

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Unleashing the Blue Economy of the Caribbean Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: IDA-70890**

#### **Prepare a Strategic Action Plan (SAP) for Fisheries and Aquaculture to Implement the Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

#### **SVGUBEC-C-IC-20**

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Unleashing the Blue Economy of the Caribbean (UBEC) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the preparation of a Draft Fisheries and Aquaculture Strategic Action Plan (SAP) to implement priority activities in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in a pragmatic and phased manner. To further expound there will be several assignments such as: reviewing the UBEC Project documentation (Components 1, 2) to identify areas under each component of the project relevant to this assignment. Consulting extensively with stakeholders nationally and regionally to develop a clear understanding of common fisheries and aquaculture priorities for SVG and OECS. The consultant will also work in close collaboration with the SVG Fisheries Services and other relevant parties, carry out a fisheries legislation and regulatory review and gap analysis to identify priority gap filling actions associated with SVG fisheries priorities as identified in the UBEC project documentation inter alia. The consultant will be engaged within 12 calendar months of commencement of work.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment *can be found at the following website: <https://procurement.gov.vc/e procure/index.php/current-bids>*

The Economic Planning Division within the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology now invites eligible persons (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

#### **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSULTANTS**

The successful consultant will hold tertiary legal qualifications relevant to the assignment, along with the following relevant experience:

- University degree and a post-graduate qualification in marine resources management or equivalent qualification.

- Minimum of 10 years of international experience (expert level) in Managing and Coordinating fisheries projects.
- Working knowledge (minimum 3 years related experience) and involvement in Caribbean national and regional fisheries policy and planning.
- Working knowledge (minimum of 5 years related experience) of the legal and regulatory frameworks related to prevention, deterring and eliminating of IUU fishing
- Working knowledge (minimum of 3 years related experience) of the work of the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM), The Western and Central Atlantic Fisheries Commission (WECAFC), The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and FAO.
- Working knowledge of International Instruments to prevent, deter, eliminate IUU Fishing including inter alia, the FAO Port State Measures Agreement, the FAO Compliance Agreement, EU regulations (EC) No. 1005/2008 establishing a community system to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing (EU IUU Regulation) and associated implementing regulations / tools, (EC) No. 178/2002, (EC) No. 882/2004 and (EC) No. 884/2004, referred to as the “hygiene package”.
- Working knowledge of international reporting obligations for RFMOs
- Working knowledge of FAO small-scale fisheries and safety at sea
- Experience from the Caribbean an advantage.
- Fluency in English (oral and writing).
- Experience in planning and management of projects involving, Fisheries MCS, Seafood safety and safety at sea an advantage

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” September 2023, (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Individual Consultant method** set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 900 to 1530 hours. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **February 28, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.**

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