



CEOI n° 22-105-JOI

# CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CEOI)

<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Pacific Organic Learning Farms Network</b>
<b>Nature of the Call:</b>	<p>The purpose of this call is to provide the Pacific Community with a list of potential organic learning farms so that it can work with qualified applicants to develop and jointly implement two organic learning farms in each of the following countries: Fiji, Nauru, Solomon Islands and Tonga.</p> <p>These farms will then provide support and coordinate training with other farmers, as farm advisors, and in partnership with SPC.</p>
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## **Part 1: GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS - INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 About the Pacific Community (SPC)**

The Pacific Community (SPC) is the principal scientific and technical organisation of the Pacific region, established by treaty in 1947 with the signing of the Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission (the Canberra Agreement).

SPC has our headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia and has regional offices in Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia and Vanuatu, as well as offices in the Solomon Islands and France. SPC works across the Pacific and has staff in nearly all of our Pacific Island Country and Territory members.

SPC works for the well-being of Pacific people through the effective and innovative application of science and knowledge and is guided by a deep understanding of Pacific Island contexts and cultures. Our unique organisation covers more than 20 sectors and is renowned for knowledge and innovation in such areas as fisheries science, public health surveillance, geoscience and conservation of plant genetic resources for food security.

For more information about SPC and the work that we do, please visit our website: <https://www.spc.int/>.

### **1.2 About SPC's Land Resources Division**

SPC's Land Resources Division (LRD) aims to contribute to the Pacific Community goal for resilient and food and nutritionally secure Pacific peoples and communities, with well-managed natural resources, ecosystems and markets.

LRD has expertise in genetic resource conservation, resilient agriculture, biosecurity, pest and disease management, agricultural extension, plant pathology, entomology and animal health. It collaborates with governments, regional organisations, civil society and other SPC divisions to pinpoint the needs and priorities of Pacific countries and communities and provide technical expertise to address them.

LRD's mission is to provide effective expert scientific advice, capacity building and services on conservation, development and utilization of plant genetic resources, forest and landscape management, resilient agricultural systems, diversification of livelihood strategies and access to markets to maintain ecosystem services and improve land productivity and the food, nutrition security and resilience of Pacific communities.

### **1.3 SPC's Call for Expression of interest (CEOI) for this Joint Implementation Action**

SPC's joint implementation modality allows it to collaborate and enter into partnerships with other entities to pursue common objectives through a mutually beneficial project. This modality enables SPC to advance its strategic objectives and achieve development outcomes.

SPC is carrying out this CEOI under the KIWA initiative with the purpose of partnering with Applicants in establishing organic learning farms and providing training to other Applicants through these learning farms.

This CEOI sets out SPC's requirements for a project to be eligible. This CEOI asks you, as an Applicant, to submit an expression of interest in a prescribed format, trying to be as detailed and precise as possible and not omitting to attach the requested supporting documents.

The CEOI contains detailed instructions and templates to enable you to submit a compliant expression of interest (EOI). It sets out the overall timetable; it confirms the eligibility and the evaluation criteria that SPC will use to evaluate EOIs; it explains the administrative arrangements for receiving EOIs and indicates how Applicants can request further information.

Your participation confirms your acceptance of SPC's conditions of participation in the CEOI process.

## Part 2: GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

### 2.1 Background

SPC invites you to submit your expression of interest in order to be eligible to partner with SPC on the project set out in [Part 3](#). SPC has advertised this CEOI on its website and may send it directly to pre-identified potential Applicants through the national project coordinators or the governments of the countries involved in this project.

SPC has compiled these instructions to guide potential Applicants and to ensure that all Applicants receive equal and fair consideration. The same conditions and submission requirements will be mandated for all Applicants.

Please read the instructions carefully before submitting your application. In order for your EOI to be considered, you must provide all prescribed information by the closing date and in the specified format.

### 2.2 Submission instructions

Your EOI must be clear, concise and complete and must include only the information necessary to respond effectively to the CEOI. Please note that you may be downgraded or excluded if your submission contains ambiguities or lacks clarity.

Your EOI must include the following documents which form [Part 5](#) of the CEOI:

- a. Completed Expression of Interest Form
- b. Supporting documents to confirm eligibility (refer [Part 5](#), section 5)

Your application must be submitted in English by email to [POLFN@spc.int](mailto:POLFN@spc.int) with the following subject line: **CEOI-22-105-JOI**.

All applications submitted must be in Word or PDF formats. Please note the maximum capacity for an email sent to SPC mailboxes is 10Mb.

Your proposal must be received no later than **7/10/2022** and **11:00pm Fiji time**.

SPC will send an official acknowledgement of receipt to each proposal received by the closing date.

SPC reserves the right to exclude from consideration any proposal not received by the deadline, with incomplete information or in incorrect form.

### 2.3 Clarifications

You may submit questions or seek clarifications on any issue relating to this CEOI by sending an email to [POLFN@spc.int](mailto:POLFN@spc.int) with the subject line: **Clarification CEOI-22-105-JOI**.

Details will be kept of any communications between SPC and Applicants. This assists SPC to ensure transparency of the award process. While SPC prefers written communication in the CEOI process, at any point where there is a phone call or other conversation, SPC will keep a record or a file note of the exchange with Applicants.

### 2.4 Evaluation

#### Preliminary checks

Each EOI received will be assessed by SPC for compliance with the eligibility criteria and submission requirements set out in this CEOI.

To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of EOIs, SPC may ask the Applicant for clarification of its proposal or additional information. The request for clarification will be in writing.

If a proposal is responsive (it conforms in all material respects to the requirements set out in the CEOI), it will proceed to evaluation. If a proposal is found not to be responsive, it will be excluded from further evaluation.

## Scoping, Due diligence, capacity, and risk assessments

SPC will carry out due diligence on all Applicants at the preliminary checks stage (where applications are screened against the eligibility criteria). Applicants that proceed through the preliminary checks stage will then be evaluated.

Applicants who proceed to the evaluation stage will be shortlisted based on the information provided in their EOI. Shortlisted Applicants will then be notified prior to the commencement of detailed scoping, additional due diligence, capacity, and risk assessment activities. By applying, Applicants agree to participate in these detailed scoping, additional due diligence, capacity, and risk assessment processes.

The outcome of these assessments will be used to support National Advisory Committees, the POETCom Board and SPC with their decision making.

## Proposal evaluation

All shortlisted Applicants will be assessed against the evaluation criteria set out in [Part 4](#). The criteria are provided with weighted scores according to the relative importance of each. SPC will not change the evaluation criteria set out in the CEOI at any stage of the EOI process.

The evaluation of the EOI is carried out in two stages:

- In the first stage, all Applicant's that proceed to the evaluation stage will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in [Part 4](#) by the National Advisory Committee (and supported by SPC) which will propose a ranking of all EOIs received.
- In the second stage, the POETCom Board will make the final evaluation of the applications and make a recommendation to SPC's Procurement Committee to proceed with named Applicants, taking into account the ranking established by the National Advisory Committee, which will include an assessment of the capacity and risk assessments of the Applicants.

Following the evaluation of all EOIs, SPC may, without limiting the other options available to it, decide not to proceed with the CEOI process or to launch a new CEOI process on a similar or different basis to that described in this call.

## 2.5 Award

Details of selected partners will be published on the SPC website and may be published on the AFD publication website & European Commission website within 30 days (including the title of the project, nature and purpose of the project, name and locality of the partner, amount of the project, the start and end dates of the activity and the geographical scope of the activity).

Unsuccessful Applicants will be notified, and feedback will be provided on their submissions if requested.

SPC has a total amount of EUR 364,000.00 to contribute towards the establishment of up to eight OLFs pursuant to this CEOI. The nature and distribution of SPC's contribution to each successful Applicant will be entirely at SPC's discretion and will be dependent on the outcome of the scoping, due diligence, capacity, and risk assessment processes described in this CEOI.

SPC's standard terms and conditions for governing collaborative partnerships will apply.

## 2.6 Key dates

Please see the proposed timetable for the CEOI process below. This timetable is intended as a guide only and while SPC does not intend to depart from the timetable, it reserves the right to do so at any stage.

STAGE	DATE
CEOI advertised	9/09/2022
CEOI Closing Date	7/10/2022

<b>Selection of Partnering Applicants</b>	15/12/2022
<b>Commencement of Agreement/Project implementation</b>	01/01/2023
<b>Conclusion of Agreement/end of Project</b>	28/05/2025

## 2.7 Legal and compliance

**Child and vulnerable adult protection:** SPC is committed to the well-being of children and vulnerable adults. All SPC partners are required to commit to the principles of SPC’s Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy ([XI.G Manual of Staff Policies](#)). Breach of this requirement can result in SPC terminating any partnership agreement with a partner. Any allegations of potential misconduct in relation to this CEOI involving children or vulnerable adults should be sent to [complaints@spc.int](mailto:complaints@spc.int).

**Confidentiality:** Unless otherwise agreed by SPC in advance or where the contents of the CEOI are already in the public domain when shared with the Applicant, Applicants shall at all times treat the contents of the CEOI and any documents related to the award process as confidential. Unless clearly indicated otherwise, such as for 2.5 above, SPC will treat the information it receives from the Applicants as confidential during the entire award process.

**Conflict of interest:** Applicants must take all necessary measures to prevent any situation of conflict of interest. You must notify SPC in writing as soon as possible of any situation that could constitute a conflict of interest during the CEOI process. If you have any familial connection with SPC staff, this must be declared, and approval will then be sought for you to engage in the CEOI process. Breach of this requirement can result in the exclusion of the Applicant from the CEOI process or in SPC terminating any partnership agreement with a partner.

**Cost of preparation of submissions:** Under no circumstances will SPC be liable for any EOI submission costs, expenditure, work or effort that you may incur in relation to your provision of an application (including if the CEOI process is terminated or amended by SPC).

**Eligibility:** Applicants are required to disclose to SPC whether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by any international organisation, or whether they are subject to bankruptcy proceedings. You may not be bankrupt or suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ineligible by any international organisation. Failure to disclose such information may result in debarment and termination of any agreement issued by SPC.

**Fraud and corruption:** SPC has zero tolerance for fraud and corruption. All Applicants have an obligation to report potential fraud and corruption. Breach of this requirement can result in the exclusion of the Applicant from the CEOI process or in SPC terminating any agreement with a selected partner. Allegations of potential misconduct by an SPC staff member or Applicant involving fraud or corruption can be sent to [complaints@spc.int](mailto:complaints@spc.int)

**Good faith:** The information in this CEOI is provided by SPC in good faith. No representation, warranty, assurance or undertaking (express or implied) is or will be made, and no responsibility or liability will be accepted by SPC in relation to the adequacy, accuracy, completeness or reasonableness of this CEOI or any information provided by SPC in relation to this CEOI.

**Modifications:** Any clarifications, corrections or modifications will be published on the SPC website prior to the deadline. In the event an Applicant has submitted an EOI before the clarification, correction or modification, the Applicant will be informed and may modify its EOI. The modified EOI will still need to be received before the deadline.

**No offer of an award:** This CEOI does not constitute an offer or an invitation from SPC to enter into an agreement with you.

**Privacy:** The Applicant is to comply with the requirements of applicable legislation and regulatory requirements in force for the use of personal data that is disclosed for the purposes of this CEOI. SPC will handle any personal information it receives under the CEOI in line with SPC’s [Privacy Policy](#), and the [Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grantees](#). Applicants understand that

their EOI and their personal information will be stored and used by SPC in accordance with these policies and guidelines.

**Right to amend, seek clarity, withdraw, not award:** SPC reserves the right to: (1) amend, add to or withdraw all or any part of this CEOI at any time, or to re-invite Applicants on the same or any alternative basis; (2) seek clarification or documents in respect of any Applicant's EOI; (3) choose not to award as a result of this CEOI; (4) make whatever changes it sees fit to the timetable, structure or content of the grant process, depending on approvals processes or for any other reason. Please note that while SPC will not change the evaluation criteria set out in the CEOI without the CEOI process being re-issued, SPC does reserve the right at the time of award to vary the requirements specified in the CEOI and to accept or reject any EOI at any time prior to award without incurring any liability to the affected Applicant or any obligation to inform the affected Applicant(s) of the grounds for SPC's action.

**Right to disqualify:** SPC reserves the right to disqualify: (1) any Applicant that does not submit a EOI in accordance with the instructions in this CEOI; (2) any Applicant that misrepresents information to SPC; (3) any Applicant that directly or indirectly canvasses any SPC employee concerning the award under this CEOI.

**Use of material:** Applicants shall not use the contents of the CEOI or any related material for any purpose other than for the purpose of considering submitting or submitting their EOI to SPC.

**Warranty, representation, assurance, undertaking:** The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that no person has any authority to give any warranty, representation, assurance or undertaking on behalf of SPC in connection with any agreement which may (or may not) follow on from this CEOI process.

## 2.8 Complaints process

Applicants that consider they were not treated fairly during any SPC award process may lodge a protest. The protest should be addressed to [complaints@spc.int](mailto:complaints@spc.int). The Applicant must provide the following information: (1) full contact details; (2) details of the relevant CEOI; (3) reasons for the protest, including how the alleged behaviour negatively impacted the Applicant; (4) copies of any documents supporting grounds for protest; (5) the relief that is sought.

## Part 3: GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS - DESCRIPTION OF THE CEOI AND ITS CONTEXT

### 3.1 Background/Preliminary

The Pacific Organic Learning Farms Network (POLFN) project is the first regional project collaboration between the Pacific Community/Pacific Organic and Ethical Trade Community (POETCom) and the Kiwa Initiative. POLFN is a four-year project in Fiji, Nauru, Tonga and Solomon Islands, with exchange and learning components with Wallis and Futuna, New Caledonia and French Polynesia in collaboration with the European Development Fund 11 PROTEGE project implemented by the Pacific Community.

The **Pacific Organic and Ethical Trade Community** (POETCom) is the peak body of the organics movement in the Pacific, housed within the Pacific Community (SPC). The membership of POETCom is broad based and multisectoral with representation from organic farmers, farmer organisations, traders, governments, academic and research institutions, NGOs, private sector businesses and regional technical support agencies such as FAO and SPC. The role of POETCom is to serve as the regional peak body for the organics industry and to advocate at the international level on issues that impact on the development of organics in the Pacific and at regional and national levels for the promotion and development of organics to reach the vision. POETCom developed and manages the Pacific Organic Standard [POS] and the Pacific Organic Guarantee Scheme [POGS].

The **Kiwa Initiative** aims at strengthening the climate change resilience of Pacific Island ecosystems, communities, and economies through Nature-based Solutions (NbS), that is to say by protecting, sustainably managing and restoring biodiversity. It is based on an easier access to funding for climate change adaptation and NbS for local, national authorities, civil society and regional organisations of Pacific Island countries and territories including the three French overseas territories. The Kiwa Initiative is managed by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), and is funded by the European Union, AFD, Global Affairs Canada, Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).

### 3.2 Purpose & Specific Objectives

The project invites applicants from Fiji, Nauru, Solomon Islands and Tonga. This is a call for interested farmers, individuals, communities and private sector entities or organisations who have the access to land and resources required to co-contribute to establishing agroecological learning farms.

Successful Applicants will be supported with:

#### 1. Establishment of Organic Learning Farms (OLFs)

- Establish at least 2 OLFs in each of Fiji, Nauru, Solomon Islands and Tonga. The selected farmers will be expected to collaborate with SPC in setting up these farms by providing their farm and technical expertise where required.
- Where possible SPC will try to develop gene banks, seed registers, propagation units and farmer field schools led by 'farm advisors' (i.e., farmer to farmer trainings) within these OLFs.
- The selected farms will serve as demonstration farms and training centres for best practice organic and agroecological practices and facilitate access to, and distribution of, adaptive crop, tree and biodiversity in 4 countries.
- The owners of the established organic learning farms will be provided training and capacity building support to become "farm advisors".
- The OLF's will need to ensure gender and social inclusiveness, derived from strategy, tailored to each country/culture to guarantee the structuring of the participatory approach.
- The OLF's will have to be maintained in a condition that satisfies the recognised standards under the organic certification requirements.

#### 2. Enhancing crop diversity and agroecological management and production systems for resilient agriculture, sustainable production through activities of the OLF

- SPC will use the OLFs and through the collaboration with farm advisors provide training to the first circle of farmers.
- Necessary support will be provided to these farmers to convert their farms to organic and agroecological practices.
- Development of a community wide movement towards improved ecosystem services, biodiversity, resilient food systems and enhanced livelihoods through a combination of best practice agroecological and agroforestry management and production systems.

#### 3. Ensuring sustainability through market incentives

- To ensure market mechanisms are developed in each country for a diversity of crops and forest products to ensure financial sustainability of the OLFs as well as the first circle of farmers and subsequent adopters of the organic systems.

#### 4. Monitoring, knowledge management, learning and visibility

- Access to knowledge and capacity to enhance conservation and use of biodiversity through agroecological systems are improved, including through linkages and cross



learning experiences with organic/agroecological model farms established through the PROTÉGÉ project in Wallis and Futuna, New Caledonia and French Polynesia, creating a fully regional network.

### 3.3 Expected Results

The expected results of the project are as follows:

1. Establishment of Organic Learning Farms;
2. Area devoted to agroecological and agroforestry management and production systems in support of improved ecosystem services, biodiversity, resilient food systems and livelihoods increased;
3. Market mechanisms developed for a diversity of crops and forest products to ensure sustainability of OLFs; and
4. Improved access to knowledge and capacity to enhance conservation and use of biodiversity through agroecological systems, including through linkages and cross learning experiences with the organic/agroecological model farms established through the PROTÉGÉ project in Wallis and Futuna, New Caledonia and French Polynesia, creating a fully regional network.

### 3.4 Timelines

The collaboration will commence upon signing of partnership agreements with the selected Applicants and will conclude no later than 28 May 2025. The key dates for this project are set out in paragraph 2.6.

### 3.5 Reporting obligations

The successful Applicants will be required to provide project reporting to the POLFN project on the progress, issues and challenges faced in the management of OLFs on a regular basis and on an ad hoc basis if required. The detailed reporting obligations will be set out in the partnership agreement.

### 3.6 Location

Implementation is expected to be undertaken in the four project countries of Fiji, Nauru, Solomon Islands and Tonga.

### 3.7 Other Key Conditions

Applicants must ensure they have the right to conduct organic and agroecological farming and training on the land proposed in their EOI, and to use the land for any other purposes envisaged under this CEOI at least until **28/05/2025**. Applicants will also be required to evidence their right to the land.

Applicants should be in a position to sustain the OLFs on their own after the support from the POLFN project comes to an end, using the market incentives gained through this collaboration with SPC.

## Part 4: GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS - ELIGIBILITY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

### 4.1 Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

#### 4.1.1. Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must have the right to be resident and/or to operate in one of the four eligible project countries – Fiji, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tonga.
- Applicants must have the legal right to use the land for the purpose intended by this CEOI at least until **28/05/2025**.
- Applicants must have a minimum of 2 years farming experience.
- Applicants' current income must primarily be derived from farming activities.

#### 4.1.2. Supporting documentation required to verify eligibility:

	<b>Right to be resident and/or to operate in one of the four eligible project countries – Fiji, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tonga.</b>	<b>Proof of legal right to use the land for the purpose intended by this CEOI at least until 28/05/2025</b>	<b>Minimum of 2 years farming experience</b>	<b>Income must primarily be derived from farming activities</b>
<b>Supporting documents required to verify eligibility</b>	National identity document, passport, business registration certificate (if registered as a business) or similar documents to verify the Applicant's right to be resident and/or operate in of the 4 eligible project countries	Copy of title deed, lease agreement, and/or written confirmation from chief or traditional responsible body such as village council in the case of traditional land ownership	Support letter from the Ministry of Agriculture or other appropriate authorities and/or provide one reference from a client or supplier who you are dealing with for your farming needs confirming that you have been working with them for at least 2 years	Provide a statement of all the Applicant's annual income and expenditure (including a breakdown of income and expenditure derived from farming activities) for at least the last 2 years

## 4.2 Evaluation criteria

The selection of OLFs will be based on the top-ranking applications according to the total score. Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Scoring (%)</b>
1 Motivation (Commitment and willingness of the Applicant)	30
2 Experience and capacity (in farming, organic farming, agroecological practices, mentoring etc.)	20
3 Cultural, gender and social inclusion	10
4 Alignment to national priorities	10
5 Accessibility	10
6 Environmental (site and adjacent lands are free from chronic pollution and are not sensitive sites)	20
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100</b>

## Part 5: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

### Pacific Organic Learning Farms Network (POLFN) Project

The purpose of this call is to provide the Pacific Community with a list of potential organic learning farms so that it can work with qualified applicants to develop and jointly implement 2 organic learning farms in each of the following countries: Fiji, Nauru, Solomon Islands and Tonga. These organic learning farms will then provide support and coordinate training with other farmers as farm advisors in partnership with SPC.

Interested Applicants are required to comprehensively complete this application form. The Pacific Community will handle any personal information it receives under the CEOI in line with SPC's [Privacy Policy](#), and the [Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grantees](#).

#### SECTION 1: APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

a. Indicate if you have the right to be resident and/or to operate in one of the four eligible project countries – Fiji, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tonga.

Yes       No

Please select your country:

Fiji       Nauru       Solomon Islands       Tonga

b. Indicate whether you have the legal right to use the land for the purpose intended by this CEOI at least until 28/05/2025.

Yes       No

c. Indicate if you have a minimum of 2 years farming experience.

Yes       No

d. Indicate if your income is primarily derived from farming activities.

Yes       No

If you answered "NO" to any of the above questions, you are not eligible to apply for this call. Please do not proceed any further.

SECTION 2: APPLICANT DETAILS	
<b>Applicant Name:</b> <i>(If operating as a registered business, please state business name and provide registration certificate)</i>	
<b>Physical Address:</b>	
<b>Postal Address:</b>	
<b>Phone Contact:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	

**Indicate annual sales turnover/income from farming activities and employee numbers**

Annual Sales Turnover:	Employees/ family members working on the farm	
\$ _____ [ _____ specify currency]	Male	
	Female	
	Other	
	Disadvantaged	

<b>Land size available for farming?</b>	
<b>Provide an outline of the current farming setup, infrastructure, equipment, and resources available on the farm.</b>	

### SECTION 3: EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

#### 1. Motivation: Commitment and willingness of the Applicant

		<i>Please substantiate the answer that you have provided (in no more than 500 words for each question)</i>
<p>Are you committed to organic/agroecological farming practices and preservation of biodiversity?</p> <p><i>How are you committed to organic/agroecological farming practices and preservation of diversity?</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>Are you willing to host farm learning exchanges (local and regional) and share best practices?</p> <p><i>How would you intend to host farm learning exchanges (local and regional) and share best practices?</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>Can you commit to the life of the Organic Learning Farm project and beyond?</p> <p><i>Confirm how you will commit to the work envisaged during and following termination of the project?</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>Do you have the capacity and the desire to transmit technical and economic data?</p> <p><i>Provide details on your capacity and desire to transmit technical and economic data.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No	

## 2. Experience and Capacity

		<i>Please substantiate the answer that you have provided (in no more than 500 words for each question)</i>
Do you understand and currently practice organic farming?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is your farm organic certified or in the process of certification?  (Examples include the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) or 3rd party, Fair Trade)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are there agroecological and agroforestry practices in place?  (Examples include management of soil fertility; increase in biodiversity in agricultural landscape; development of pest and weed management organic, agroecological water management; integration of animal productions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you have sufficient labour available on the farm to undertake the project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you participated in trials, demonstration plots for crops, or do you have experience in networking with technical partners and/or peers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

## 3. Cultural, gender and social inclusion

		<i>Please substantiate the answer that you have provided (in no more than 500 words)</i>
Are you willing to include and build the capacity of disadvantaged social categories?  (women/youth/disabled)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

#### 4. Alignment to National Priorities

		<i>Please substantiate the answer that you have provided (in no more than 500 words)</i>
Is your current farming practice aligned to national priorities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

#### 5. Accessibility

		<i>Please substantiate the answer that you have provided (in no more than 500 words)</i>
Is the farm easily accessible?  (Please provide details of the accessibility of the farm)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

#### 6. Environmental

		<i>Please substantiate the answer that you have provided (in no more than 500 words)</i>
Is the site and adjacent lands free from chronic pollution and are they not sensitive sites?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	



#### SECTION 4: APPLICANT DECLARATION

I hereby declare that:

- I have the authority to submit this expression of interest on behalf of the Applicant.
- I do not have any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest in relation to this project.
- The information provided herein is true and accurate.

<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <i>Signature of Applicant</i>	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <i>Date</i>
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#### SECTION 5: CHECKLIST FOR DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY

To confirm your eligibility for this call, please provide the following evidence with your application:

Eligibility Criteria	Description of supporting documents to confirm eligibility	Check
Right to be resident and/or to operate in one of the four eligible project countries – Fiji, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tonga	National identity document, passport, business registration certificate (if registered as a business) or similar documents. These documents must verify the Applicant's right to be resident and/or operate in one of the 4 eligible project countries.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of legal ownership or right to use of the land	Copy of title deed, lease agreement, and/or written confirmation from chief or traditional responsible body such as village council in the case of traditional ownership.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum of 2 years farming experience	Support letter from the Ministry of Agriculture or other appropriate authorities and/or provide one reference from a client or supplier who you are dealing with for your farming needs, confirming that you have been working with them for at least 2 years.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Income must primarily be derived from farming activities	Statement of all the Applicant's annual income and expenditure (including a breakdown of income and expenditure derived from farming activities) for at least the last 2 years	<input type="checkbox"/>