions, if any)

**8. ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION APPLICANT WISHES TO SUBMIT****9. HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS TENDER?**

10.	<p><b>CERTIFICATION &amp; AUTHORISATION:</b></p> <p>All information submitted herewith is true and correct. SPREP has the authority to seek verification of any information provided.</p> <p>By signing this application form you are indicating your agreement to SPREP's Standard Terms and Conditions outlined in the Contract for Services (attached). SPREP Standard Contract Terms and Conditions are non-negotiable.</p>
Signature	Date

**The following documents must be attached to this Tender application form:**

- Curriculum Vitae – Principal Consultant & Proposed Personnel
- Detailed workplan and schedule of activities
- Detailed Financial Proposal
- Business Licence
- Any other relevant information to support this tender application.

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

#### **Request for Tender (RFT) – Consultancy services to develop a Strategy on Gender and Social Inclusion in Nature-based Solutions for climate adaptation projects and training activities**

1. I confirm that I, my family members, and the organisation or company that I am involved with are independent from SPREP. To the best of my knowledge, there are no facts or circumstances, past or present, or that could arise in the foreseeable future, which might call into question my independence.
2. If it becomes apparent during the procurement process that I may be perceived to have a conflict of interest, I will immediately declare that conflict and will cease to participate in the procurement process, unless or until it is determined that I may continue.

OR

1. I declare that there is a potential conflict of interest in the submission of my bid [please provide an explanation with your bid]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Title \_\_\_\_\_

## Declaration of Integrity

Reference name of the contract: \_\_\_\_\_ (The "Contract")

To: \_\_\_\_\_ (The "Contracting Authority")

- 1) We recognise and accept that *Agence Française de Développement* ("AFD") only finances projects of the Contracting Authority subject to its own conditions which are set out in the Financing Agreement which benefits directly or indirectly to the Contracting Authority. As a matter of consequence, no legal relationship exists between AFD and our company, our joint venture or our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants. The Contracting Authority retains exclusive responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the selection process and performance of the Contract.
- 2) We hereby certify that neither we nor any other member of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants are in any of the following situations:

2.1) Being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by the courts, having entered into receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;

2.2) Having been:

a. convicted within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of *res judicata* in the country where the Contract is implemented, of fraud, corruption or of any other offense committed during a selection process or performance of a contract (in the event of such conviction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this conviction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);

b. subject to an administrative sanction within the past five years by the European Union or by the competent authorities of the country where we are constituted, for fraud, corruption or for any other offense committed during a selection process or performance of a contract (in the event of such sanction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this sanction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);

c. convicted within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of *res judicata*, of fraud, corruption or of any other offense committed during the selection process or performance of an AFD-financed contract;

2.3) Being listed for financial sanctions by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France for the purposes of fight-against-terrorist financing or threat to international peace and security; For information purposes only, the Contracting Authority is providing the following references: For the lists maintained by the United Nations, the following website may be consulted: <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/fr/content/un-sc-consolidated-list>; For the lists maintained by the European Union, the following website may be consulted: [https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/8442/consolidated-list-sanctions\\_fr](https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/8442/consolidated-list-sanctions_fr); For the lists maintained by France, the following website may be consulted: <https://www.tresor.economie.gouv.fr/services-aux-entreprises/sanctions-economiques/dispositif-national-de-gel-des-avoirs>.

2.4) Having been subject within the past five years to a contract termination fully settled against us for significant or persistent failure to comply with our contractual obligations during contract

performance, unless this termination was challenged and dispute resolution is still pending or has not confirmed a full settlement against us;

2.5) Not having fulfilled our fiscal obligations regarding payments of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of either the country where we are constituted or the Contracting Authority's country;

2.6) Being subject to an exclusion decision of the World Bank and being listed on the website <http://www.worldbank.org/debarr> (in the event of such exclusion, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this exclusion is not relevant in the context of this Contract);

2.7) Having created false documents or committed misrepresentation in documentation requested by the Contracting Authority as part of the selection process of this Contract.

3) We hereby certify that neither we, nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants are in any of the following situations of conflict of interest:

3.1) Being an affiliate controlled by the Contracting Authority or a shareholder controlling the Contracting Authority, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;

3.2) Having a business or family relationship with a Contracting Authority's staff involved in the selection process or the supervision of the resulting Contract, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;

3.3) Being controlled by or controlling another bidder or consultant, or being under common control with another bidder or consultant, or receiving from or granting subsidies directly or indirectly to another bidder or consultant, having the same legal representative as another bidder or consultant, maintaining direct or indirect contacts with another bidder or consultant which allows us to have or give access to information contained in the respective applications, bids or proposals, influencing them or influencing decisions of the Contracting Authority;

3.4) Being engaged in a consulting services activity, which, by its nature, may be in conflict with the assignments that we would carry out for the Contracting Authority;

3.5) In the case of the Contract involving my purchase of goods, works or plants:

- i. Having prepared or having been associated with a consultant who prepared specifications, drawings, calculations and other documentation to be used in the selection process of this Contract;
- ii. Having been recruited (or being proposed to be recruited) ourselves or any of our affiliates, to carry out works supervision or inspection for this Contract;

4) If we are a state-owned entity, and to compete in a selection process, we certify that we have legal and financial autonomy and that we operate under commercial laws and regulations.

5) We certify that the origin of the funds of the company legal entity and the company founder(s) and chief executive officer is not due to a crime or misdemeanour, including any act or omission intended to damage the European Union budget and involving (i) the use or presentation of false, inaccurate or incomplete statements or documents, which has as its effect the misappropriation or wrongful retention of funds or any illegal reduction in resources of the general budget of the European Union; (ii) the non-disclosure of information with the same effect; and (iii)

misappropriation of such funds for purposes other than those for which such funds were originally granted .

6) We undertake to bring to the attention of the Contracting Authority, which will inform AFD, any change in situation with regard to points 2 to 5 here above and will take all necessary measures to remedy the situation.

7) In the context of the selection process and performance of the corresponding contract:

7.1) We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) deliberately intended to deceive others, to intentionally conceal items, to violate or vitiate someone's consent, to make them circumvent legal or regulatory requirements and/or to violate their internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit;

7.2) We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) contrary to our legal or regulatory obligations or our internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit;

7.3) We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to (i) any Person who holds a legislative, executive, administrative or judicial mandate within the State of the Contracting Authority regardless of whether that Person was nominated or elected, regardless of the permanent or temporary, paid or unpaid nature of the position and regardless of the hierarchical level the Person occupies, (ii) any other Person who performs a public function, including for a State institution or a State-owned company, or who provides a public service, or (iii) any other person defined as a Public Officer by the national laws of the Contracting Authority's country, an undue advantage of any kind, for himself or for another Person or entity, for such Public Officer to act or refrain from acting in his official capacity;

7.4) We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to any Person who occupies an executive position in a private sector entity or works for such an entity, regardless of the nature of his/her capacity, any undue advantage of any kind, for himself or another Person or entity for such Person to perform or refrain from performing any act in breach of its legal, contractual or professional obligations;

7.5) We have not and we will not engage in any practice likely to influence the contract award process to the detriment of the Contracting Authority and, in particular, in any anti-competitive practice having for object or for effect to prevent, restrict or distort competition, namely by limiting access to the market or the free exercise of competition by other undertakings;

7.6) Neither we nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants shall acquire or supply any equipment nor operate in any sectors under an embargo of the United Nations, the European Union or France;

7.7) We commit ourselves to comply with and ensure that all of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants comply with international environmental and labour standards, consistent with laws and regulations applicable in the country of implementation of the Contract, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and international environmental treaties. Moreover, we shall implement environmental and social risks mitigation measures when specified in the environmental and social commitment plan (ESCP) provided by the Contracting Authority.

7.8) In the context of the project financed through the Contracting Authority, we undertake to bring to the attention of the Contracting Authority, which will inform AFD, any acts in relation to sections 7.1 to 7.7 above which we become aware or suspect that any third party has committed in relation to the project, and to take all necessary measures to remedy the situation.



- 8) We, as well as members of our joint venture and our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants authorise AFD to inspect accounts, records and other documents relating to the selection process and performance of the contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by AFD.

*[Signature Page Follows]*

Name:

In the capacity of:

Duly empowered to sign in the name and on behalf of<sup>1</sup>:

Signature:

Dated:

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<sup>1</sup> In case of joint venture, insert the name of the joint venture. The person who will sign the application, bid or proposal on behalf of the applicant, bidder or consultant shall attach a power of attorney from the applicant, bidder or consultant.