

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)  
SOUTH ASIA CO-OPERATIVE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (SACEP) Secretariat based in Sri Lanka  
PLASTIC-FREE RIVERS AND SEAS FOR SOUTH ASIA (PLEASE) PROJECT**

Grant No.: IDA - D6480

Assignment Title: **Procurement of Consulting Firm for Impact Evaluation of the PLEASE Project**

Reference: **(LK-SACEP-514349-CS-CQS)**

The South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP), an intergovernmental organization established in 1982 by the governments of South Asia, promotes and supports protection, management, and enhancement of the environment in the region. SACEP, headquartered in Colombo, Sri Lanka, is implementing the World Bank-funded **Plastic-Free Rivers and Seas for South Asia (PLEASE) Project**, which aims to reduce plastic pollution across South Asia's rivers and seas and promote transition toward a circular plastic economy.

SACEP intends to commission an **independent Impact Evaluation** of the PLEASE Project to assess the overall achievements and impacts of project activities in alignment with its Results Framework. The evaluation will analyze the effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and impacts of the project, generate lessons learned, and provide recommendations for scaling up future interventions to combat plastic pollution in the region.

The evaluation scope will cover all project components including:

- Regional Block Grants (RBGs) and Innovation Grants (IGs),
- Technical Assistance (TA) for public-private solutions, and
- Institutional strengthening of SACEP and regional organizations.

The Consulting Firm will be required to deploy a multidisciplinary team including expertise in **impact evaluation, plastic waste management, economics, gender, monitoring and evaluation, policy, and communications**.

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**Minimum Qualifications of the Firm and Team:**

- At least **10 years of operation** with experience in impact evaluations of donor-funded projects (World Bank/GEF/UN/ADB preferred).
- Proven expertise in plastic pollution reduction, waste management, circular economy solutions, and environmental policy.
- Team Leader with minimum **12 years' professional experience**, including 8 years in evaluation/impact assessment assignments.
- Specialists covering gender, technical/plastic waste management, M&E, grant management, economics, and optional expertise in policy/institutional development and communications.

- Strong track record in producing **independent evaluations** aligned with international standards (OECD-DAC, World Bank evaluation practices).

The Consulting Firm will be selected based on the **Consultant's Qualification-based Selection (CQS)** method in accordance with the procedures set out in the *World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers*.

**Submission of Expressions of Interest:**

Interested Consulting Firms must submit their **Expression of Interest (EOI)** along with technical proposals (maximum 50 pages, excluding annexes) demonstrating their qualifications, team composition, methodology, and relevant experience.

Applications must be delivered in written form (in person, by courier, or by email) to the address below, with the subject line: **"Procurement of Consulting Firm – Impact Evaluation of PLEASE Project"** by no later than **1400 hrs., Sri Lanka time on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**.

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