

Invitation for EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Cost Benefit Analysis on Vanuatu’s Participation to the Rio Conventions (UNFCCC, UNCBD & UNCCD) Conference of the Parties (COPs)

The **Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology, Geo-Hazards, Environment, Energy and Disaster Management (MoCC)**, through the **National Advisory Board on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (NAB)**, invites qualified consultants or consulting firms to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the development of a **Cost Benefit Analysis on Vanuatu’s Participation to the Rio Conventions** namely the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) and the United Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) **Conference of the Parties (COPs)**.

Background

The Rio Conventions Joint Capacity-building Programme, initiated by the secretariats of the three Rio Conventions (UNFCCC, UNCBD and UNCCD) aims to strengthen individual, institutional, and systematic capacities to enhance synergies between climate action, biodiversity conservation and sustainable land management. The three Rio Conventions are the result of concerns over similar environmental and development issues and have sustainable development at their hearts.

The Rio Conventions work closely together, with the overlaps in their work becoming ever stronger as the challenges related to climate change, desertification and biodiversity loss grow and cross-cutting solutions are developed.1

Given that land and marine ecosystems absorb more than half of man-made carbon emissions, it is clear that protecting these systems need to be a central component of climate action. At the same time, healthy biodiversity and healthy soils play a huge role in building resilience to the unavoidable impacts of climate change.2

Vanuatu has ratified all three Rio Conventions and are all coordinated & implemented under the Ministry of Climate Change. The Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC) is the leading institution overseeing UNCBD & UNCCD while the NAB Secretariat under the Ministry of Climate Change together with the Department of Climate Change (DoCC) oversees the UNFCCC matters.

Vanuatu has committed itself over the years to implement the three Rio Convention decisions with the limited resources it has and would like to undertake this cost benefit analysis on its participation at COP’s and how it has benefited Vanuatu over the years.

Scope of Work

The consultant will be responsible:

- To analyze the total cost spent on travelling/participating vs outcome from bilateral/networking at COPs.
- To identify and report on the total costs of previous COPs and how that leads to the creation of new CC&DRR projects initiatives that leads to accessing climate and disaster financing opportunities for Vanuatu.
- To develop a final report with full recommendations on way forward for Vanuatu’s participation at future COP Meetings.

Deliverables

- Inception Report (including methodology, work plan, and stakeholder analysis)
- Draft Cost Benefit Analysis Report (with some costs indication vs beneficiaries nationally in accessing climate and disaster financing)
- Updated Draft Cost Benefit Analysis Report (with full recommendations on way forward for Vanuatu’s participation at future COP Meetings)
- Facilitation of a Validation Workshop with key stakeholders
- Final Cost Benefit Analysis Report and process narrative

Duration and Budget

- The consultancy is expected to run for 40 working days between July and September 2025.
- The total budget is 1,000,000 VT.
- The consultant will report directly to the Director General, MoCC.

Required Qualifications

- Proven expertise and experience in the RIO Conventions negotiations, climate finance, public policy analysis, and/or development planning
- Experience working with Pacific Island governments or in similar contexts
- Strong knowledge of bilateral and international engagement processes and requirements
- Excellent analytical, facilitation, and report writing skills
- Ability to work with diverse stakeholders, including government, CSOs, and development partners

Application Instructions

Interested individuals or firms should submit:

- A brief EOI letter outlining relevant experience
- A CV (or company profile with key personnel CVs)

- A proposed approach and timeline (max 3 pages)
- Two samples of similar past work

Submission Deadline:
Friday 18th July 2025 at 4:30pm EOIs should be submitted electronically to: fiautu@vanuatu.gov.vu and copy lwilliam@vanuatu.gov.vu or delivered in hard copy to: **The office of the NAB Secretariat, Corporate Services Unit (CSU), Ministry of Climate Change, Namba 2 Area, Port Vila.**

For more information or to request the full Terms of Reference (ToR), please contact: Ms. Leana William, NAB Multilateral Environmental Agreement (MEA) Officer on email: lwilliam@vanuatu.gov.vu or Phone 34360

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Review and Update of Vanuatu’s National Climate Finance Road Map

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Background

The National Climate Finance Road Map (CFRM) 2021–2025 will expire at the end of 2025. To ensure continuity and relevance in accessing and coordinating climate finance, the CFRM must be reviewed and updated in line with national policy shifts, international commitments, and emerging priorities. This assignment aims to support the Government of Vanuatu to update its strategic approach to climate finance in preparation for the next CFRM phase beginning in 2026.

Scope of Work

The consultant will be responsible for:

- Conducting a desktop review of the current CFRM and related national and regional policies.
- Evaluating progress, challenges, and gaps in the current CFRM.
- Engaging key stakeholders through consultations and validation workshops.
- Providing clear recommendations and a comprehensive updated CFRM document.
- Ensuring alignment with Vanuatu’s national climate strategies, the NDC, Paris Agreement, and international financing mechanisms.

Deliverables

- Inception Report (including methodology, work plan, and stakeholder analysis)
- Draft Review Report (with gap analysis, proposed updates, and recommendations)
- Updated Draft CFRM (including objectives, indicators, and activities)
- Facilitation of a Validation Workshop
- Final CFRM document and process narrative

Duration and Budget

- The consultancy is expected to run for **60 working days between July and September 2025.**
- The total budget is **1,500,000 VT.**
- The consultant will report directly to the Director General, MoCC.

Required Qualifications

- Proven expertise in climate finance, public policy analysis, and/or development planning
- Experience working with Pacific Island governments or in similar contexts
- Strong knowledge of climate finance mechanisms (e.g., GCF, Adaptation Fund)
- Excellent analytical, facilitation, and report writing skills
- Ability to work with diverse stakeholders, including government, CSOs, and development partners

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