

Terms of Reference – RERIPA R&I Officer

Contract	
Project	(Research - innovation and impacts of climate change in the Pacific) RERIPA
Expertise	
Category	RERIPA Project R&I Officer
Location	
Duty Station	Pacific Islands Development Forum, Suva, Fiji Islands
Contract Length	
Start Date	22/05/2023
End Date	28/02/2025
Part /Full-time	Full Time

The Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF) was established in 2012 on the initiative of Pacific Island leaders, to enhance green/blue Pacific economies through inclusive strategies and multi-stakeholder governance, building on genuine partnerships. It aims to integrate the three pillars of sustainable development (environmental, social and economic) to combine sustained economic growth and societal needs with environmental resilience.

PRESENTATION OF THE POSITION

The position of Project R&I Officer is part of the RERIPA project (*“Enhancing Research and Innovation ecosystems to tackle climate change in the Pacific”*), funded by the ACP Innovation Fund’s Research and Innovation Programme implemented by the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), with funding from the European Union, to be based within PIDF in Fiji.

The overall objective of RERIPA is to strengthen research and innovation (R&I) ecosystems of small Pacific countries, as well as networks of actors and strategies for innovative and sustainable solutions to the impacts of climate change. Participatory and multi-actor approaches will be favoured, with the support of scientific and traditional knowledge, project engineering and partnership structuring.

The project is led by the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), which is leading a consortium comprising of the; Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF), the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (PIANGO) and the Vanuatu Meteorological and Geological Department (VMGD). RERIPA's activities, developed under the leadership of the Project Manager, cover 15 developing countries of the Pacific region: 1. Cook Islands, 2. Federated States of Micronesia, 3. Fiji, 4. Kiribati, 5. Nauru, 6. Niue, 7. Palau, 8. Papua New Guinea, 9. Marshall Islands, 10. Samoa, 11. Solomon Islands, 12. Timor-Leste, 13. Tonga, 14. Tuvalu and 15. Vanuatu.

IRD is a French public research establishment, operating under the joint authority of the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation and the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. It takes an original approach to; research expertise, training and knowledge-sharing for the benefit of countries and regions, making science and innovation key drivers in their development.

The R&I Officer, made available to the IRD by the PIDF under the authority of the Project Coordinator, will report to the Coordination and Management Team (CMT), including PIDF DCAU (Director Climate Action Unit).

The R&I Officer, in close coordination with IRD's Innovation/valorisation services, will specifically be in charge and support the Living Labs that will be created within the course of the RERIPA program in their research/innovation/transfer processes and in their interactions with the actors of the Pacific R&I ecosystem.

I- MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Follow up, monitoring and capitalization of the activities carried out by the Consortium in charge of Call 1 activities (mapping/diagnosis of ecosystems and R&I strategy).
2. Follow up, monitoring and capitalization of the activities carried out by the Consortium in charge of Call 2 (Capacity building), to ensure that capacity building activities are adequately and efficiently designed and delivered to the targets.
3. Follow up, monitoring and capitalization of the activities carried out by the 5 Consortium in charge of Call 3 - Living Labs.
4. Is Advisor in the implementation of Living Labs to ensure continuity.
5. Is Advisor and supports Living labs consortia in relation to; intellectual property protection strategies, partnerships, industrial scale-up, licensing, company creation, access to grants, new projects, etc.
6. Contributes to the evaluation of various activities carried out by the funded Third Parties, with the rest of the RERIPA management team.
7. Act as an intermediary with the various actors of the R&I ecosystem in the Pacific (incubators, competitiveness clusters, etc.).
8. Represent RERIPA in events related to R&I and the development and transfer of technologies.
9. Contribute to the elaboration of information and promotional documents on the RERIPA program and on the activities of the Living Labs in particular.

II- REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

Education

- University qualification of Master 2 (equivalent or higher), in the fields of Innovation and research development, research valorization, entrepreneurship, and/or other relevant fields.
- Additional scientific training, particularly in the field of climate, will be particularly appreciated.

Profile

- Strong interest and understanding of Innovation and its scientific, technological and social components (particularly related to environmental risk and climate issues);
- Knowledge of the organization of research & innovation ecosystems;
- Knowledge and experience of intellectual property;
- Experience in cooperation projects, in the fields of research, innovation, entrepreneurship and sustainable development;
- Analytical, summarizing and writing skills and mastery of computer tools (spreadsheets, databases, word processing, etc.);
- Diplomatic, negotiation, analytical and communication skills, as well as human relations and teamwork skills;
- Experience working internationally, in a multiple-sites within a multicultural context is desired;
- Ability to interact within the administrative structures of countries in the Pacific Region;
- Fluency in English.

III- CONDITIONS

- **Place of employment:** Suva, Fiji
- **Status of position:** Local
- **Date of entry into post:** 22 May 2023
- **Special conditions:** Possibility of regular travel in the Pacific region and occasionally in Europe.

Applications must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and a reference from your current employer. Documents should be sent to PIDF via email to hr@pidf.int, by **07th April 2023** at midnight Fiji time.

Those shortlisted following the assessment of applications will be invited to attend an in-person interview/video-interview, for which they will be asked to prepare a presentation to support their oral assessment by a panel of experts from the RERIPA consortium (details on the arrangements and conduct of the interview will be provided in due course).

Please note that only those successful in the recruitment process will be contacted.