Ministry of Economic Transformation

Request for Expressions of Interest

For:

***Consultancy Service from* "Development of Needs Assessment for GCF Strategic Framework & Drafting of Updated GCF Country Programme 2026-2030"**

Ref No: GCF/RPSP14/CFU/SER/06

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Instructions to Individual Consultant

Reference Number: GCF/RPSP14/CFU/SER/06

20 November 2026

***Consultancy Service from* "Development of Needs Assessment for GCF Strategic Framework & Drafting of Updated GCF Country Programme 2026-2030"**

1. The Government of Belize has received financing from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) towards building institutional capacity. The Ministry of Economic Transformation (MET), in its ongoing commitment to strengthen governance and accountability in climate finance, intends to engage in the identification and establishment of a suitable mechanism for procuring consultancy services through the GCF BLZ-RS-014 Project.

2. The individual consultancy will design a **Development of Needs Assessment for GCF Strategic Framework & Drafting of Updated GCF Country Programme 2026-2030**, to enhance transparency, compliance, and adaptive learning in climate finance governance.

3. The Ministry of Economic Transformation (MET) intends to engage in the identification and establishment of a suitable mechanism for procuring consultancy services through the Green Climate Fund (GCF), funded by the BLZ-RS-014 Project. The individual consultancy proposed will conduct the **Development of Needs Assessment for GCF Strategic Framework & Drafting of Updated GCF Country Programme 2026-2030**.

   The use of any Green Climate Funding financing shall be subject to MET and Ministry of Finance approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as GCF's rules, policies and procedures. GCF and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with BLZ-RS-014 Programme.

4. The client now invites expressions of interest (EOIs) from qualified individual consultants to provide consulting services to **Development of Needs Assessment for GCF Strategic Framework & Drafting of Updated GCF Country Programme 2026-2030"**

5. The Individual Consultant shall not have any actual, potential, or reasonably perceived conflict of interest. An individual consultant with an actual, potential, or reasonably perceived conflict of interest shall be disqualified unless otherwise explicitly approved by the Fund. The Individual Consultant is considered to have a conflict of interest if there:
   a. Is a relationship that provides them with undue or undisclosed information about, or influence over, the selection process and the execution of the contract;

b. Participate in more than one Expression of Interest (EOI) under this procurement action;
c. Have a business or family relationship with any individual that was, has been, or might reasonably be directly or indirectly involved in any part of:
    i. The preparation of this expression of interest,
    ii. The selection process for this procurement, or
    iii. Execution of the contract.

The individual consultant has an ongoing obligation to disclose any situation of actual, potential, or reasonably perceived conflict of interest during preparation of the EOI, the selection process, or the contract execution. Failure to properly disclose any such situation may lead to appropriate actions, including disqualification of the consultant or termination of the contract.

6. The individual consultant is required to comply with the GCF Addressing Fraud, Corruption and Other Prohibited Practices, and Policies Addressing Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (hereinafter, "GCF's Anticorruption Policy") in competing for, or in executing, the contract.

    a. If it is determined that the individual consultant has, directly or indirectly, engaged in any prohibited practice as defined in the GCF Anti-Corruption Policy, or has committed integrity violations, including sexual exploitation, sexual abuse, or sexual harassment, as defined under the GCF Policy on the Prevention of and Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment, while competing for or performing the contract, the Client may reject the EOI or terminate the contract, as applicable.

    b. In accordance with GCF's Anticorruption Policy, the Fund has the right to sanction individual consultants, including by declaring them ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to participate in any GCF-financed and/or GCF-managed activity or operation. A debarment includes, *inter alia*, ineligibility to:

        i. be awarded or otherwise benefit from any GCF-financed contract, financially or in any other manner;

        ii. be engaged as an individual consultant under any GCF-financed contract; and

        iii. receive the proceeds of any loan or grant provided by the Fund. The Fund also has the right to recognize debarments issued by other international financial institutions in accordance with its Anticorruption Policy.

    c. The individual consultant is required to fully cooperate with any investigation conducted by the Government of Belize (GOB) or the Green Climate Fund (GCF). This includes making themselves available for interviews and

providing full access to any and all accounts, premises, documents, and records (including electronic records) relating to this selection process or the execution of the contract. The consultant shall also permit such accounts, premises, records, and documents to be audited and/or inspected by auditors and/or investigators appointed by the GOB or the Fund.

d. The individual consultant has an ongoing obligation to disclose in his Expression of Interest (EOI) and later in writing as may become relevant:
    i. Any sanction(s), criminal conviction(s), or temporary suspension(s) imposed for fraud, corruption, or related integrity violations; and
    ii. Any commission(s) or fee(s) paid or to be paid to agents or other parties in connection with this selection process or the execution of the contract. As a minimum, the consultant must disclose the name and contact details of the agent or other party, together with the reason, amount, and currency of the commission or fee paid or to be paid.

   Failure to comply with these disclosure obligations may lead to rejection of the EOI or termination of the contract

e. The individual consultant is required to keep all records and documents, including electronic records, relating to this selection process available for a minimum of three (3) years after notification of completion of the process or, if awarded the contract, after execution of the contract.

7. The Fund requires that all beneficiaries of GCF funding or funds administered by GCF, including the client, any individual consultant, implementing partners, service providers and suppliers, observe the highest standards of integrity during the procurement and execution of such contracts.

8. **Procedure**: Procurement for this Consultancy will be carried out through **Individual Consultant Selection (ICS)** method in accordance with procurement policies and best practices of the Government of Belize. The Ministry of Economic Transformation (MET), as the client, will evaluate the Expressions of Interest (EOIs) using the criteria provided in Annex 3.

9. ***Any request for clarification*** on this EOI should be sent via e-mail to the address no later than 4:00 p.m., local time, 30th November 2026. The response to all clarification requests will be made by 11th December 2026.

10. Submission Procedure: EOIs can be submitted either physically or electronically. Applicants shall include a signed Annex 1, completed Annex 2, current CV detailing relevant assignments and dates, and copies of relevant academic certificates. Qualified individual consultants should submit in English via email, in PDF format as a single document to procurement@met.gov.bz or submit one (1) original and two (2) copies in a sealed envelope properly marked "Development of Needs Assessment for GCF Strategic Framework & Drafting of Updated GCF Country Programme 2026-2030"

11. **Consultancy:** the Deadline for submission is no later Tuesday 22nd December **2026, by 10:00 a.m. local (Belize) time**. Hard copies of the expression of interest should be submitted to the following address:

Attention:
Procurement Officer,
Sir Edney Cain Building,
Ground Floor,
Right Wing
Belmopan City,
Belize, CA.

Annex 1

Form EOI-1

EOI Submission Form

(Date/Location)

(authorised person's name)

1. **Re: "Development of Needs Assessment for GCF Strategic Framework & Drafting of Updated GCF Country Programme 2026-2030"**

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(GCF BLZ-RS-014)

Ref: GCF/RPSP14/CFU/SER/06

I, the undersigned, declare that:

1. I am expressing my interest in providing the individual consulting services for the above-mentioned assignment and have no reservations to the EOI, the instructions to the consultant and any addenda thereto.

2. The expression of interest is open for acceptance for a period of ninety (90) days.

3. The individual consultant has not been declared ineligible by the Fund and has not been subject to sanctions or debarments under the laws or official regulations of the client's country, nor been subject to a debarment recognized under the Policy on Prohibited Practices, beyond those declared in paragraph 6 section b and 6, b, iii of this EOI submission form.

4. The individual consultant acknowledges and accepts the GCF Anticorruption Policy, certifying that there is no engagement in any prohibited practices. Further, the consultant acknowledges and understands the obligation to report to the integrity@gcfund.org any allegation of prohibited practice that comes to their attention during the selection process or the execution of the contract.

5. No attempt has been made or will be made by the individual consultant to induce any other consultant to submit or not submit an EOI for the purpose of restricting competition.

6. The individual consultant acknowledges and accepts the GCF's Prevention and Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment Policy. The consultant certifies that there has been any engagement in any sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, or abuse. Further, the consultant acknowledges and understands the obligation to report to the integrity@gcfund.org of any allegation of sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, or abuse that comes to his attention during the selection process or the execution of the contract.

7. The following commissions, gratuities, or fees have been paid or are to be paid with respect to the selection process: *[Insert complete name of each recipient, its full address, the reason for which each commission or gratuity was paid and the amount and currency of each such commission or gratuity.]*

Name of Recipient	Address	Reason	Amount	Currency

(If none has been paid or is to be paid, indicate "none.")

8. The individual consultant declares that there is no actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest regarding this selection process or the execution of the contract. *[insert if needed: "other than the following:" and provide a detailed account of the actual, potential, or perceived conflict]*. The consultant understands that there is an ongoing disclosure obligation with respect to such actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest and shall promptly inform the client and the Fund should any such conflicts arise at any stage of the procurement process or contract execution.

9. The following criminal convictions, administrative sanctions (including debarments), and/or temporary suspensions have been imposed on the individual consultant:

Nature of the measure (i.e., criminal conviction, administrative sanction or temporary suspension)	Imposed by	Name of individual convicted, sanctioned, or suspended	Grounds for the measure (i.e., fraud in procurement or corruption in contract execution)	Date and time (duration) of measure

If no criminal convictions, administrative sanctions or temporary suspensions have been imposed, indicate "none".

10. The individual consultant acknowledges and understands the obligation to promptly inform the client about any material change regarding the information provided in this EOI submission form.

11. The individual consultant further understands that failure to properly disclose any information in connection with this EOI submission form may lead to appropriate actions, including disqualification as a consultant, termination of the contract, and any other measures deemed appropriate under the GCF Corruption Policy in its Projects and Operations.

12. The individual consultant understands that the client is not bound to accept any EOI received.

Annex 2

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Project Name	
Assignment	
Process IDs #	

I. Individual Consultant Information

Individual Consultant Name:	Country:
EOI submission Authorized by:	Position:

I confirm that:

☐ **I confirm that I am submitting this EOI as an individual consultant and not on behalf of a firm, consortium, joint venture, association, or sub-consultancy arrangement.**

Annex 3

MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION
GCF READINESS 14
PROJECT BLZ-RS-014

ANNEX – EVALUATION CRITERIA

Individual Consultant Selection (ICS)

Assignment: Development of Needs Assessment for GCF Strategic Framework & Drafting of Updated GCF Country Programme 2026-2030.

Eligibility screening

Before awarding points, the evaluation committee shall verify that the applicant:

- is applying as an individual consultant and has submitted the required EOI forms and declarations;
- holds at least a bachelor's degree in climate finance, environmental management, economics, public policy, development studies, project management, or a closely related field; and
- has at least five (5) years of relevant professional experience in institutional assessment, strategic planning, policy development, and/or programme design.

An applicant who does not meet a minimum requirement shall not proceed to the scored assessment. Relevant experience must be evidenced in the CV; unsupported claims will not receive points.

Scored evaluation of eligible individual consultants

Criterion	Max points	Evidence considered
Academic qualifications	10	7 points: relevant bachelor's degree (mandatory). 3 additional points: relevant master's degree.
Institutional assessment and strategic programme experience	30	Demonstrated institutional needs or gap assessments, strategic frameworks, country/sector programmes, and relevant responsibility for completed outputs.
Climate finance and GCF alignment	25	Relevant climate finance programming, GCF readiness/programming or comparable mechanisms, NDC alignment, and/or investment pipeline development.
Policy analysis and governance	15	Review of institutional roles, policy or governance arrangements, and practical recommendations from assessment findings.
Stakeholder facilitation and knowledge transfer	10	Design and facilitation of multi-stakeholder consultations or workshops and capacity-building or knowledge-transfer activities.

Criterion	Max points	Evidence considered
Monitoring and reporting	10	Development of monitoring indicators, reporting arrangements, project pipeline matrices, templates, and coherent analytical reports.
TOTAL	**100**	

Scoring method

For all criteria except academic qualifications, apply the following evidence scale to the maximum points: 0 = no relevant documented evidence; 25% = limited or indirect evidence; 50% = some directly relevant experience; 75% = strong evidence from relevant assignments; 100% = extensive evidence closely comparable to this TOR. Scores may be assigned between these anchors where justified. The academic criterion is scored as specified in the table.

Applicants with a total score of at least 70 out of 100 shall be considered technically qualified. The highest-ranked qualified individual consultant shall be recommended for contract negotiation, subject to the applicable approvals and procurement requirements. No financial proposal is evaluated at the EOI stage.

Evaluators shall cite CV evidence for each score and sign individual evaluation sheets. Comparable climate finance experience may be scored even without prior GCF work.