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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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Terms of Reference

1. **Title:** Engagement of Part-time Consultant for Ocean Centres India
2. **Duration:** Sept. 2025 – 31 July 2026
3. **Contact type:** Consultancy (part-time)
4. **Key deliverables:**
 - A. India's State of the Safe and Sustainable Ocean Economy Report (focusing on sub-sectors of Shipping & Port, Fisheries & Aquaculture, Offshore Renewables, and Finance & Investments).
 - B. Compilation of Reports of Eight Independent Reports of Multi-stakeholder consultation Workshops to be held in different cities in India (Sept. 2025 to March 2026).
 - C. Support in preparation of Ocean Centre India Phase-II Project Endline Assessment Report and support the UNGCNI in designing proposals for funding by Indian Corporates to train and build capacities of stakeholders in the maritime sector on the safety and sustainability aspects (Apr. 2026 to July 2026).
5. **Project Background:**

Phase – I: A scoping study was carried out in Phase 1 of the project. Based on the recommendations of the scoping phase study during the year 2023-24, the Ocean Centres were established in seven growing maritime economies in the Global South. The Scoping Study of India may be seen through this link: https://globalcompact.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/INDIA_OSC_Phase_1_scoping_report_1_.pdf

Phase – II: The Ocean Centres were established through a partnership between the UN Global Compact (UNGC), a leading advocate for sustainability in the private sector, and Lloyd's Register Foundation, a global safety charity. They are implemented through UNGC Country Networks in seven nations identified by local experts during the initiative's scoping phase: Brazil, Ghana, Kenya, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, and the Philippines. The Ocean Centres are multi-stakeholder collaboration platforms dedicated to accelerating the transition toward safer and more sustainable ocean economies, enabled by better standards, skills, and

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evidence. By fostering dialogue and co-creation among government bodies, private sector actors, workers associations, financial institutions, civil society, youth, community-led organisations, academia, and other stakeholders, each Ocean Centre aims to support them in safe adoption of sustainable and resilient business practices in four main Action Areas: Shipping & Ports, Fishing & Aquaculture, Offshore Renewables, Finance & Investment. Global launch of the Ocean Centres held during the United Nations Ocean Conference in Nice, France, in June 2025. The national launch of Ocean Centres India was held in New Delhi in July 2025. Report of the launch event may be seen at: <https://globalcompact.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Report-on-Launch-of-Ocean-Centres-India.pdf> . To know more about the Ocean Centres India, please visit: <https://www.oceancentres.com/> or <https://globalcompact.in/ocean-centre-india/> .

Ocean Centres India is organising a **series of eight multi-stakeholder workshops in different coastal cities in India** (Kochi, Mundra, Mumbai, Chennai, Port Blair, Visakhapatnam, Mangalore, and Kolkata). These workshops aim to deliberate on the issues, challenges, and solutions towards a safer and more sustainable ocean economy in India. More about the workshops may be seen at: <https://globalcompact.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Announcement-of-Workshops-Ocean-Centres-India-1.pdf> .

Phase – III: Based on the recommendations, issues, challenges, needs and possible solutions identified during Phase II of the project, specific programmes/projects will be designed to be implemented in Phase III towards a safer and more sustainable ocean economy in India.

6. Key responsibilities:

As indicated in the key deliverables section, the consultant will develop “India’s State of the Safe and Sustainable Ocean Economy Report”, focusing on sub-sectors of Shipping & Port, Fisheries & Aquaculture, Offshore Renewables, and Finance & Investments. The report may also include national and international background and developments. This compilation will be based on an analysis of secondary sources available and inputs from eight stakeholders' workshops being organised by the Ocean Centres. The report may also include national and international background and developments and will also include a comprehensive consolidated report of eight workshops aligning with project objectives, international and national scenarios, and recommendations for the Government, UN Agencies, and standard setters in the maritime sector, with photographs, charts, and visuals. The consultant will also prepare a short presentation based on the final report.

The consultant will attend these eight workshops and will also compile the workshop proceedings and present them in the form of a high-quality report of each workshop, clearly highlighting the discussions held and key recommendations.

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As indicated, the consultant will also support in preparation of Ocean Centre India Phase-II Project Endline Assessment Report and will support the UNGCNI in designing proposals for funding by Indian Corporates to train and build capacities of stakeholders in the maritime sector on the safety and sustainability aspects.

S.N.	Description (also refer point 4 & 6 above)	Deliverables	Estimated No. of Days
(i)	India's State of the Safe and Sustainable Ocean Economy Report (focusing on sub-sectors of Shipping & Port, Fisheries & Aquaculture, Offshore Renewables, and Finance & Investments.	- Final Report of 200 pages (accepted by the Ocean Centres) - PPT for dissemination	15
(ii)	Compilation of Reports of Eight Independent Reports of Multi-stakeholder consultation Workshops to be held in different cities in India.	8 Workshop Reports (accepted by the Ocean Centres)	16
(iii)	Support in preparation of Ocean Centre India Phase-II Project Endline Assessment Report and support the UNGCNI in designing proposals for funding by Indian Corporates to train and build capacities of stakeholders in the maritime sector on the safety and sustainability aspects.	- Endline Assessment Report 5 Project Proposals approved by funding agencies	30

7. Required qualifications and skills

- Proven experience in the maritime sector in one or more of the focus areas – shipping & ports, fisheries and aquaculture, offshore renewables, and finance and investment.
- Ability to translate the discussions happening in local languages in the targeted states
- Well-versed in producing high-quality reports, and previous experience in producing reports for relevant prestigious institutions
- Applications are open for eligible individual applicants as well as agencies.

8. Technical Proposal: Individual applicants/agencies are required to prepare a Technical proposal outlining their approach for conducting the assignment, including a Resume/profile detailing relevant, similar kinds of experience. A clear and separate approach to each deliverable, as indicated in the table in point 6 above, should be presented by the applicant.

9. Financial Proposal: Individual applicants/agencies are required to quote the financials for the above assignment in their Financial Proposal in a separate password-protected PDF file (please do not share the password with your submission). Any travel, with prior approval of the

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supervisor, will be directly reimbursed as per UNGCNI policy. Printing of the report shall be taken care of by UNGCNI.

10. Application Process

Interested candidates/agencies are required to submit the following to email: procurement@globalcompact.in

- Technical proposal outlining your approach for conducting the assignment, including a Resume/profile detailing relevant similar kinds of experience
- One latest relevant sample report produced by the candidate/agency
- Financial proposal in a separate password-protected PDF file (do not share password)

11. Important Notes:

- A. Please do not share the password of your financial proposal with your submission. If a Financial Proposal is submitted without password protection, or if the password is shared with the submission. The application will summarily be rejected.
- B. UN GCNI reserves the right to cancel the process at any point in time.
- C. Due to the high volume of applications, it is not possible to acknowledge each applicant; only shortlisted applicants will be contacted to provide further information.

12. Application submission revised deadline: **30 September 2025**.

Note: Candidates /Agencies who have applied earlier need not apply again; their applications/bids have been retained for evaluation.

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