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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL MECHANISM FOR CEYLON CINNAMON GI

Sri Lanka Export Development Board (EDB) is calling applications from suitable service providers or consultants to establish an Internal Control Mechanism for Ceylon Cinnamon GI Association (CCGIA) as per the Ceylon Cinnamon Geographical Indication (CCGI) specifications and Control plan.

EDB is working with the Cinnamon Industry stakeholders in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in the framework of the EU-Sri Lanka Trade Related Assistance to obtain Geographical Indication (GI) for "Ceylon Cinnamon" in the European Union (EU). EDB together with industry stakeholders has finalized "Ceylon Cinnamon GI Specification" document and submitted to the EU along with the GI application. The product characteristics and production methods mentioned in the specification document has to be assured & implemented by the members of the Ceylon Cinnamon GI Association (CCGIA) comprised of stakeholders of the Cinnamon value chain; nursery owners, growers, collectors, processors, traders, exporters to hold the ownership of "Ceylon Cinnamon GI" (CCGI). It is expected to establish a digital traceability platform which will enable the country to record the data of the members of the value chain.

The control mechanism for CCGI is to be implemented in three levels as per the control plan.

- Self-control by CCGIA members,
- Internal control by CCGIA
- External control by Department of Export Agriculture.

EDB wish to appoint an independent service provider/consultant having competency on establishing internal control mechanisms, in order to ensure the CCGIA members' compliance with the GI specification,

1. OBJECTIVE

It is expected to hire a service provider or consultant who can develop required documentations, conduct training programmes for CCGIA members to improve technical capacities to implement internal control system as per the CCGI specifications and Control plan within in a **6-month** time period.

2. DELIVERABLES

- Develop Documents as per the item No 4.1.2 in the TOR
- Training sessions as per the item No 4.1.3. in the TOR

3. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The ideal service provider or consultant,

- Should possess minimum of 3 years experience in similar nature work during the recent past
- Should have a proven track-record of mobilizing resources for systems development,
- Should provide evidence of successful client management skills and special emphasis on capacity development and training to better facilitate the certifying updated Food Safety and Quality certification schemes such as GLOBAL G.A.P, GAP, GMP, GHP, HACCP, Organic and ISO 22000 and knowledge on ISO/IEC 17065.

Information on Ceylon Cinnamon GI Internal Control mechanism together with Terms of Reference (TOR) could be downloaded from the Website: www.srilankabusiness.com under announcement section.

4. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Eligible companies/individuals are invited to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) indicating "EOI for ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL MECHANISM FOR CEYLON CINNAMON GI" on the top left hand corner of the envelope. Duly completed application forms should be sent through registered post to reach the Chairman Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Export Development Board, NDB-EDB Tower, No 42, Nawam Mawatha, Colombo 02 or place in the Tender Box kept in the procurement unit (Level 06) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board, on or before **15th July 2020 at 2.30 p.m.**

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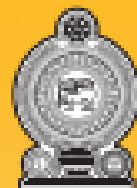
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ASSISTANCE FOR GROWERS/PROCESSORS TO OBTAIN ORGANIC CERTIFICATE AS PER SLS 1324-2018

EDB will extend assistance for the Sri Lankan growers / processors willing to follow organic cultivation and processing practices to obtain organic certification as per the Sri Lanka standard for organic agriculture products and processing SLS 1324:2018. This certificate will be issued by third party certification bodies accredited for SLS 1324:2018 by SLAB.

OBJECTIVES

- Promote the National Organic Standard (SLS 1324:2018) among the small farmers.
- Streamline production, handling, processing and labelling of organically grown agriculture products to meet a consistent standard
- Encourage conventional farmers transform into organic cultivation and increase the production volumes & income.
- Establish transparency throughout the supply/value chains from farm to market.
- Upgrade the farmers to obtain international certification in future to meet the export demand.
- Obtain the mutual recognition with organic standards in export destination.

PRODUCTS TO BE ASSISTED

Sri Lankan growers and processors willing to follow organic agriculture and processing practices for below mentioned agriculture products are eligible to apply for assistance.

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| ● Rice | ● Fruits | ● Vegetables | ● Cashew | ● Herbs |
| ● Pulses | ● Spices | ● Coconut Kernel based products | ● Green leaves | |

EDB will provide financial assistance for the growers / processors cover the cost of organic inspection & certification and lab testing related to organic certification as per SLS 1324:2018.

Please visit EDB website www.srilankabusiness.com (under the section "Announcements") for further details, please contact Ms. S.M.D. Madhumali (Ext. 235 on 2300705-11, E-mail: madhumali@edb.gov.lk) Duly completed application forms should reach the Director - Export Agriculture, EDB by registered post on or before 17th July, 2020. Selection of suitable growers/processors will be done by interview panel.

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Key stakeholders discuss building more resilient tourism sector in Sri Lanka



UN Resident Coordinator
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UNDP Resident Representative
Robert Juhkam



Tourism and Aviation Ministry Secretary
S. Hettiarachchi



SLTDA Chairperson
Kimarli Fernando

A wide spectrum of key stakeholders, in a ground-breaking engagement yesterday, discussed the way forward to build a more resilient tourism sector in Sri Lanka.

Tourism and Aviation Ministry, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) co-convened this meeting with development partners.

It engaged key decision-makers from key ministries, other UN agencies such as ILO, UNWTO, IOM and ITC, and development partners such as, World Bank, ADB, EU, USAID, Australia and others, to discuss the current situation as well as priority directions and financing for sustainable Sri Lankan tourism. UNDP said policy dialogues with the wide range of tourism sector stakeholders will follow.

Sharing insights on the first high-level meeting titled 'Putting People First: Building a More Resilient Tourism Sector in Sri Lanka', experts underscored the importance of rebuilding and revitalising the sector, which will require collective efforts of every stakeholder, while emphasising that the national roadmap will inform the Government's Strategic Action Plan 2021-2024 for the tourism sector.

Workers and businesses linked to tourism are currently facing crippling income and employment losses, while foreign exchange earnings from tourism have also fallen drastically. These losses have been particularly detrimental to many micro, small and medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and informal workers reliant on the tourism sector.

Tourism is a vital economic sector for Sri Lanka, accounting for 5% of its Gross Domestic Product and employing 250,000 persons directly and up to 2 million persons indirectly. It is one of the worst impacted socio-economic sectors from the COVID-19 crisis.

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Tourism and Aviation Ministry Secretary S. Hettiarachchi said: "The COVID-19 pandemic has brought the tourism sector to a standstill. We are seeing near total loss of income in the hotel and accommodation sector, and for tour operators and guides. The income loss had a direct impact on jobs and income security, and women are disproportionately affected. Rebuilding and revitalising the sector will require collective efforts of every stakeholder."

UN Resident Coordinator in Sri Lanka Hanaa Singer said: "Tourism has a great potential to accelerate progress across the SDGs. If well managed, the sector can generate quality jobs for durable growth, reduce poverty and offer incentives for environmental conservation – a triple-win to help countries transition towards more inclusive, resilient economies. The UN in Sri Lanka, which includes its specialised agencies, stands ready to support the Government in coordinating efforts towards recovery in the tourism sector; to ensure that Sri Lanka tourism is more sustainable and resilient to future shocks."

In response, the United Nations Development Program has been recently supporting the Ministry and the SLTDA to help revive the tourism sector in a post COVID-19 context through a series of strategic interventions.

Highlighting UNDP's support, Resident Representative Robert Juhkam said: "In line with UNDP's technical lead role for COVID-19 socio-economic recovery within the wider UN development system, UNDP stepped in both to help recover and to rebuild a more resilient tourism sector because of its direct link to Sri Lanka's economy and society, and in turn, a link to the country achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. This will require public and private finance, from both international and domestic sources."

One such intervention is the ongoing development of a national Roadmap on 'Building a Safer and Resilient Tourism Sector in Sri Lanka: Post-COVID-19' which aims to springboard Sri Lankan tourism from recovery to long term resilience and generate social, economic and environmental benefits.

As such, a meeting was held on 29 June in Colombo under the theme "Putting People First: Building a more Resilient Tourism Sector in Sri Lanka", to consult with bi- and multilateral development partners on the formulation and the implementation of the draft Roadmap.

Speaking about the Roadmap, SLTDA Chairperson Kimarli Fernando said: "This Roadmap will inform the Government's Strategic Action Plan 2021-2024 for the tourism sector. Through the valued partnerships, technical and specialised expertise of the development and funding partners we can address the urgent needs for the sector's recovery and would be pivotal for more long-term strategic support."

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SCHEDULE

RATES OF EXCHANGE EFFECTIVE FROM 29.06.2020 TO 05.07.2020

	Country	Country Code	Currency	Currency Code	Rate of Exchange (Rs.)
1	Australia	AU	Dollar	AUD	129.6699
2	Bahrain	BH	Dinar	BHD	499.0996
3	Bangladesh	BD	Taka	BDT	2.2200
4	Brazil	BR	Brazil Real	BRL	35.1555
5	Brunei	BN	Brunei Dollar	BND	135.4804
6	Canada	CA	Canadian Dollar	CAD	138.1266
7	China	CN	Renminbi	CNY	26.6254
8	China	CN	Offshore	CNH	26.6312
9	Czechoslovakia	CZ	Koruna	CZK	7.9175
10	Denmark	DK	Kroner	DKK	28.3642
11	Egypt	EG	Pound	EGP	11.6621
12	Euro Zone		Euro	EUR	211.4239
13	Ghana	GH	Cedi	GHS	32.5492
14	Hongkong	HK	Dollar	HKD	24.3163
15	Hungary	HU	Forint	HUF	0.5967
16	India	IN	Rupee	INR	2.4951
17	Indonesia	ID	Rupiah	IDR	0.0133
18	Iran	IR	Riyal	IRR	0.0045
19	Japan	JP	Yen	JPY	1.7584
20	Jordan	JO	Dinar	JOD	265.8110
21	Korea	KR	Won	KRW	0.1572
22	Kuwait	KW	Dinar	KWD	612.1614
23	Macau	MO	Pataca	MOP	23.5958
24	Malaysia	MY	Ringgit	MYR	44.0584
25	Maldives	MV	Rufiya	MVR	12.1902
26	Mauritius	MU	Rupee	MUR	4.6822
27	Myanmar	MM	Kyat	MMK	0.1358
28	Nepal	NP	Rupee	NPR	1.5567
29	New Zealand	NZ	Dollar	NZD	121.1798
30	Nigeria	NG	Naira	NGN	0.5228
31	Norway	NO	Kroner	NOK	19.5172
32	Oman	OM	Riyal	OMR	489.5319
33	Pakistan	PK	Rupee	PKR	1.1261
34	Papua New Guinea	PG	Kina	PGK	54.4649
35	Philippines	PH	Peso	PHP	3.7734
36	Poland	PL	Zloty	PLN	47.4740
37	Qatar	QA	Riyal	QAR	51.7605
38	Russia	RU	Rouble	RUB	2.7283
39	Saudi Arabia	SA	Riyal	SAR	50.2359
40	Seychelles	SC	Rupee	SCR	10.7080
41	Singapore	SG	Dollar	SGD	135.4804
42	South Africa	ZA	Rand	ZAR	10.9836
43	Sweden	SE	Krona	SEK	20.2258
44	Switzerland	CH	Francs	CHF	198.7136
45	Taiwan	TW	Dollar	TWD	6.3876
46	Thailand	TH	Baht	THB	6.0980
47	U.A.E.	AE	Dirham	AED	51.3075
48	United Kingdom	GB	Sterling Pound	GBP	234.0202
49	United States of America	US	Dollar	USD	188.4600
50	Zambia (Old)	ZM	Kwacha	ZMK	0.0363
51	Zambia (New)	ZM	Kwacha	ZMW	10.4231
52	Zimbabwe	ZW	Dollar	ZWD	0.4966



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