**CASE STUDY TO COMPARE THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS**

**OF SUBMITTED OFFERS**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR): STUDY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PLASTIC BANS, EPR SCHEMES, AND VOLUNTARY PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES IN THE ESA REGION**

**1. Background**

The SWITCH-2-CE Programme in Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) aims to support the transition towards a circular economy. Findings from the Initial Study identified significant knowledge gaps affecting effective policymaking and the advancement of circular economy interventions in the region.

Under Work Package 1 (Regional Studies) of the multiple framework contract, this assignment seeks to generate evidence on the effectiveness of selected policy and market-based instruments addressing plastic pollution in the ESA region.

**2. Objective of the Assignment**

The objective of this study is to assess the effectiveness of plastic bans, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes, and voluntary private sector initiatives in the ESA region, and to identify key factors explaining their success or limitations, with a view to informing regional and national policymaking.

**3. Scope of Work**

The service provider will:

* Review and analyse existing plastic bans, EPR schemes, and voluntary private sector initiatives across the ESA region;
* Assess their effectiveness in reducing plastic pollution and supporting circular economy outcomes;
* Identify enabling factors, constraints, and lessons learned, including regulatory, institutional, economic, and behavioural aspects;
* Conduct virtual consultations with key stakeholders in selected ESA countries;
* Facilitate a virtual validation workshop to present and validate preliminary findings.

**4. Deliverables**

* Inception note outlining methodology and work plan;
* Draft regional study report;
* Validation workshop virtual or hybrid (including presentation materials);
* Final study report incorporating feedback from the Programme and stakeholders.

**5. Duration and Level of Effort**

The assignment shall be completed within **a maximum of three (3) months** from the contract start date.

**6. Management and Coordination**

The assignment will be implemented under the oversight of the Technical Lead for Outcome 1 of the SWITCH-2-CE Programme. All coordination and reporting will be done virtually.

**7. Expertise and Resources**

Service providers under the multiple framework contract are expected to mobilise local experts based in the ESA region, and may draw on expertise from any of the 13 ESA countries, as appropriate.

**8. Financial Offer**

Service providers are requested to submit **financial offers ONLY** for undertaking this assignment, in line with the scope and deliverables outlined above.

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