

## **Request For Proposals**

### **Short-Term Consultancy for the Review of the Grenada National Land Policy**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Government of Grenada is seeking to review and update the Grenada National Land Policy.

Grenada received support under two projects to develop a comprehensive policy and legal framework for sustainable land management. The first project, funded by the Australian Government, sought to improve land policies and land management within the OECS Member States. Under this project an evaluation of relevant land issues was undertaken, and the report is contained in the Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique Land Policy Issues Paper (July 2013).

Funding was also secured under the European Union funded Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) project on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Sustainable Land Management (SLM) in the Eastern Caribbean to develop policy options aimed at facilitating more sustainable and efficient use of land and natural resources, to build resilience to climate change and to propose legislative changes.

A Consultant was hired and two papers were produced:

1. Green Paper - policy options and outline of proposed legislation to implement the policy.
2. Draft Grenada National Land Policy containing legal text of proposed legislation to implement the Policy.

The Grenada National Land Policy was approved by Cabinet in 2021; but has not been widely publicized or implemented.

#### **CURRENT SITUATION**

The Government, as part of its transformative agenda, has indicated its commitment to sustainable land management, to addressing issues of crown land availability and to ensuring a suite of specific policies, legislations, strategies, programmes, and projects aimed at sustainable use and conservation of available lands, forests, forest reserves and natural resources.

It is also the Government's policy to utilize innovative and creative programs and plans, including initiatives to facilitate land ownership for young professionals and entrepreneurs. Government is committed to embark on a program to provide land title (deeds of ownership) to all families who have been continuously occupying government or crown lands for residential purposes for more than ten (10) years.

It is therefore necessary, prior to full implementation of the Grenada National Land Policy (2021), to ensure its conformity with Government's transformative agenda.

Additionally, the Government appointed Innovative and Transformational Agriculture Policy Committee (ITAPC) has reviewed the approved Grenada National Land Policy and made the following observations:

- i. The policy document focused only on government lands which is only ten (10) per cent of available lands within Grenada and failed to address the issues of private lands.
- ii. The policy whilst focusing on government/crown lands has not addressed the issues that surfaced during the sub-committees established by the ITAPC reviews of government estates/model farms and the cataloguing of crown lands.
- iii. The issue of purchase of lands by non-nationals is not addressed.
- iv. Issues of zoning and the sale of prime agricultural lands are not addressed.
- v. There is no Action Plan attached to the policy document.
- vi. The Introduction and Background sections of the policy document need to be simplified.
- vii. The impact of climate change on the availability of lands needs to be considered and included in the assessment.
- viii. The need to consider and include the Government's transformative agenda in the final policy document.

## **PROJECT OBJECTIVE**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Forestry, Marine Resources and Co-operatives has endorsed the observations of the ITAPC and pointed to the necessity for a functional land management system, better land administration and the need to obtain expert advice to review the approved Grenada National Land Policy in light of the observations at i to viii above and the Government's transformational agenda.

Further professional input is required to:

- i. update and simplify the Land Policy;
- ii. ensure the Land Policy incorporates the impact of climate change on land and land administration;
- iii. there are synergies between the National Land Policy and the National Food and Nutrition Security Policy and Action Plan;
- iv. ensure the institutional arrangements for the implementation of the Grenada National Land Policy and Action Plan are developed and incorporated.

## **FUNCTIONS OF THE CONSULTANT**

The Consultant will undertake a comprehensive review, enhancement and simplification of the text of the Grenada National Land Policy and prepare an updated Policy and Action Plan ensuring that the Government's transformative policy agenda and all concerns of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, the Innovative and Transformational Agriculture Policy Committee (ITAPC) and other stakeholders are taken into consideration.

Specifically, the Consultant will:

- i. Undertake a comprehensive review of the Grenada National Land Policy, substantiate the identified gaps, and prepare a report with the clearly identified gaps and recommended actions.
- ii. Review Government's transformative agenda and determine to what extent it has been incorporated into the Grenada National Land Policy.
- iii. Develop required policy directives/policy guidelines to address the gaps in the existing policy framework document ensuring consistency with Government's transformative policy agenda relative to land management and administration, the impact of climate change and the Food and Nutrition Security Policy and Action Plan.
- iv. Prepare an updated National Land Policy and Action Plan which includes relevant guidance in support of implementation, enforcement, and monitoring of compliance with the National Land Policy.
- v. Prepare in simple, user friendly terms the policy document for endorsement and adoption.
- vi. Coordinate and lead the conduct of stakeholder consultations to obtain buy-in from the review and recommended actions and prepare a stakeholder consultation report.
- vii. Ensure alignment of the new policy guidelines and action plan with the National Sustainable Development Plan (2020-2035) and the transformative policy agenda.
- viii. Advise on the implementation of the National Land Policy.

## **EXPECTED OUTPUTS**

The Consultant will be required to deliver the following:

- i. An Inception Report and Workplan.
- ii. A Gap Assessment Report on Grenada's National Land Policy.
- iii. First Draft Revised Grenada National Land Policy and Action Plan that incorporates the government's transformative policy agenda, climate change considerations, and harmonizes/is aligned with the Food and Nutrition Security Policy and Action Plan, the National Sustainable Development Plan and the views of the Innovative and Transformational Agriculture Policy Committee.
- iv. Stakeholder consultations on the First Draft Revised Grenada National Land Policy and Action Plan.
- v. A Stakeholder Consultation Report.
- vi. Final Draft Revised Grenada National Land Policy and Action Plan.
- vii. A summarized version of the Final Draft Revised Grenada National Land Policy.

## **SCOPE**

The Consultant will be required to deliver the expected outputs within the timelines agreed to with the Permanent Secretary.

The Consultant must have qualifications and sound knowledge of Land and Land Administration, Natural Resources Management, Law, Environmental Management, or a related field and have practical experience in land administration.

The Consultant must be favourably disposed to working with the Ministry's Management Team, Heads of Departments, Staff and Stakeholders and be responsive to suggestions, changes and generally ensuring that the Ministry's needs are met.

The Consultant can utilize available technology in the completion of the assignment.

All final documentation can be submitted in electronic form. Electronic file must be in Microsoft Word or as appropriate.

## **TIMELINES & SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS:**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Forestry and Marine Resources wishes to commence this engagement by 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Consultants are invited to submit proposals which must address:

- i. the key areas of the RFP;
- ii. the key assignment deliverables;
- iii. an appropriate timeline for completion;
- iv. a cost proposal;
- v. a payment schedule; and
- vi. may include any other recommendations that may assist the Ministry in achieving the stated objectives in the RFP.

Written proposals in response to the foregoing Request for Proposals should reach the Permanent Secretary via email to [ps@moa.gov.gd](mailto:ps@moa.gov.gd) and [agriculture@moa.gov.gd](mailto:agriculture@moa.gov.gd) and copied to the Administrative Executive at [advisor@moa.gov.gd](mailto:advisor@moa.gov.gd) on or before Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.