

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SAINT LUCIA

OECS DATA FOR DECISION MAKING PROJECT

Assignment Title: Technical Assistance on the Revision of Saint Lucia Statistics Bill

Reference No.: SLU-DATA-CS-ICS-RSA-01-22

The OECS Data for Decision Making (DDM) Project is a regional project that seeks to improve the capacity of participating Eastern Caribbean countries to produce and publicly disseminate statistical data for country and regional level analytics. It will be implemented by Saint Lucia, Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and the OECS Commission. The project seeks to achieve its objective by strengthening both national and regional level capacities and fostering regional coordination. At the national level, Component 1 and Component 2 of the project will strengthen national statistical systems through (i) statistical modernization and capacity building, and (ii) data production, analysis, and dissemination, with a focus on the population and housing census, living conditions surveys, labor market surveys, and agricultural census. At the regional level, Component 3 of the project will support the OECS Commission's mandate for regional integration and the strengthening of the regional statistical system. Component 4 will support project implementation, and Component 5 will provide a contingency option for immediate surge funding in the event of a national emergency. The project is to be implemented over a five-year period commencing in 2022.

Under Component 1 of the project, this consultancy will review the current Statistics Bill and regulatory framework for the Central Statistics Office (CSO) of Saint Lucia and advice on revisions for an updated Statistics Bill. The reauthorization of the Statistical Act is a fundamental and strategic initiative oriented towards the Statistical Modernization of the National Statistical System (NSS). The Project is seeking the services of an individual consultant to support the CSO in the Department of Economic Development with an extensive review of the current draft of the Statistics Bill (second draft from 2023) and to update the draft Statistics Bill as required based on the recommendations of the CARICOM Model Statistics Bill and other best practices and principles for statistical legislation (e.g. UNFPOS).

The Consultant will be required to work closely with the Director of the CSO and any other staff assigned to support the task. The expected activities to be carried out by the consultant are:

1. The conduct of a comprehensive examination of the of the current version of the Statistics Bill prepared by the Office of the Attorney General;
2. Review the Common Framework for Statistics Legislation in CARICOM (CARICOM Secretariat, 2011); the CARICOM Statistics Model Bill (CARICOM Secretariat, 2011); the Review of CARICOM Statistics Legislation (ECLAC, 2020); the Recommendations from the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians (Annex I), the NSS Assessment of Saint Lucia conducted in 2012, the NSS audit conducted for the implementation for the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) and other relevant documents. Draft legislation that will make the Bill compliant with international best practices, including the seventeen principles of the International Code of Good Practice in statistics and adhere to the Fundamental International Principles of Official Statistics, ECLAC Generic Law for Latin America and the Caribbean, and CARICOM Principles of Good Practice in statistics' and based on summary of key background documents including guide to Development and Revision of Statistics Law (PARIS21, 2020);
3. Based on 1 and 2 above, propose modifications to the current draft of the Statistics Bill and present to the Director of Statistics and Members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) and other key stakeholders in the Ministries, Departments, and Agencies;
4. Finalize the draft of the updated Statistics Bill incorporating feedback and inputs from the CSO, TWG and other key stakeholders.

The consultancy is expected to be conducted over a period of 6 months. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment may be requested from the following email address: vernecia.badal@govt.lc.

The Department of Economic Development now invites eligible individual consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Individual Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services; (Curriculum Vitae with supporting certified copies of qualifications, **description of similar assignments**, etc).

Interested Consultants should have the following requisite minimum qualifications and professional experiences listed below for undertaking the assignment.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT ARE:

Mandatory

- At least a Master's in Statistics, Economics, Law or other related disciplines and at least 8 years of relevant work experience in the following areas:
 - (a) best practices in statistics legislation
 - (b) preparation of model statistics legislation
 - (c) preparation and revision of national statistical laws in developing countries
- Conducted at least 2 similar assignments in drafting and amending legal acts, preferably in the field of statistics or related areas;
- Demonstrated fluency in English and excellent writing and editing skills.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.16 of the World Bank's *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Procurement Regulations) fifth edition, September 2023*, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The consultant will be selected through the "Individual Consultant Selection method" in accordance with the [World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers](#) (Procurement Regulations), September 2023.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (0800 to 1600 hours).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **Friday August 23, 2024**.

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