

POST TITLE: Consultancy services to carry out an Assessment of Blue Economy Development across six OECS Member States

LOCATION: Home-Based

FEE: £30,000

DURATION: *approx. 3 months (must be completed prior to 30 July)*

CLOSING DATE: 11:59 BST, 24 May 2026

The Commonwealth Secretariat seeks to engage a consultant to evaluate how effectively national and regional institutions support blue economy development and identify ways to strengthen ocean governance, policy coordination, and investment readiness while ensuring effective marine ecosystem conservation.

The selected consultant will need a key combination of skills and experience including:

- Advanced degree in marine policy, environmental governance, ocean economics, international development, or related field. Team of at least three: Blue Economy, Legal, and Capacity-building specialists.
- Experience with international/regional organisations (e.g., Commonwealth Secretariat, Caribbean institutions) and knowledge of blue economy finance, ocean investment, or marine spatial planning.
- Proven expertise in ocean governance and blue economy development, especially in SIDS (OECS experience an asset). Strong background in institutional analysis, policy and regulatory frameworks, and multi-stakeholder engagement.
- Experience in capacity building, training, and institutional strengthening, as well as monitoring, evaluation, and knowledge management.
- Familiarity with Eastern Caribbean governance and development challenges. Strong analytical, research, project management, and reporting skills with ability to deliver high-quality outputs under tight deadlines.

Please apply for this contract by submitting a concise cover letter (1-2 pages) and CV to bluecharter@commonwealth.int by **24 May 2026**. Applicants must also complete the Quote Submission Documents attached to the Request for Quotation (RfQ) document.

The Cover Letter should include the bid amount, a short statement of the candidate's relevant expertise and experience and show how the consultancy would be carried out to meet the specific objectives set out in the TOR.

Evaluation will be based on competency and cost. Where submissions are similar in quality, preference will be given to Contractors that are Commonwealth citizens.