



INTERGOVERNMENTAL STANDING COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING (ISCOS)

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR UNDERTAKING A STUDY ON THE STATE OF COASTAL SHIPPING ALONG THE EASTERN AFRICA COASTLINE

1. BACKGROUND

ISCOS is an Intergovernmental maritime body established by Treaty in 1967 by the Governments of Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia to protect and promote their Shipping and Maritime interests in the region. A permanent Secretariat headquartered in Mombasa, Kenya, was established in 1974.

In 2006, ISCOS's mandate was reviewed to realign its activities to the emerging opportunities and challenges of international trade and associated developments in the region. The transformation entailed expanding the Organisation's functions and mandate to cover the land bridge and the total logistical chain.

ISCOS' main objective is to serve the region and the international community as a one-stop centre of excellence for regional maritime matters and total logistics.

2. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

As a regional maritime centre of Excellency for maritime matters and total logistics, ISCOS requires updated information on the state of maritime and shipping services in Member States to enable directions in developing actionable areas to enhance efficiency and sustainability. It is also a fact that a lot of foreign currency is paid to the foreign shipping companies through freight rates and other surcharges due the lack of adequate Indian Ocean Coastal Shipping Services. In order to establish the exact extent of the problem within ISCOS Member States and the neighbouring environs, ISCOS intends to engage a consultant to review the state of the coastal shipping along the Indian Ocean coastline to enable the Secretariat to ascertain the adequacy of the coastal shipping services and engagement in the blue economy along the coast with the associated Islands. Additionally, in the quest of containing the cost of doing business through major ports of Mombasa, Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar and others, ISCOS wishes to take stock of the numerous destination charges on imports and exports as there has been complaints from the consumers of the services on the number, rates and justification of various charges that the importer/exporter have to pay to the shipping lines and other service providers before getting the services.

3. OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this assignment is to undertake a thorough study on the current state of coastal shipping covering Kenya and Tanzania (including Zanzibar/Pemba and other relevant Islands) coastline with a view of:

- a) Analysing the current state of coastal shipping services, including capacity and charges for freight and passenger transportation
- b) Analysing the destination charges and surcharges on imports and exports through Mombasa and Dar es Salaam ports
- c) Assess the adherence to international Conventions on safety and security (including amendment on SOLAS container VGM, FAL) by operators, national maritime administrators and relevant Other Government Agencies (OGAs).
- d) Reviewing existing studies and identifying gaps and investment opportunities (private, joint ventures, PPP) that can enhance and promote development and growth of the viable and efficient maritime and multimodal transport services in the region
- e) Assess and identify the potential, size and untapped/underutilized investment opportunities and recommend way forward for Sustainable Blue Economy in ISCOS Member States.
- f) Identify policy and operational solutions for sustainable coastal transportation.
- g) Make recommendations and conclusions

4. SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work for the Consultant will include but not be limited to:

- a) Inception Report and Meeting for introduction and further clarification of issues
- b) Conduct study to assess the current status, opportunities and challenges facing coastal shipping services and destination charges/surcharges on imports and exports;
- c) Develop a matrix of required activities to mitigate the challenges
- d) Propose a strategy for achieving the activity objectives and key results;

5. EXPERTISE

The team leader needs to have relevant expertise preferably as stated below:

a) Academic Qualifications

At least a degree in a relevant field, preferably in the area of shipping, Maritime transport, Ports Management, Economics, Logistics, Public Policy and Development Studies

b) Experience

- i. At least five years professional experience in maritime and shipping or port operations
- ii. Demonstrate experience in working with the public and private sectors development programs in the area of maritime transport logistics, trade facilitation and coastal economic clusters.

c) Skills and Competencies:

- i) Ability to work with minimal supervision;
- ii) ability to beat deadlines;
- iii) High level written and oral communications skills in English;
- iv) Demonstrate excellent interpersonal and professional skills in interacting with government and development partners;
- v) Evidence of having undertaken similar assignments;
- vi) Experience in research, policy development, management and programming

6. DELIVERABLES

Comprehensive report giving current status including destination charges and surcharges, future planned developments, opportunities, challenges and implementable recommendations.

7. TIME SPAN

The assignment is expected to be carried out for a period of two months and Consultant is expected to submit the methodology and scheduled activities during tendering.

8. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Consultant will report directly to the Secretary General. ISCOS will provide relevant background documents, if requested by the consultant, necessary for the assignment and shall provide introduction letters to enable the researchers visit relevant stakeholders, according to consultant's requests, if any.

9. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Kindly submit your proposal on how you intend to carry out the assignment, the financial bid and other relevant documents to support the application to:

Note: Submitted on or before Wednesday the 31st July 2019, 17:00Hours

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