

Request for Expressions of Interest

N° COI/RECOS/AMI/2026/001

The Indian Ocean Commission (**IOC**) has received a financing from *Agence française de développement* ("**AFD**") and *Fonds français pour l'environnement mondial* ("**FFEM**") and intends to use part of the funds thereof for payments under the project "Coastal Populations and Ecosystems in the South-West Indian Ocean" (**RECOS**).

The Services of the consultant shall consist of **SUPPORT THE STRUCTURING AND COORDINATION OF A REGIONAL MARINE AND COASTAL EDUCATION NETWORK (WIO-MCEN)**.

The Indian Ocean Commission hereby invites Applicants to show their interest in delivering the Services described above.

This Request for Expressions of Interest is open to:

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| ☐ Consulting firms | ☒ Individual consultants |
| ☐ NGOs | ☐ Joint Venture between NGO(s) and consulting firm(s) |

Eligibility criteria to AFD financing are specified in sub-clause 1.3 of the "Procurement Guidelines for AFD-Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries", available online on AFD's website: <http://www.afd.fr>.

The Applicant shall submit only one application, either in its own name or as a member of a Joint Venture (JV). If an Applicant (including any JV member) submits or participates in more than one application, those applications shall be all rejected. However, the same Subconsultant may participate in several applications.

If the Applicant is a JV, the expression of interest shall include:

- a copy of the JV Agreement entered into by all members,

or

- a letter of intent to execute a JV Agreement, signed by all members together with a copy of the Agreement proposal,

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

Experiences and qualifications of Subconsultants are not taken into account in the evaluation of the applications.

Interested Applicants must provide information evidencing that they are qualified and experienced to perform those Services. For that purpose, documented evidence of recent and similar services shall be submitted.

Determination of the similarity of the experiences will be based on:

- The contracts size;
- The nature of the Services: Scoping analysis, Multistakeholder network facilitation, Resources mobilisation;
- The technical area and expertise: Environmental Education, Ocean Literacy, Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM);
- The location: within the South-West Indian Ocean region; full professional proficiency in both French and English is mandatory.

Among the submitted applications, the *Indian Ocean Commission* will shortlist a maximum of six (6) Applicants, to whom the Request for Proposals to carry out the Services shall be sent.

The Expressions of Interest must be submitted to the address below no later than **June 23rd 2026 before 04:00 pm** (Mauritius time).

General Secretariat of the IOC

RECOS Project

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Interested Applicants may obtain further information at the above mentioned address during office hours: 08:30 am – 04:30 pm