

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** for the selection of an Individual Consultant for the assessment of national, and regional Intellectual Property rights issues related to innovative projects in the field of circular economy in the African and Indian Ocean Developing Island States (AIODIS).

- 1. The Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) is an intergovernmental regional cooperation organization which brings together the Union of the Comoros, France, on behalf of Réunion, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles. Its mission is to strengthen the bonds of friendship and solidarity between peoples and to contribute through regional cooperation to the sustainable development of its member states. The IOC has received a grant from the World Bank to support the SWIOFish regional project. It intends to use part of this grant to make payments under the Individual Consultant contract " for the assessment of national, and regional Intellectual Property rights issues related to innovative projects in the field of circular economy in the African and Indian Ocean Developing Island States (AIODIS)".
- 2. The Consultant's mission is to assess the Intellectual Property issues related to innovative projects in the field of circular economy in the AIODIS.
- 3. The mission will be carried out in the AIODIS member countries.
- 4. The Consultant will work under the supervision of the Indian Ocean Commission.
- 5. The estimated duration for carrying out this mission is one seventy-five person days spread over five months.
- 6. The Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) now invites eligible consultants to express their interest in providing the services described above. They must provide information justifying that they are able to implement the necessary expertise and perform the services in question (curriculum vitae, copies of diplomas and attestations, references concerning the performance of similar contracts, etc.).
- 7. A version of the terms of reference is available on the website of the Indian Ocean Commission https://www.commissionoceanindien.org/sw2-y3-c016/
- 8. Expressions of interest must be filed electronically in uncompressed format at the address below no later than Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 16:30 (Mauritius time UTC+4):

e-mail: innocent.miada@coi-ioc.org and njiva.r@coi-ioc.org

*Reference:* " (SW2/Y3-C016) assessment of national, and regional Intellectual Property rights issues "

- 9. Individual Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Guidelines Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD loans and IDA credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers edition January 2011 Revised July 2014.
- 10. The individual consultants concerned may obtain further information during working hours at 9:00 to 16:00 (Mauritius time UTC+4) from the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) by sending e-mails to the addresses referred in paragraph 8.