

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

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**EXPERT ON GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM (GHS) OF CLASSIFICATION AND
LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

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Parties consenting to be served by the Centre:

Antigua & Barbuda Commonwealth of the Bahamas Barbados Belize The Republic of Cuba The Commonwealth of Dominica The Dominican Republic
The Co-operative Republic of Guyana Jamaica The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines The Republic of Suriname The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

1. BACKGROUND

The Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Caribbean (BCRC-Caribbean) aims to support Contracting Caribbean Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata Conventions with implementing their international obligations to sustainably manage wastes and chemicals in order to protect human health and the environment.

Headquartered in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, the BCRC-Caribbean works with Caribbean governments and other national, regional and international public and private sector stakeholders. The Centre works with its partners to execute national and regional waste and chemicals management projects, facilitate training and information dissemination to Parties, and raise public awareness.

2. OBJECTIVES OF EOI

The BCRC-Caribbean is calling for expressions of interest for eligible consultants to provide services as **an expert on Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals** for upcoming projects. This call will develop a roster consultants who may deliver such services on a short-term basis. The consultants will be expected to produce outputs that may include, but not limited to the following:

- i. Research and review of chemical and environmental regulations related to hazard communication
- ii. Application of Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) to legislative systems
- iii. Design and preparation of Safety Data Sheets (SDS) based on GHS requirements
- iv. Classification of substances according to the GHS
- v. Develop recommendations specific to the Caribbean region and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) as it relates to the improvement of GHS mechanisms
- vi. Preparation of training materials and workshops on GHS labelling and enforcement

The pool of consultants will have a demonstrated track record in undertaking and providing similar support for chemicals and waste management projects. The members of this roster will be informed of consultancies and will be invited to submit proposals on an as-needed basis.

3. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- **Education:** Formal Qualification in Environmental Sciences, Biochemistry, Environmental Management, Chemistry or any other related field;
- **Work experience:**
- Experience with Risk Management principles and concepts in relation to the Customs and border control environment;
- Experience with legislative adoption of GHS and harmonisation with existing regulations;
- Experience supporting regulatory compliance of hazard communication labels and chemical product safety;
- Knowledge of Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) preparation and authoring for compliance with GHS requirements;
- Knowledge of Multilateral Environmental Agreements on hazardous chemicals and waste including the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata Conventions may be considered as an asset;
- Experience in Latin America and the Caribbean region is highly desired;
- Experience working with UN agencies and/or the IDB may be considered as an asset.

4. WORKING LANGUAGES

Consultant must be fluent in English both oral and written. A working knowledge of Dutch and/or Spanish will be considered an asset.

5. SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

- a. The call for Expressions of Interest is open to international individual consultants.
- b. Submissions must be submitted made in English and should include the following:
 - i. A Cover Letter
 - ii. A Curriculum Vitae of the consultant (inclusive of three recent and relevant references);

NOTE: Ensure that all documents are labelled clearly and appropriately labelled.

6. QUERIES

Interested consultants may submit all queries in writing to **both**:

- Jewel Batchasingh, Director BCRC-Caribbean
jewel.batchasingh@bcrc-caribbean.org
- Rachel Ramsey, Project Coordinator, BCRC-Caribbean
rachel.ramsey@bcrc-caribbean.org

7. SUBMISSION

- 7.1. Interested consultants are invited to apply by submitting their EOI including (i) Cover Letter and (ii) CV **via e-mail** to:

Ms. Jewel Batchasingh

Director

Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and

Technology Transfer for the Caribbean

#8 Alexandra Street, St. Clair,

Port-of-Spain,

Trinidad and Tobago.

Email: applications@bcrc-caribbean.org

- 7.2. Submissions will be accepted **on or before 11:59 pm (GMT -4) on Friday March 11, 2022.**

8. DISCLAIMER

8.1. *All documents submitted shall remain the property of the BCRC-Caribbean.*

8.2. *The working language of the BCRC-Caribbean is English.*

8.3. *This call for Expression of Interest is **not** a guarantee of employment/engagement. Applicants who are added to the consultant database will be alerted to potential relevant opportunities.*

8.4. *The BCRC-Caribbean reserves the right to reject any submission if any information provided is found to be a misrepresentation, exaggeration or complete falsification, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected applicant.*