

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection #: RG-T2960-P004

Selection Method: Simplified Competitive Selection

Country: Suriname

Sector: Climate Change and Sustainable Development (CSD)

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Project #: RG-T2960

TC name: Development of Sustainable Islands Initiative

Description of Services: The main objective of this consultancy is to identify and analyze the opportunities to facilitate the alignment between the country's Intended NDC (INDC) and recent national plans and strategies. This should in turn enable the definition and implementation of a new NDC that contributes to boost the objectives under the sustainable development pathway of the government.

Link to TC document: [link](#)

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is executing the above-mentioned operation. For this operation, the IDB intends to contract consulting services described in this Request for Expressions of Interest. Expressions of interest must be delivered using the IDB Portal for Bank Executed Operations (<http://beo-procurement.iadb.org/home>) by: **April 19th, 5:00 P.M.** (Washington D.C. Time).

The consulting services ("the Services") include, over a period of 6 months, working closely with the Coordination Environment from the Cabinet of the President to provide an assessment of the existing work done for the development of the INDC and develop a new NDC that is based on an analysis of at institutional, policy, regulatory, operational and financial level to facilitate alignment between Suriname's NDC's and national plans and strategies.

Eligible consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting firms for Bank-executed Operational Work](#) - GN-2765-1. All eligible consulting firms, as defined in the Policy may express an interest. If the Consulting Firm is presented in a Consortium, it will designate one of them as a representative, and the latter will be responsible for the communications, the registration in the portal and for submitting the corresponding documents.

The IDB now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described below in the draft summary of the intended Terms of Reference for the assignment. Interested consulting firms must provide information (maximum 10 pages) establishing that they are qualified to perform the Services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Eligible consulting firms may associate in a form of a Joint Venture or a sub-consultancy agreement to enhance their qualifications. Such association or Joint Venture shall appoint one of the firms as the representative.

Interested eligible consulting firms may obtain further information by sending an email to: *Gerard Alleng* (GERARDA@iadb.org).

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Draft Summary of Terms of Reference

*The full version of the TOR will be provided at the RFP stage.

Background

Suriname signed the Paris Agreement of Climate Change in 2015. Subsequently, the Paris Agreement was approved by the National Assembly in July 2018 and Suriname submitted the instrument for accession to the Paris Agreement in February 13, 2019. The Paris agreement (Article 4, paragraph 2) requires the preparation of a country's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC). In 2015, Suriname submitted its Intended NDC, a document that defines mitigation and adaptation actions to be taken by the country in order to contribute to the global effort to achieve the objectives set up under the Agreement. Under the guidance of Coordination Environment from the Cabinet of the President, Suriname initiated the process of updating the Intended National Determined Contributions in August 2018. The new NDC should be aligned to the Development Plan (2017 - 2021) of Suriname and will define both mitigation and adaptation actions to be taken by the country in order to contribute to the global effort to achieve the objectives set up under the Paris Agreement.

Objectives

By the end of this consultancy, there should be:

- Assessment of current iNDC and identified gaps and shortcomings between the Paris Agreement and relevant national policies and strategies
- New NDC report that includes, at minimum: timeframe, monitoring framework, financial plan and others.
- Trained technical staff that who will be able to replicate the activities as mentioned in this TOR in the future

Activities

The consulting firm should perform all the activities needed to achieve the objectives, including but not restricted to:

4.1 Analysis of previous work on NDC

- Conduct analysis of current Intended NDC report and the process in terms of the governance structure, stakeholders involved, data availability, capacity building, participatory process, political economic structures and trends in public and private investment
- Then identify gaps and shortcomings against Paris Agreement and national policies and strategies, and technical and monitoring capacity of Suriname for implementation of the NDC .
- Political economy analysis and country's economic structure analysis, including trends in public and private investments.
- This analysis should include a characterization of a new NDC outline that would include - but not limited to- the following items: key goals, quantifiable indicators, timeframes, key sectors, operational and institutional set up, key stakeholders and a Financial Strategy. In addition, a stakeholder engagement plan needs to be drafted at this stage.

4.2 Development of a new NDC

The new NDC should contain at least the following information (both for mitigation and adaptation measures):

- Goals typology, description and justification;

- Indicators;
- Indicative, justified, and conditioned timeframes;
- A clear definition of how the goals and identified actions align to the National Development Plan 2017-2021 and overall relevant policy, including regulations, strategies, plans, programmes, etc;
- An analytic overview including strengths and weaknesses of the proposed objectives and actions following a set of criteria agreed upon jointly with the IDB and the Government of Suriname, as well as a prioritization of the suggested actions;
- A strategic review of the existing national climate-related governance framework, including suggestions (institutional as well as policy and normative-driven) to improve the operational and institutional set up to enable the effective implementation of the NDC, including through the generation of likely shovel-ready and mature investment portfolios; and
- A Financial Strategy detailing the required financial resources to implement the NDC proposed actions.

The proposal of initial measures or projects that could be developed to facilitate effective implementation of the new NDC should follow the guidelines of the “Paris Rulebook”.

The initial measures or projects should be delivered in a roadmap, which includes the following:

- A mapping exercise of existing public projects pipelines to identify projects/initiatives that could contribute towards the goals of the new NDCs
- A set of main areas of investments and characterized projects, including precise listing of numerical information used for each measure (discount rates, tax levels, Capital expenditures and Operational expenditures, estimated public and private investment levels needed, etc.)
- A gap analysis should be included identifying the challenges in technical and monitoring capacity of Suriname to implement proposed projects. Propose recommendations for capacity building activities to realistically meet the goals set out in the new NDC.
- The set of existing projects must also detail the level of progress, including the state of maturity of the proposal and sources of funding. For new identified projects, realistic proposal of funding strategies should be assessed, as well as requirements for each funding source and the status of compliance of the proposal with the requirements to access to financing.
- Options for public actions that can eliminate the gaps and challenges identified and channel the investment of public and private resources.

4.3 Stakeholder consultation and institutional capacity

Develop and deliver a stakeholder engagement plan:

- At least 3 rounds of stakeholder dialogues must be carried out throughout the consultancy, ensuring national ownership of the NDC proposed actions
- Stakeholder dialogues must be conducted in close collaboration with the Coordination Environment from the Cabinet of the President, where a local technical team should benefit from building capacity on the whole process of updating the NDC.