

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Posting Title: Consultant – Capacity-building needs and priorities
Assessment Toolkit Development Expert

Department/Office: Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of
Legal Affairs of

assessments, a capacity-building needs and priority assessment toolkit will be developed under this consultancy. The toolkit will be utilized for the implementation of the DOALOS programme of activities, including in the context of capacity-building needs and priority assessments at the regional and national levels. The toolkit will also be made available to States and other stakeholders for its possible utilization in conducting such assessments.

Work Location

The consultancy will be home based.

Expected Duration

Part time. 5 Months (75 Working Days).

Scope of work and deliverables:

Under the overall supervision of the Director of the Division and a Senior Legal Officer, the consultant will report directly to a Legal Officer.

The Capacity-Building Needs and Priority Assessment Toolkit Development Expert is expected to deliver the following outputs:

1. Develop a toolkit for undertaking assessments of the capacity-building needs and priorities of developing States, in particular the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, geographically disadvantaged States, small island developing States, coastal African States, archipelagic States and developing middle-income countries, in relation to becoming parties to, and implementing, the BBNJ Agreement.
 - The toolkit will include a series of standardized and customizable assessment tools covering all key elements of the Agreement, together with information resources that would support the utilization of such tools. The toolkit should include methodologies on the assessment process, including an overarching assessment framework which reflects and is responsive to the requirements of States for becoming parties to, and implementing, the BBNJ Agreement. The toolkit should include tools for relevant data collection, analysis, and evaluation, and for the prioritization of the identified capacity-building needs.
 - The toolkit will be designed to support the generation and presentation of findings on, among others:
 - the level of current activity in the State relating to BBNJ, including the State's activities with respect to the conservation and use of BBNJ and any activities under the jurisdiction or control of the State with a potential impact on BBNJ;
 - the priorities of the State in respect of BBNJ and the BBNJ Agreement;
 - the legal, regulatory and policy changes that might be required for the State to become party to, and implement, the BBNJ Agreement;
 - the governance, institutional and administrative capacity-building needs and priorities of the State for becoming party to, and implementing, the BBNJ Agreement; and
 - the scientific, technical and infrastructure capacity-building needs and priorities of the State for implementing the BBNJ Agreement.
2. Conduct testing of the toolkit for at least two States from each of the seven categories of developing State mentioned above, to be selected in consultation with the Division, to ensure the effectiveness and usability of the toolkit, and make adjustments as necessary.

The testing will also serve to customize, as needed, the toolkit for each of the seven categories of developing States mentioned above.

All materials, including preliminary drafts, produced

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- 1) Complete the application form available at the following link: