

# Terms of Reference

<b>Position:</b>	Island Resilience Consultant
<b>Location:</b>	Washington D.C. / New York Area
<b>Duration:</b>	6 months (February to August 2017)
<b>Reporting:</b>	Direct Reporting Line: Executive Director, Global Island Partnership

## Background - Global Island Partnership

Led by the Presidents of Palau and Seychelles, the Prime Minister of Grenada and Premier of the British Virgin Islands, the Global Island Partnership ([www.glispa.org](http://www.glispa.org)) promotes action to build resilient and sustainable island communities. It is a partnership for all islands, regardless of size or political status, committed to taking significant action for conservation and sustainability.

In September 2016, the President of Palau announced the GLISPA Island Resilience Initiative at the Pacific Island Conference of Leaders with the objective to work with at least three Pacific islands, and a small number of island champions in other regions, to build capacity for public-private partnerships and local SDG/global agreement implementation, leveraging proven island models to:

- Identify, support and strengthen local collaborative public-private partnerships that can serve as a backbone organization focused on system-level change.
- Initiate the framework to implement SDGs locally, which includes a longer-term process to set high-level goals, develop shared measures to be tracked on an online platform, and develop a project pipeline to achieve 2030 goals.
- Launch a project pipeline development process, the *Island Resilience Challenge*, to catalyze innovative investments in integrated infrastructure in islands that can be financed through sources such as the Green Climate Fund and be a catalyst for public-private partnerships
- Launch a peer-learning network coordinated by the Global Island Partnership and Hawai'i Green Growth to support island backbone organizations, high-level goal development and commitments as well as public-private partnerships.

## Purpose of Consultancy

This consultancy position, managed by the GLISPA Executive Director, supports the GLISPA Coordination Unit and Board to coordinate the design of the Island Resilience Initiative focusing on the establishment of community monitoring and database system in three Pacific Island Countries (Palau, Marshall Islands and Fiji) for the environment indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals.

## Specific Tasks

Learning from existing island conservation and sustainable development models, such as the Aloha+ Challenge/Hawaii Green Growth, Micronesia Challenge and Caribbean Challenge Initiative, design an approach to build capacity to mobilize local SDG/global agreement implementation and launch a comprehensive measures process and open-data platform tracking a long-term set of national goals. Specifically the consultant will:

1. Engage national counterparts and strategic partners in the initiative to more deeply define the metrics and design for the Initiative; (Feb – Mar 2017)
2. Identify local, support and strengthen an organization that can serve as a backbone organization

to support a national public-private partnership focused on system-level change; (Feb – Mar 2017)

3. Host in-country workshops to develop common goals and workplans including approach to define the goals and targets that provide a framework to implement SDGs locally including a longer-term process to set high-level goals, and develop shared measures to be tracked on an online platform; (Mar – July 2017)
4. As part of the in-country workshops and separately, using existing events and meetings, host co-design sessions with island leaders and stakeholders to identify and narrow pilot frameworks, locations, backbone organizations, etc. (Mar – July 2017)

The consultant will additionally work with the GLISPA Coordination Team to:

1. Identify relevant high level event for the government to launch commitment at highest political level in collaboration with GLISPA (depends on opportunities presented by events such as CBD COP13, SDG14 Oceans Conference June 2017 and the results of the research described above);
2. Launch a peer-learning network coordinated by the Global Island Partnership and Hawai'i Green Growth to support island backbone organizations, high-level goal development, measures processes as well as public-private partnerships, developed in previous steps (announce at CBD COP13 & re-announce at relevant major events);
3. Launch the measures process and an online open-data platform to track progress, provide accountability, and inform policy on sustainability goals (June 2017).

### **Deliverables**

- Suitable backbone organizations and government focal points in participating countries are identified and have a clear terms of reference;
- National stakeholder mapping completed by Gov Focal Point and cso/backbone organizations in each country and priority participants for initiation workshop identified;
- Stocktake of existing national/regional commitments as well as priorities that support SDG implementation (what are the core pillars for SDGs); existing measures processes and databases; identify bright spots and local solutions delivering on SDG implementation that can be scaled/replicated.
- Coordinate and facilitate in-country workshops to develop common goals and workplans including:
  - Preliminary specific and measurable goals and targets are identified, building on countries existing commitments/national priorities, and that will be launched by the Government at the highest political level as a sustainable island commitment during a major international event;
  - A common mission, values, principles as well as governance structure are defined by each national partnership;
  - A workplan and action agenda for two years of project is developed;
  - Foundations of a measures working group and approach to establishing the measures process including when working groups will meet, how and timeline.

All activities should lead to supporting the launch of an open-data platform is online and tracking progress to initial goal set that provides greater accountability, and can inform policy on sustainability goals.

### **How to apply**

Interested candidates are required to send a cover letter and CV by email to [jessica.robbins@glispa.org](mailto:jessica.robbins@glispa.org) by 16 February 2017.