

Requests for clarification

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Ref: **Consultancy Services for the Formulation of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) for the Republic of Mauritius** (COI/NAP/AO/2026/003).

1. Is there a prescribed template to follow for submitting the EOI?

There is no template per se. Candidates should follow the Submission Requirements indicated in Section 4 of the Request for Expressions of Interest.

2. Will full ToRs with expert qualifications be made available at this stage?

Final ToRs for this assignment will be sent to shortlisted candidates, together with the request for proposal.

3. What is the estimated budget or contract value range for this assignment?

The budget cannot be mentioned at this stage.

4. How many firms will be shortlisted to proceed to the RFP stage?

This will depend on the evaluation procedure. No more than 8 candidates will be shortlisted.

5. What is the expected timeline for issuing the RFP to shortlisted firms, and the anticipated contract signature date?

At this stage, the anticipated timeline is as follows:

- 16 September 2026: Issuance of RFP to shortlisted candidates
- 16 September-16 October 2026: Call for tenders
- 9 November 2026: Tentative contract start date

6. Which procurement guidelines/rules govern this process — IOC's internal rules, GCF procurement guidelines, or a combination?

Procurement is as per the procedures of the IOC.

7. Can clarification questions still be submitted after the 11 August deadline, or is that a hard cut-off?

The deadline for submitting questions is a strict one.

8. Is there a page limit for the EOI submission?

No page limit is envisaged. Candidates are however strongly encouraged to keep their submission short at this stage, focusing on submission requirements.

9. What file formats are required on the USB (PDF, Word, both)?

PDF Format.

10. Since correspondence must be in English, is French acceptable for any supporting documents (e.g., past contracts, registration certificates) given IOC's Francophone member states?

Yes, supporting documents in French are accepted.

11. For joint ventures, is there a required minimum percentage participation for the lead firm, or a maximum number of partners?

No, there are no minimum percentage participation for the lead firm or a maximum number of partners.

12. Are there minimum annual turnover or financial capacity requirements for the firm (or lead firm in a JV) at the EOI stage?

No, there are no minimum annual turnover or financial capacity requirements required at this stage

13. Does "past eight (8) years" for relevant experience mean contract start date, completion date, or either?

The 8 years of relevant experience is requested at the contract start date.

14. Is there a minimum contract value threshold for the "at least 3 comparable assignments" to qualify as comparable?

There is no minimum contract value threshold.

15. Would prior engagements with MoESWMCC or IOC on related climate change work raise a conflict-of-interest concern for this assignment?

No.

16. Is registration/incorporation in Mauritius or the IOC region required, or is the process open to any internationally registered firm?

The Request for Expression of Interest is open to all firms.

17. Are proof documents (e.g., certificate of incorporation, tax clearance, audited accounts) required at the EOI stage, or only at the RFP stage?

Not required at this stage. Submission requirements are stipulated in section 4 of the Request for Expression of Interest.

18. Is the list of six sectors in the EOI (infrastructure/DRR, water, agriculture, tourism/coastal, fisheries, biodiversity) final, or could this be revised before the RFP stage?

The list is at this stage indicative. The final list of sectors to be covered in the NAP will be determined, through a consultative process, as part of the project implementation.

19. At what stage will the specific sector to be prioritised for the "at least one sectoral plan by June 2027" be confirmed?

The final list of sectors to be covered in the NAP will be determined, through a consultative process, as part of the project implementation. The timeline will be confirmed and possibly adjusted accordingly.

20. Is a separate approach/methodology expected for Rodrigues, or will it be integrated within the same sectoral assessments?

The approach and methodology chosen are at the discretion of the firms.

21. The TORs require pairing each international expert with a local expert — is this mandatory at the EOI stage (indicative list) or only for the full technical proposal?

Not mandatory at the EOI stage, but the candidate firms are encouraged to submit EOI that matches the requirements included in the draft ToRs as much as possible.

22. Is there a minimum or maximum number of experts to include in the "indicative list of key experts" at this stage?

Not at the EOI stage.

23. Should the indicative list include only the core team positions listed in the TOR (Section 13), or can firms propose additional/different specialisms at EOI stage?

Candidate firms can propose experts outside the list included in the draft ToRs at this stage.

24. Are national (Mauritian) experts required to be named at the EOI stage, or can this be deferred to the RFP/proposal stage?

The submission requirements are listed under Article 4. CVs are not required at this stage. This is left at the candidate firms' discretion.

25. Will the EOI stage itself be scored against defined criteria, or is it a pass/fail shortlisting exercise based on eligibility?

The EOI will be assessed against eligibility and qualifications criteria as defined in section 3 of the Request for Expressions of Interest.

26. If a firm is shortlisted, will feedback be provided on its EOI submission?

Shortlisted firms will be notified to submit their full proposal in due time. Unsuccessful candidates will be notified accordingly.

27. We request the client to extend the submission deadline by at least 2 weeks.

The submission deadline has been extended to Monday 7 September, 16:30 (Mauritius time). Please refer to the corrigendum 1 published on the IOC website.

28. Could you please confirm whether the Expression of Interest must be dispatched by post no later than 24 August 2026 at 4:30 p.m., rather than being received by the Secretariat by that date and time?

The submission deadline has been extended to Monday 7 September, 16:30 (Mauritius time). EOI must be received by the IOC Secretariat by this deadline.

29. Are there any official documents/reports related to the NAP available that can be shared with us in advance?

The website of the Ministry of Environment -Climate Change Information Centre may be consulted.

30. Could you please clarify if a registered individual with a Business Registration Number (BRN) can apply with a team or if a private company/firm is required to apply?

This Request for Expressions of Interest is open to consultancy firms.