REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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The Indian Ocean Commission has received funding from *Agence Française de Développement* ("**AFD**"), and intends to use part of it for activity's payment under the Regional project for the Development of the Cultural and Creative Industries (CCI) in Indianoceania.

The Services of the provider shall consist of local service for the implementation of a programme to support women entrepreneurship in cultural tourism in Seychelles

The Indian Ocean Commission hereby invites Applicants to show their interest in delivering the Services described above.

This Request for Expressions of Interest is open to:

☒ Public entity ☐ Individual consultants
☒ Consulting firms
☒ NGOs ☒ Joint Venture between NGO(s) and consulting firm(s)

Eligibility criteria to AFD financing are specified in sub-clause 1.3 of the "Procurement Guidelines for AFD-Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries", available online on AFD's website: http://www.afd.fr.

The Applicant shall submit only one application, either in its own name or as a member of a Joint Venture (JV). If an Applicant (including any JV member) submits or participates in more than one application, those applications shall be all rejected. However, the same Subconsultant may participate in several applications.

If the Applicant is a JV, the expression of interest shall include:

- a copy of the JV Agreement entered into by all members,

or

- a letter of intent to execute a JV Agreement, signed by all members together with a copy of the Agreement proposal,

In the absence of this document, the other members will be considered as Subconsultants.

Experiences and qualifications of Subconsultants are not taken into account in the evaluation of the applications.

Interested Applicants must provide accurate information that they are qualified and respond to eligility criteria to perform those Services. For that purpose, documented evidence of recent and similar services shall be submitted.

Evaluation of previous experiences will be based on:

- The contracts size;
- The activities for the promotion of entrepreneurship in cultural tourism
- The technical area and expertise in training and support programmes for MSMEs;
- The understanding of the local and regional market and knowledge in French and/or engish language

The Client will also take into account for the evaluation of the applications the following items:

- Internal skills and ressource available for the design and production of training support and programs for women entrepreneurs in the country;
- Local partners

An application that does not meet any of these requirements will be rejected.

Among the submitted applications, Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) will shortlist a maximum of six (6) Applicants, to whom the Request for Proposals to carry out the Services shall be sent.

The Expressions of Interest must be submitted to the address below no later than **Jun 21, 2024**.

General Secretariat of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)

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Interested Applicants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (Mauritius time)