# 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](http://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/fbire), and the [Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grantees](http://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/qiy7x).

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| **SECTION 1: APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY** |

1. **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

1. **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

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

1. **Indicate if your income is primarily derived from farming activities.**

☐ Yes ☐ No

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| **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.** |

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| **SECTION 2: APPLICANT DETAILS** |

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| **Applicant Name:**  *(If operating as a registered business, please state business name and provide registration certificate)* |  |
| **Physical Address:** |  |
| **Postal Address:** |  |
| **Phone Contact:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |

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

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| Annual Sales Turnover: | Employees/ family members working on the farm | |
| **$ [** \_\_\_\_\_specify currency] | Male |  |
| Female |  |
| Other |  |
| Disadvantaged |  |

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| **Land size available for farming?** |  |
| **Provide an outline of the current farming setup, infrastructure, equipment, and resources available on the farm.** |  |

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| **SECTION 3: EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE** |

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

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

1. **Experience and Capacity**

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|  |  | *Please substantiate the answer that you have provided (in no more than 500 words for each question)* |
| Do you understand and currently practice organic farming? | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |  |
| Is your farm organic certified or in the process of certification?  (Examples include the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) or 3rd party, Fair Trade) | ☐ Yes  ☐ 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) | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |  |
| Do you have sufficient labour available on the farm to undertake the project? | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |  |
| Have you participated in trials, demonstration plots for crops, or do you have experience in networking with technical partners and/or peers? | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |  |

1. **Cultural, gender and social inclusion**

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|  |  | *Please substantiate the answer that you have provided (in no more than 500 words)* |
| Are you willing to include and build the capacity of disadvantaged social categories?  (women/youth/disabled) | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |  |

1. **Alignment to National Priorities**

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| Is your current farming practice aligned to national priorities? | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |  |

1. **Accessibility**

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|  |  | *Please substantiate the answer that you have provided (in no more than 500 words)* |
| Is the farm easily accessible?  (Please provide details of the accessibility of the farm) | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |  |

1. **Environmental**

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|  |  | *Please substantiate the answer that you have provided (in no more than 500 words)* |
| Is the site and adjacent lands free from chronic pollution and are they not sensitive sites? | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |  |

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| **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.

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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:

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| 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. | ☐ |
| 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. | ☐ |
| 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. | ☐ |
| 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 | ☐ |