



Terms of Reference

Global Environment Facility, Small Grants Programme - *Laying the foundations for circularity in waste management in Fuvahmulah City, Maldives.*"

Legal Consultant for Waste Regulations Review and Drafting of By-Laws

1. BACKGROUND

Maldives Authentic Crafts Cooperative Society (MACCS) has received funding from the Global Environment Facility, Small Grants Programme, to carry out a project to tackle plastic pollution titled "*Laying the foundations for circularity in waste management in Fuvahmulah City, Maldives.*" Maldives Authentic Crafts Cooperative Society (MACCS) is a cooperative of women who strive to revive and promote local artisanal handicrafts and crafting communities in the Maldives. The waste management system of Fuvahmulah City is largely based on waste disposal and management of disposed waste. There are no targeted actions to reduce waste.

INTRODUCTION

The primary objective of the project is to decrease waste generation and improve waste management, resulting in improved health of people, land and ocean in and around Fuvahmulah City, Maldives. The project aims to tackle the ad hoc measures towards waste management by helping formulate a more holistic, local, waste management strategy that pursues circularity in waste management and resource use. The project will also address emerging waste sources from tourism facilities through capacity building and provision of refillable bottled water. The project will help reduce single use plastic bags through introduction of alternatives where women and youth will be prioritized.

The project has four main outputs. The first is a holistic solid waste management strategy for Fuvahmulah City, which pursues circularity, in waste management and resource use. The strategy will be formulated in consultation with key stakeholders, following a situation analysis and a review of national and local policies and regulations. The second output will introduce alternatives to single use plastics, focusing on reusable bags, women's' menstrual hygiene products. Capacity building activities include training on bag making, awareness raising activities and targeted workshops. The third output focuses on reviving the use of sustainable household utensils to replace plastics. The fourth output focuses on introducing a business opportunity, while pursuing reduction of single use plastic water bottles.

2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The consultant will carry out the following activities

1. Review national laws and regulation related to waste management identify those relevant for enforcement at local level. Namely but not limited to:
 - a. Waste management Act
 - b. EPA
 - c. URA
 - d. Environment ACT
 - e. Decentralization ACT

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2. Working with local council identify needs for bylaws on waste management. Draft by laws with monitoring and enforcement measures on:

- a. Waste segregation at source
- b. Develop local regulations to enforce use of waste disposal facilities
- c. Plastic reduction

3. Carry out a familiarization session for the City Council, WAMCO, WDC and Police on the draft regulations

The consultant will be facilitated by MACCS and its partners in administrative, coordination, and operational matters to enable the completion of deliverables.

3. DELIVERABLES

1. Review report on relevant laws and regulations
2. Bylaws with monitoring and enforcement measures drafted, adopted and gazette

4. LEVEL OF EFFORT

The expected duration of the assignment or level of effort (LOE) by the consultant will be 35 days .

Commencement of work is expected in early February 2024, with the contract set to expire six months from the signing date. All deliverables for this consultancy should be accomplished within this contractual period.

5. WORKING ARRANGEMENT

The Consultant will work remotely on a need basis and closely with the MACCS team based in Male' .The Consultant is expected to travel domestically to the project site during the term of the contractual period.

Travel expenses, if applicable, will be covered by MACCS, subject to funding availability and determined by the needs outlined in this ToR or on the contract agreement.

6. REPORTING

The consultant will report to the Environment and Waste Management Consultant assigned by MACCS on all project related matters.

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7. REMUNERATION

Consultancy fees, as agreed between MACCS and the consultant, will be paid within 10 days of receipt by MACCS of the timesheet approved by the reporting person. Upon approval of the timesheet, a valid invoice must be submitted

8. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The local consultant must meet the following qualifications and requirements:

- The consultant should possess a degree in law or a related field.
- Strong experience in reviewing and drafting legal documents, specifically in waste management and environmental regulations.
- Familiarity with national laws related to waste management, including but not limited to the Waste Management Act, EPA, URA, Environment Act, and Decentralization Act.
- Demonstrated experience in drafting and implementing bylaws, with a focus on waste management, waste segregation, and plastic reduction.
- Effective communication skills and the ability to conduct familiarization sessions for various stakeholders.
- Previous experience working on similar projects or tasks, particularly in waste management or environmental initiatives
- Fluency in English and Dhivehi (written and spoken) is mandatory.

9. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

Interested parties are requested to submit the following documentation responding to the Terms of Reference (ToR):

- CV/ Portfolio / Profile with previous work
- Recommendation / reference letter(s)
- Copy of the National ID Card
- Registration Certificates – including GST registration (for companies/firms)
- Quotation in MVR (must include a quotation number, date, and contact details with the pricing for the deliverables separately, if it is a company/ firm- GST and other applicable taxes should be included)

You may email your application documents to:

Project Manager
Maldives Authentic Crafts Cooperative Society
7th Floor, H.Keleethia
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Deadline for submission:

Any/ all inquiries regarding this consultancy should be directed via email to info@maccs.com.mv

All complete applications should be **submitted via email on or before 1600 hrs, of 5th February 2024.**

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