

CONSULTANCY FOR DELIVERING POLICY AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH MANDATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Introduction

Ministry of Economic Development (MED) is seeking the services of an Individual Consultant to advise the smooth and efficient functioning and delivery of the policy and economic research mandates of the Ministry.

Ministry of Economic Development has been entrusted to undertake the policy and programmatic responsibilities relating to trade, investment and economic development. These include amongst other things;

1. Provide economic and trade policy leadership in the government.
2. Ensuring a conducive and internationally competitive business and commercial environment in the Maldives.
3. Identify strategies for diversification of the Maldives economy and work towards further diversification of established industries.
4. Identify strategies for export development and promotion.
5. Identify and establish market access opportunities with our trade partners and help domestic industries internationalize.
6. Identify and implement investment promotion initiatives.
7. Ensure a fair-trading environment where the rights of the consumers are adequately protected.
8. Establish and ensure that standards for trade in goods and services are maintained.
9. Review pending government led infrastructure programs and design and implement new financial models/ frameworks to deliver these programs more efficiently

Terms of Reference

The Consultant is expected to work alongside the MED team on the following areas:

- a) Review the overall functions of key departments, conceptualize work process and communication protocols for internal policy formulation.
- b) Preparing a rapid assessment of the policy functioning within the Ministry, identify key areas for improvement, including advising the Ministry on linkages and administrative reform.

- c) Restructuring the policy research and analysis function of the Ministry; including setting up the framework and operational plan for the smooth functioning of the department. The consultant is expected to develop a systematic mechanism to conduct policy research and analysis.
- d) Reorganize and systemize reporting and publications from the Ministry, including outreach both domestic and internationally.
- e) Establish a responsive research and policy function, structure and internal civil service capacity requirements.
- f) Improving the Ministry wide collection, flow and centralization of data. The consultant is expected to assist systemize the dissemination of data within the Ministry for policy making process.
- g) Set-up a systematic data and policy update channel with line Ministries, agencies, National Development Agencies and NGOs.

Qualification

1. The applicant must hold a Bachelors' degree in Economics, Business Administration or related field and must demonstrate a good command of knowledge in the areas of trade, investments and economic development.
2. Experience in a related field.

Duration of Consultancy

06 calendar months, subject to extension

Working hours

0800-1600hrs, weekdays

The selected applicant may be required to work outside of the above working hours occasionally during the term of the consultancy.

Remuneration

Rf 30,000 per month (inclusive of all benefits)

Recruitment process

Applicants interested in providing the services, are required to submit their CV, certificates and other relevant information demonstrating his/her qualification and experience in the area.