

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Title	Technical assistance to formulate recommendations for legal frameworks for human and veterinary and environmental systems, including laboratories
Internal reference	SRR-NA /CFEOI2021/1
Type of contract	Regional short-term Consultancy
Location	Morocco
Starting date	Between 17 January 2022 to 17 February 2022
Expected working days	21 person-days
Expected duration	17 January 2021–17 April 2022
CFEOI launching date	24 November 2021
Submission deadline	8 December 2021

1. CONTEXT

1.1 BACKGROUND

The World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) is the intergovernmental organization responsible for improving animal health worldwide. The standards it develops for the trade of live animals and products of animal origin are recognized by the World Trade Organization as reference international sanitary rules (<http://www.oie.int/fr/>).

The OIE, then known as the « Office international des épizooties », was created on the 25th of January 1924. Its headquarters is based in Paris. It comprises 182 Members and is present on all continents through 13 Representations or Bureaus in total.

1.2 PURPOSE

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is arguably one of the most complex threats to global health security, compromising the global community's progress towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and, potentially, leading to millions of deaths a year and hundreds of billions of dollars lost in annual economic growth. By 2050¹, the health consequences and economic costs of AMR are estimated at 10 million annual human fatalities and a 2 to 3.5 percent decrease in global gross domestic product (GDP), equivalent to USD 100 trillion losses.

The AMR Multi Partner Trust Fund (AMR-MPTF) project "Support for the implementation of the National Action Plan to fight antimicrobial resistance through a One Health approach in Morocco" was formulated by the Tripartite Organisations (FAO, OIE, WHO) in close cooperation and with a multisectoral approach between the departments of the ministries of agriculture, health and the environment. It supports the National Strategic Plan for the prevention and control of antimicrobial resistance in Morocco, with the aim to:

- Improve the country's capacity for the design and implementation of policy frameworks, plans and investment programs related to antimicrobial resistance:

¹O'Neill Report: Antimicrobial Resistance: tackling a crisis for the health and wealth of nations, December 2014, Review on antimicrobial resistance

- Develop and strengthen systems for the generation, analysis and interpretation of data on antimicrobial resistance and consumption:
- Strengthen biosecurity and infection prevention and control (IPC) systems:
- Improve capacities to design awareness, behaviour change and education activities related to AMR.

All activities included in the AMR-MPTF project are anchored in the AMR National Strategic Plan and have been selected, discussed, prioritized, agreed and budgeted in such a manner as to reflect the current and future priorities of Morocco.

In the framework of improving Morocco's capacity for designing and implementing AMR policy frameworks, a specific activity related to the evaluation of the current legal, institutional and normative framework governing medical, veterinary and environmental systems including laboratories.

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT AND SCOPE OF WORK

Under the general supervision of the OIE Sub-Regional Representation for North Africa, the guidance of the Scientific Coordinator of the project and the Tripartite Legal Team of OIE, FAO and WHO, as well as the technical supervision of the 3 ministries in Morocco (Agriculture, Health and Environment), the consultant will be responsible for the accomplishment of the following tasks:

- Assessment of the existing national legislation with regards to antimicrobial resistance using the Tripartite One Health AMR Legal Assessment Tool. This will analyze the current legal framework for human, animal, plant and environmental health on the basis of national legislation and international standards of the FAO, OIE and WHO, and pay special attention to the regulatory framework for laboratories.
- Propose recommendations to improve the legal framework relevant to human, animal, plant and environmental health under a One Health approach, including laboratories, to meet the challenges of AMR.
- Liaise with the national counterparts in the different entities relevant for AMR.
- To discuss with the national counterparts the priorities for legal reform based on the results of the national legal report and develop a road map.
- Propose recommendations on the use of the Tool and provide concrete feedback regarding its format and content. Identify potential gaps, questions that could be reviewed, simplified or improved.
- Find an entry point at the level of the existing legal system for the decree establishing the RAM governance system

2.2 EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND DELIVERABLES

- A national legal report deploying the One Health AMR Legal Assessment as a methodological Tool, with focus on existing gaps in the legal framework and recommendations for legal reform, including a strengthened chapter on laboratories legislation within one month after the signature of the consultancy contract.

- A report on the use of the One Health AMR Legal Assessment Tool within two months after the signature of the consultancy contract.
- Organization, animation, and report of a joint workshop to present the conclusions of the national legal report, sector by sector, to discuss the options for legal reform and national priorities within 2 months after the signature of the consultancy contract.
- A road map for implementation of the proposed legal reforms based on the national priorities within 3 months after the signature of the consultancy contract.
- All reports documents should be in French and should be delivered within 15 days after the workshop.

3. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Graduate degree in law.
- Experience in the requested topic or specific and proven experience in the field.
- Seven (7) years of experience in legislation relating to health, veterinary medicine, the environment, including the drafting of regulatory texts.
- Fluency in French, Arabic and English
- Organisation of the Work

3.1 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Fifty percent (50%) of the total price will be paid upon signature of the contract; the balance payment will be issued upon reception and validation of the final version of all deliverables by the OIE.

4. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS AND AWARD OF THE CONTRACT

The OIE Sub Regional Representation for North Africa- in collaboration with National and Sub-Regional WHO and FAO offices - will proceed to an assessment of the bids of all consultants according to the criteria described below:

- **Technical criteria (70%):**
 - o Expertise (40%)
 - o Demonstrated understanding of the context (30%)
 - o Relevance and quality of the proposed methodology and associated work plan (30%)

The bidder who will receive the best score according to the technical criteria, will be invited to an oral presentation of its methodology, expertise and experience relevant to the tender. This presentation will allow us to review the analysis of the technical criteria.

The oral presentation format will be the following:

- Self-Introduction: 5'
- Methodology proposed 10'
- Questions and answers: 10'.

- **Financial criteria (30%):**
 - o Global cost (100%)

5. RESPONSE PROCEDURE

The OIE places high value on a multicultural and positive work environment and seeks gender and geographical balance in its international consultants. The OIE welcomes submission bids of all qualified consultant, irrespective of their ethnic origin, gender, opinions, or beliefs.

Bid must include:

- CV
- Financial offer (annex 1 to be completed and returned as financial offer)
- Two-page proposal, including:
 - o a short methodological note;
 - o a calendar of implementation;
 - o language proficiency;
 - o experience with or in the country.
- Declaration of integrity (annex 2)

If you are interested in this call for expression of interest, please complete your bids online by clicking on the link below.

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The OIE, as a data controller, will process the personal data you provide in the bidder for the purposes of identifying a suitable Consultant, to support its work.

The data collected will be processed internally for the aforementioned purposes and for the resulting administrative acts, it shall be kept for the duration of the contract with you and in an intermediate archive for a duration of 10 during the audit period.

You have rights to access and rectify your personal data, as well as to request erasure and obtain data portability under certain circumstances.

To exercise these rights or if you have any questions about the processing of your data, you can contact our data protection officer at dpo@oie.int. For more information check our Privacy Policy: <https://www.oie.int/en/privacy-policy>".

Should you have any questions, please contact r.bouquedour@oie.int.

To comply with disclosure requirements and enhance transparency, the OIE shall publish on its website the following information about the Contract which shall be concluded with the awarded contractor: (i) the nature of the contract; (ii) year of award; (iii) name and locality of the Consultant; (iv) the title; purpose of the Consultant and (v) the amount of this Agreement. The OIE will not release or publish information that could reasonably be considered confidential or proprietary.

6. ANNEXES

Annex 1: The financial offer to be returned dully completed and signed

Annex 2: The declaration of integrity to be returned dully completed and signed