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Answers to request for clarification

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1. What is the geographical perimeter of this scope of work? Does it only concern SPC members?

It concerns the 22 Pacific Island countries and territories, but more importantly the strategies and initiatives developed at regional level. As a clarification, regional ICT/DT strategies would be strategies that impact the region or a subset of the PICTs (WorldBank / ADP / UN / SPC / PIFS / others).

2. What are the key themes to retrieve from the desktop study work? (Budget, Outputs, Results, Timeline...)

The key theme is to assemble all major strategies and initiatives over the past 10 years, in the realm of Connectivity and Digital Transformation.

For example, the more recent ones are: eCommerce Strategy by PIFS // Pacific Regional Connectivity Program by World bank // Digital Strategy UNCTAD // CROP ICT Working group by USP, etc.

A secondary objective would be to assess attribution of progress to these strategies and initiatives.

3. What will be taken into account for the price review?

The approximate budget corresponds to one senior consultant working full time for 16 weeks. However, the consultant is free to propose different team-configurations or timelines. SPC seeks the best value for money.

4. What is the expected language to conduct this scope of work? Can we deliver this work in English but provide samples of similar work into French?

English only is fine.

5. Does SPC have access to private reports or published articles on this specific area of knowledge?

Not many, but those that we have can be shared.