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ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

File: AP_2/18/11
Date: 22 July 2020
To: Interested suppliers
Contact: Maraea S. Pogi maraeap@sprep.org
Subject: Request for tenders: **Review of National Invasive Species Strategy and Action Plans (NISSAP) for Tonga, Marshall Islands and Niue and development of a new NISSAP for each country. Development of a National Invasive Species Strategy and Action Plan for Tuvalu.**

Question 1:

International travel is currently banned by many countries. If perhaps coupled with a local facilitator, would virtual workshops be an acceptable alternative to in-country workshops?

Response:

[Yes, this is the most sensible contingency plan. However, the tender methodology provided is still Plan A and tenderers should still price it accordingly. We will discuss contingency planning during the contract negotiations with the successful tenderer.](#)

Question 2:

To what extent is there flexibility in the timeframe for the in-country workshops, given the travel restrictions put in place by many countries to limit the impact of COVID-19?

Response:

[We will discuss contingency planning during the contract negotiations with the successful tenderer.](#)

Question 3:

To what extent will there be assistance to support the successful applicant during any quarantine procedures which may be required at either end of the travel conducted as part of this programme?

[Response: We will discuss contingency planning during the contract negotiations with the successful tenderer.](#)

Question 4:

Given that this tender will only be awarded in mid-August, the 1 Sep 2020 deadline to deliver the first draft NISSAP for Tuvalu seems very optimistic. Is there any scope for changing this first deadline?



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Question 5:

Will SPREP assist in connecting the successful tender with the key stakeholders for each country?

Response: Yes. SPREP will connect the consultant with the National Invasive Species Coordinator in each country and will assist with logistical support for the consultations. SPREP staff intend to travel to the countries to support the consultations

Question 6:

Please confirm that the window for holding workshops in Niue is 1--26 February 2021 (not 2020 as in Annex A).

Response: Confirmed