

**PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER 3-15.2-2021-EFITAP**

**Regional Facilitator to Strengthen Forest Governance in Papua New Guinea,  
Solomon Islands, and the Pacific**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

### **Question 1**

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Please kindly clarify if an individual with the required expertise can also apply.

### **Answer for question 1**

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The tender process is opened equally to any economic operator authorized to perform contracts under national law.

### **Question 2**

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The current COVID travel restrictions between PNG and Solomon Islands require two weeks quarantine on arrival in Solomon Islands. The ToR indicate an expectation of approximately 10 weeks of the year to be spent in Solomon Islands. Is there flexibility to discuss with the Steering Committee during project inception about potentially supplementing the per diem costs for extended stays in Solomon Islands from the workplan budget?

### **Answer for question 2**

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There is flexibility to discuss such issues.

### **Question 3**

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Has the Government of either PNG or Solomon Islands already confirmed their interest or openness to establishing national deliberative platforms for forest governance? If so, which Department or Ministry has done so?

### **Answer for question 3**

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The UK Government has had principal discussions with the relevant Ministers/counterparts in government. Discussions are ongoing detailing the ambit of support that will be provided.