Terms of reference for the Individual Consultancy "Coastal Zone and Coastal Resource Management Expert " - Revision of National Coastal Zone and Coastal Resource Management Plan 2023

Preamble:

Sri Lanka is one of the pioneer countries in the Asian region having a well structured coastal zone management programme. The Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Act provides legal framework to establish a comprehensive coastal resource management programme in the country. Accordingly first National coastal zone management plan was formulated in 1990 for a five year period and updated periodically as per the legal provisions of CCA. the current National Coastal Zone and Coastal Resource Management Plan which was formulated in 2018 for a five year period has to be updated in 2023.

The department has already initiated the number of activities in order to collect necessary data and information for this update. As a part of the process, a consultancy was undertaken to evaluate progress and effectiveness of implementation of past two coastal zone management plans. The objective of this consultancy is to identify all practical issues involved in plan implementation and come up with a strategy for a better implementable plan in 2023. In the meantime, a mechanism has also been established to carry out the update process within this year. Accordingly the coordinators have already completed collection of available data and information required for update .

Objectives of the Consultancy:

Overall objective of this consultancy is to prepare the final version by compilation of available information and acceptable shareholder recommendations and expert opinions generated through stakeholder consultation meetings. Final output of the consultancy will directly be forwarded for approval of Cabinet of Ministers

Responsibilities of the Consultant:

- Maintenance very close relationship with each chapter coordinators so as to develop an overall strategy to revision of existing national coastal zone and coastal resource management plan
- Analyze available data and information with chapter coordinators and identify areas to be improved, gaps to be filled and areas to be deleted to formulate draft version of the plan
- design chapter development program and activity schedule so as to generate required data and information as identified above

Tasks to be completed by the Consultant;

The selected consultant during the contract period has to be completed following tasks

- Design and implement the activity schedule for each chapter in time in collaboration with chapter Coordinators
- Critically review existing regulatory mechanism paying attention to changed vulnerability (both exposure and hazard) conditions, environmental conditions and socio-economic requirements and guide Chapter Coordinators to make necessary changes for coastal setbacks regulations and guidelines
- Preparation of guidelines for the identified development categories
- Conduct national stakeholder workshops and consultations with the support of Chapter Coordinators and incooperate findings as appropriate
- Review, with chapter coordinators recommendations and expert opinions received through workshops and expert group discussions and include them as required
- formulate final draft of the revised Coastal Zone and Coastal Resource Management Plan 2023
- Edit both technical content and English language to prepare the final draft of the plan 2023
- Any other related tasks assigned by Director General of the Coastal Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Department

Expected Qualifications and experience;

Educational:

 Post graduate qualifications (Masters\MPhi\PhD) in Coastal Zone Management, Coastal Engineering, Coastal Area Planning or any other related field

Experience:

• Minimum 10 year executive level experience in coastal resource management, coastal planning or coastal engineering in a recognized organization

- Hand on experience in preparation coastal resource management plans or coastal spatial plans
- Previous experience in similar works at least one assignment

Other qualifications:

- Sound knowledge in Global Climate change , disaster trends and their impacts specially on coastal zone and communities
- Sound knowledge in international response to climate change and sustainable development like SDGs, COP agreements and other response mechanisms and also their implementation at national level
- High level Proficiency in English Language

Expected outputs of the consultancy:

At the end of the contract period, the consultant should be prepared the Final draft of the revised CC&CRM Plan 2023 in accordance with the department requirements.

Time period:

Six calendar months starting from the date of accepting the contract (April to September)