

NOTICE OF CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF A CONSULTANT (BE OR NGO) FOR THE ANIMATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SCHEMES FOR THE DJANDO AND M'LEDJELE WATERSHEDS, MOHELI, UNION OF THE COMOROS

Call for Expression of Interest

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Union of the Comoros

Ministry of the Environment, responsible for Tourism

Ulanga Mali – Support for sustainable management of resources and territory in the Comoros

CONSULTING SERVICES

Expressions of Interest

Publication start date: 10/12/2024

Deadline: 16/01/2025 at 2:00 p.m.

1. Context:

The Ministry of the Environment, responsible for Tourism (MET), through the General Directorate of the Environment and Forests (DGEF), has received funding from the French Development Agency (AFD), and intends to use part of the amount of this funding to make payments under this contract as part of the project Ulanga Mali – Support for sustainable management of resources and territory in the Comoros.

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the sustainable management of the territories of the Comoros, the preservation of island ecosystems and the inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development of the populations of the islands of Mohéli, Ngazidja and Ndzuani.

The specific objectives are as follows:

1. Strengthen the Mohéli National Park and identify sustainable sources of funding to contribute sustainably to the conservation of biodiversity and the development of local communities;
2. Contribute to the operationalization of the Mohéli land use plan (SAT) through integrated management of vulnerable watersheds; and
3. Contribute to concerted planning for the development of the territories of Ngazidja and Ndzuani, through the development of SATs.

The project is divided into a project management component (C4) and three operational components:

- C1. Support to the Mohéli National Park (PNM)
- C2. Operationalization of the Land Use Plan (SAT) for the island of Mohéli
- C3. Support for SAT tools and particularly the development of the Ngazidja and Ndzouani SATs.

2. Services to be provided:

The Mohéli SAT was carried out in 2022 and revealed several priority intervention themes. Among these, the development and structuring of agricultural and fisheries economic activities is one of the axes selected within the framework of the Ulanga Mali project. It reveals four sub-themes of interest: (i) the development and structuring of sustainable agricultural activities; (ii) strengthening the sustainable fisheries sector; (iii) the protection of watersheds through nature-based solutions; and (iv) water management with a view to agricultural development.

The Candidate's Services will aim to develop and facilitate the Integrated Watershed Development and Management Plans (SDGIBV) of Djando and M'Ledjélé through an axis of structuring the productive and sustainable rural ecosystem. The SDGIBVs contribute to identifying and supporting initiatives to structure the rural ecosystem and to providing a framework for monitoring the associated environmental and socio-economic performances. More specifically, the expected services include:

- Development and facilitation around the SDGIBV process, while limiting it to the themes considered;
- Conducting preparatory studies relating to the selected material investments (productive investments, service routes, marketing points), and in particular a market in Nioumachoi;
- Social engineering relating to the support of producers/producer groups, with a view to deploying non-financial services (technical and economic advice on the farm).

Four specific objectives are expected at the end of the service:

1. SDGIBVs are developed and appropriated by local stakeholders; they contribute to shared local planning, part of a perspective of resilience and adaptation to climate change, as well as the enhancement of the territory and preservation of the environment.
2. The capacities of local, state and non-state stakeholders are strengthened in terms of local planning and technical-economic, social and environmental performance of the supported sectors.
3. Productive investments for rural ecosystem stakeholders are identified and supported in their implementation.
4. The feasibility of a market in Nioumachoi is confirmed and preparatory studies (in environmental, social and governance mechanism terms) are carried out to enable the selection of a construction company.

The service is planned for a period of 3 years and requires the mobilization of a team of experts including a mission leader and 2 deputy mission leaders (one for each watershed), as well as a pool of local facilitators. The team will have to include complementary international and national skills, with a permanent presence of the deputy mission leaders in Mohéli (either in Fomboni or in the municipalities of Nioumachoi and Ouanani). The team presented by the consultant will also have to bring together skills capable of deploying support systems, including:

- Territorial planning and community participation
- Agriculture (support for sectors) and rural development (strengthening support systems for farmers' organizations)
- Fisheries and fishery resources
- Use of water resources (development of technical specifications for the construction of small hydro-agricultural infrastructures)
- Construction and development of commercial infrastructures (small and medium scale).

3. Application file:

The MET, represented by the General Directorate of Environment and Forests (DGEF) invites Candidates to express their interest in providing the Services described above.

This Call for Expressions of Interest is addressed to:

X NGOs X NGOs and consulting firms in a consortium

The eligibility criteria for AFD financing are specified in Article 1.3 of the "Guidelines for the Award of Procurement Funded by AFD in Foreign States", available online on the AFD website: <http://www.afd.fr>.

Candidates may only submit one application in their own name or as a Group. If a Candidate (including a member of a Group) submits or participates in several applications, these will be eliminated. However, the same Subcontractor may participate in several applications.

If the Candidate is formed as a Group, the Expression of Interest must include:

a copy of the Group agreement concluded by all of its members,

or

a letter of intent to form a Group, signed by all of its members and accompanied by a copy of the proposed Group agreement.

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

The references and qualifications of Subcontractors are not taken into account in the evaluation of applications.

Interested Candidates must produce information demonstrating that they are qualified and experienced to carry out these Services. In this respect, they will provide proof that they have references for recent and similar services.

The similarity of the references will be analyzed according to:

The scale of the markets (size of the project and the diversity of the actors involved)

Skills in rural development and sustainable land use planning

The geographical context of the Union of the Comoros and the Indian Ocean region.

4. Evaluation and selection of expressions of interest:

The Client will also examine the relevance of the Expressions of Interest with regard to the following criteria:

Proven experience of the Candidate on similar themes such as local concerted planning, development of the rural ecosystem, support for the structuring of agricultural, livestock and/or fisheries sectors, integrated water resource management and integrated coastal zone management; Availability of the candidate

's internal teams;

Ability to work in collaboration with local stakeholders (authorities, populations, etc.) and to take into account the specificities of island territories.

Mobilization of Correspondents and/or local partners by proposing an appropriate support strategy to strengthen local teams.

5. Terms of submission of expressions of interest:

Interested consultants must produce information showing that they are qualified and experienced to carry out the Services. As such, they will justify that they have recent references for services similar to the mission. This information must be presented in the form of a file made up as follows:

i. A letter of expression of interest stating their wish to be pre-selected;

ii. A brochure presenting the firm indicating the turnover for the last three (3) financial years;

iii. Their references in services of similar complexity and volume within the limit of 20 most relevant references and less than 10 years old. Active telephone and/or email contacts of beneficiaries or donors must be specified for each experience. The issuance of a certificate of successful completion is not necessary at this stage of the procedure;

iv. A list of the firm's permanent staff who can be mobilized for the services with a summary of their qualifications and experience;

v. The contact details of the consultant's manager to whom the result of this call for expressions of interest should be sent;

vi. Any other information allowing the firm's capabilities to be assessed;

vii. The duly dated and signed declaration of integrity (attached to this document).

The selection criteria for interested consultants will focus, at the call for expressions of interest stage, on the similarity/proximity between the Services and the consultant's references: scope of the contracts of the references cited, nature of the services, technical field, geographical context.

At the next stage of the call for tenders, the selection will be based on quality and cost. As such, the selection criteria for the future Request for Proposal will give an essential part to the quality of the methodological proposal and to the organization and qualification of the team that will be proposed.

The DGEF will draw up a shortlist of a maximum of six (6) Candidates, pre-selected on the basis of the applications received, to whom it will send the Request for Proposals for the performance of the required Services.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted to the address below, by 16/01/2025 at 2:00 p.m. (local time)

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Interested Candidates may obtain additional information at the address mentioned below, at the following times: Monday to Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (local time) and Friday and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (local time).

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