

The Long-Term Technical Assistance to Support the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) Implementation in Seychelles : Design of Blue Economy Sustainability Strategies

Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by candidate (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
Jonathan McCue (via Sustainable Seas Ltd)	Seychelles	37,000	100%	1	GOPA	European Development	Oct 2020 to April 2021	N/A

Detailed description of project	Type of services provided
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<p>The Long-Term Technical Assistance to Support the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) Implementation in Seychelles (hereafter ‘the Project’), funded by the European Development Fund (EDF) and implemented by GOPA Consultants, aims to enhance trade through a competitive integration of Seychelles into the regional and international trading system.</p> <p>In order to achieve this, the Project aims to achieve the following results: 1. Improved capacity of key government institutions in managing and implementing the EPA, including via better trade policy formulation and trade negotiations; 2. Improved capacity of private operators in exploiting value chains and high value addition using environmentally friendly production techniques; and 3. Improved environment for private sector development. The Ministry of Finance, Trade, Investment and Economic Planning (MFTIEP) is the main government counterpart of the Project and coordinates with other line ministries and stakeholders. The Contracting Authority is the National Authorising Officer (Department of Foreign Affairs).</p> <p>For this activity, the Department of the Blue Economy (DBE) is the main beneficiary and key contact point for the work. Integral to the Blue Economy vision and its successful implementation, sustainable sector strategies have their basis in sustainable development, where there are many variations on what is included or indeed excluded. However, for the purposes of a preamble to this activity, there are often initial drivers for developing a strategy or corporate stance in the first place. Typically, these might include regulation, corporate values and aspirations, ‘market’ positioning and the general reflection of sector trends and how one fits into the national and international context, now and into the future.</p>	<p>Jonathan McCue was engaged to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and review key sector sustainability strategies through consultative processes with stakeholders in Seychelles; • Research and develop specific sector strategies, as well as prepare sector specific sustainability strategy guidelines; • Provide capacity building to sector actors towards their strategy development and implementation plans. <p>Key outputs of this consultancy include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A situational brief on current sector sustainability strategies in Seychelles, including recommendations for updating any past, current or planned strategies and their alignment to existing global industry based sustainability strategies/criteria and indicators; • Produce Guidelines for stakeholders to be able to achieve strategy preparation and implementation • Produce training materials prepared /formatted to be used directly in workshop situations,
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