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## MINAMATA INITIAL ASSESSMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN

### BELIZE

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### NATIONAL PROJECT COORDINATOR- INVENTORY

### BACKGROUND

The Minamata Convention on Mercury was adopted in October 2013 and entered into force on August 16, 2017 with ninety-five (95) countries as Parties to the Convention to date, including Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Suriname.

This Minamata Initial Assessment (MIA) project's aim is to facilitate the ratification and early implementation of the Minamata Convention in order to contribute to the protection of human health and the environment from the risks posed by unintentional and intentional emissions and releases of mercury, as well as unsound use and management of mercury.

### COMPONENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE PROJECT

The overall project components and their related activities are:

#### **1. Global technical support and capacity building for MIAs development**

1.1 Technical assistance provided to Belize to develop the MIA while building sustainable foundations for its future implementation.

#### **2. Development and validation of the Minamata Initial Assessments**

2.1 Identified and strengthened Project Steering Committee and National Coordination Mechanism dealing with mercury management that will guide the project implementation;

2.2 National institutional and regulatory frameworks and national capacities on mercury management assessed;

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2.3 National inventories of mercury sources and releases developed using the UN Environment Mercury Toolkit Level II and strategies for the identification of mercury contaminated sites developed;

2.4 Challenges, needs and opportunities to implement the Minamata Convention assessed and recommendations to ratify and implement the Minamata Convention developed;

2.5 MIA validated by national stakeholders.

### **3. Monitoring and Evaluation**

3.1 Status of project implementation and probity of use of funds accessed on a regular basis and communicated to the GEF;

3.2 Independent terminal evaluation developed and made publicly available.

### **MAIN FUNCTIONS AND DELIVERABLES**

In close coordination with the National Working Group, the BCRC-Caribbean and UN Environment, and MIA Inventory Consultant, the National Project Coordinator-Inventory (NPC) will assist in the implementation of project activities, in particular, with respect to the on-the-ground daily activities involved in the collection and input of data into the national mercury inventory. The NPC will be asked to perform tasks including:

1. Developing a work plan for tasks with clear deliverables and indicators for the development of the draft national Minamata Initial Assessment Report;
2. Conducting a desktop study of mercury sources and management as it relates to the current situation in Belize;
3. Being trained in the use of the UNEP Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Mercury Releases (Level 1 and 2) for the development of the national inventory;
4. Identifying relevant stakeholders and mercury sources and coordinating the data collection needed for the development of the inventory (this will be aided by the use of questionnaires developed, as well as interviews and other data collection methods deemed necessary);

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5. Submitting detailed progress reports of data collection status and drafts of the national MIA report, as deemed necessary;
6. Facilitating national project workshops, as deemed necessary;
7. Assisting with data analysis;
8. Assisting with collection of information related to the legislative and regulatory framework;
9. Preparing the draft Minamata Initial Assessment Report;
10. For the duration of the consultancy, the National Project Coordinator-Inventory Belize will be a member of the National Working Group and will act as the Secretary to the group for the duration of their tenure. The responsibilities of the Secretary include scheduling group meetings, making sure that accurate minutes are kept and following up with participants and matters discussed afterward, as needed;
11. Performing any other duties as required.

## **QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS**

As a basic requirement, the National Project Coordinator - Inventory, to be engaged in their respective beneficiary country, should possess an undergraduate degree in natural sciences, chemistry, environmental sciences or management, chemical and/or process engineering, or related fields.

- Professional experience preferably in areas relevant to waste and chemicals management;
- Good knowledge of the local context and infrastructure as it relates to waste and chemicals management (knowledge in mercury use, storage and disposal is an asset);
- Experience in the implementation of environmental programmes;
- Experience in the conduct of research, desktop reviews and field surveys;
- Ability to plan and execute assigned tasks in a multi-stakeholder environment;
- Good interpersonal skills;
- Willingness to work in a team with national and international experts;
- Proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office;

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- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English.

## **DURATION OF THE CONSULTANCY**

The duration of the consultancy is ten (10) months.

## **APPLICATION**

Please send Curriculum Vitae (CV) and cover letter via e-mail to:

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The deadline for the submission of applications is 4:00 pm (Trinidad and Tobago, GMT -4) on **September 07, 2018.**

The successful candidate will be expected to start work as of October 2018.

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