



## Terms of Reference

### Consultancy for Mapping of Blue Economy (BE) Institutions and Experts in the IGAD Region

GENERAL INFORMATION	
<b>Category of Procurement:</b>	Services-Consultancy
<b>Service Title:</b>	Consultancy service for Mapping of Blue Economy (BE) Institutions and Experts in the IGAD Region
<b>Division/Unit:</b>	Agriculture and Environment Division/Blue Economy Section
<b>Type:</b>	Individual Lead Regional Consultant
<b>Number of Consultant:</b>	One (1) (the lead regional consultant will be responsible for identifying 7 national consultants)
<b>Duty Station:</b>	Home-based
<b>Expected Places of Travel:</b>	When required
<b>Duration:</b>	60 working days but can be accomplished within three (3) months (90 days) from the date of signature of the contract.
<b>Expected Start Date</b>	Mid-May, 2024
<b>Language</b>	English

#### Background

The IGAD region is endowed with huge marine and freshwater resources. However, these resources are not properly developed and used to improve the livelihoods and food/nutrition security of the region due to various constraints. Blue Economy is a new approach to have sustainable development of water-related socio-economic and ecological services in an integrated manner. This approach needs to be popularized and harmonized. The need for sustainable use and exploitation of the blue resources requires establishment of institutions and the availability of BE experts in the region.

The Blue Economy Unit of IGAD has developed a draft 5-year (2021 – 2025) Regional Blue Economy Strategy and its Implementation Plan. The IGAD Blue Economy Strategy intends to structure the Blue Economy implementation at both national and regional levels while increasing cooperation and regional integration and strengthening support to the member states to effectively translate policies into concrete actions.

IGAD has signed a project (enhancing blue economy in the IGAD member states for biodiversity conservations and livelihood diversification) aimed at promoting Blue Economy with funding from Sweden Government (SIDA). The project will be implemented within three years in the IGAD Member Countries: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda.

The main objectives of the project include:

- To establish functional BE structure at regional and national levels to cater for the regional and national needs (selected member states of IGAD),
- To assess the impact of pollution and develop mitigation measures on aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems.
- To enhance capacity in knowledge generation and dissemination on key BE questions for the IGAD region for learning, policy and practice change among the Member States.

The project will include implementation of the IGAD BE Strategy, capacity building activities, analysis and exchange, as well as demonstration activities in pilot sites, supporting all the participating countries in developing and applying best practice for linking management of biodiversity and related coastal ecosystems and livelihoods diversification.

### **Rationale**

The Blue Economy provides a sustainable development model that looks to the marine and aquatic resources to provide new economic opportunities, as well as poverty alleviation, food security and sustainable livelihoods. IGAD countries have a great Blue Economy potential that is generally underutilized. Traditional sectors such as fisheries, tourism, mineral extraction and marine and river transport are showing evidence of significant development capacities while emerging sectors such as aquaculture, marine biotechnology and bioprospecting, desalination and renewable energy are currently requiring attention and request substantial investments in the near future.

It will be critical to map and identify institutions with research, academia, professional associations, CSOs, NGOs, BE training institutions in the IGAD member countries. There is need for a detailed analysis of who is doing what and wherein the IGAD region. This background document will help to design capacity building plans in the region, sharing experience within the region and fill the gaps from institutions outside the region.

### **Objective**

The overall objective of this consultancy is to map all available Blue Economy institutions, centers of excellence and experts in IGAD Member States.

### **Tasks**

1. To liaise with the relevant persons at IGAD for adequate briefing and clarification of tasks.
2. Prepare inception report within 10 days of signature to the contract outlining methodology, approach and proposed locations for visit.
3. To identify and consult regional economy communities, specialized regional institutions, other relevant stakeholders relevant to blue economy.
4. Conduct mapping of the Blue Economy academic and research institutions, training centers, centers of excellence and experts in the IGAD region.
5. Facilitate stakeholders' validation workshop for the reports (synthesis IGAD region report national reports annexed)
6. Develop comprehensive reports at the end of the assignment.

**Qualification**

The lead regional consultant should have an advanced degree in disciplines related to marine science, aquatic sciences, fisheries science, oceanography, environmental sciences or a related discipline. A PhD degree will be an added advantage.

The seven national consultants that will collect data in their respective country and write national reports should have a minimum of MSC degree in disciplines related to blue economy.

**General Experience for the Lead Regional Consultant**

1. Familiarization with national institutions with mandates in Blue Economy
2. Familiarization with functions of regional economic communities and specialized regional institutions with mandates in Blue Economy related sectors.
3. Knowledge of IGAD, AU and global instruments related to Blue Economy

**Specific Experience for the Lead Regional Consultant**

1. At least 10 years working experience in research and development in BE related institutions and research experience in marine and/or aquatic natural resources.
2. Demonstrated evidence of performing similar tasks related to this consultancy in the last 5 years.
3. Good record of experience in working with national consultants

**Deliverables**

The Lead Regional Consultant will be expected to submit to AED/Blue Economy Section of IGAD:

1. Inception report developed outlining clear methodology.
2. One synthesis IGAD region and 7 national reports mapping all institutions and Key experts of blue economy documented.
3. Blue economy centers of excellence identified.
4. Blue economy related experts with their qualifications within the IGAD region identified and documented to be uploaded in the IGAD BE website.
5. Validation workshop facilitated and workshop report produced.
6. Comprehensive reports of the consultancy developed and approved.
7. Submission of all the collected data and information (Datasets, photographic/Images, Maps, Reports, Spreadsheets, Multimedia, PPTS etc.) supporting records together with a detailed inventory list (Metadata) for archive and for future reference.

**Duty station**

The lead Regional Consultant, including the 7 national consultants, will be stationed in their own facilities and their preferred stations.

**Duration**

The duration of this assignment is 60 working days but can be accomplished within three (3) months (90 days) from the date of signature of the contract.

**Remuneration**

It will be based on the technical and financial proposal submitted by the consultant.

**Equipment**

The consultant(s) will use their own laptops and other data capturing equipment deemed necessary during execution of the assignment.

**Insurance cover**

The Lead Regional Consultant will be responsible for own medical and life insurance cover for the duration of the assignment.

**Property rights in reports and records**

All reports and relevant data and information, supporting records or material compiled or prepared in the course of this consultancy shall become and remain the property of IGAD.

The consultant shall not use the same for purposes unrelated to this consultancy without prior written approval.

**Supervision and reporting**

The Lead Regional Consultant will be under the direct supervision of the Program Manager for Sustainable Environment Protection Unit (SEPU) and coordinator of the project with oversight supervision by the Director of Agriculture and Environment Division (AED). The Program Manager will have the responsibility for the approval of reports.

**Evaluation/Selection Criteria**

The consultancy will be awarded on the basis of evaluation of CV for the Lead and national consultants CVs, and of the following proposals:

- **A Technical proposal:** on how the applicants will accomplish the assignment: summarized description of the proposed methodology.
- **A financial proposal** - Consultancy fee for the assignment.

**Documents to be submitted by the lead regional consultant with the application.**

- Technical and financial proposal including references of previous relevant work experience by the Lead Regional Consultant.
- Curriculum Vitae of the lead consultant + 7 national consultants from Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda)
- The lead regional consultant will be responsible for identifying national consultants.

**Submission of Applications**

The deadline for submission of proposals is **15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

Applications including detailed curriculum vitae (CV) should be submitted through **email to: -----**  
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