

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
**FOR A PLASTIC WASTE EXPERT IN THE PROJECT**  
**IMPLEMENTATION UNIT NAME OF THE PROJECT: PLASTIC FREE**  
**RIVERS AND SEAS FOR SOUTH ASIA PROJECT` (PLEASE)**

**Duty Station:** PLEASE PROJECT OFFICE, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

**Duty Tenure:** THE PLASTIC WASTE EXPERT IS REQUIRED FOR 18 MONTHS INITIALLY AND IS REQUIRED TO COMMENCE DUTIES WITH EFFECT FROM (APPROX.)15-10-2023.

**Grant No.:** D648-8S

**Assignment Title:** PLASTIC WASTE EXPERT IN THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT

**Reference No.:** [LK-SACEP-375295-CS-INDV](#)

**Nationality:** Candidates should be the nationals of member states of the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP), which consists of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. While the leadership of SACEP and the World Bank are committed to having a diversity of candidates, women are encouraged to apply.

SACEP has received US\$ 37 Million in financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Plastic Free Rivers and Seas for South Asia (PLEASE)** project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) of the proposed position include providing technical assistance to support innovative circular economy solutions for plastics and facilitate knowledge exchange, support for regional policy harmonization, dialogue among partners and stakeholders, and finance mobilization across the region under the PLEASE project under the overall direction and supervision of the Director General of SACEP (The Implementing Partner of PLEASE Project).

The Plastic Waste Expert will report to the PIU Project Director and will provide technical assistance to support innovative circular economy solutions for plastics and facilitate knowledge exchange, support for regional policy harmonization, dialogue among partners and stakeholders, and finance mobilization across the region under the PLEASE project. In case PIU recruits specialized consultants required for specific technical assistance in plastic pollution, the specialist on plastic pollution will serve a key role in supervising the work of these consultants.

Under the overall supervision of the Director General and the management of SACEP and in close cooperation with the Project Steering Committee and the Project Director, the specialist will focus primarily on ensuring the successful execution of PIU activities and

leveraging his or her deep background in and knowledge of political and practical issues and significant relationships within SACEP member states.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <http://sacep.org/employment> The South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide a CV including information that demonstrates that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- (i) A minimum of 10 years experience in plastic waste management with a focus on marine plastics and circular economy, policy and regulatory frameworks, standards, methodologies, tools, technical solutions, and business models for waste management, recycling, innovative packaging design, and plastic packaging management solutions, solid waste management and extended producer responsibility;
- (ii) Experience in providing similar services in the past five years;
- (iii) Experience in the region in any of the past five years;
- (iv) Experience in coordination with national governments and/or enforcement authorities, managing stakeholder relations with other key players, including academic, civil society, business, and international organizations, is required.
- (v) University degree in environmental science, Marine Science, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Law or any related discipline from a recognized University;
- (vi) Prior experience in managing and developing projects of projects financed by development agencies will be preferable;
- (vii) Prior experience supervising a team of contractors in multiple locations through the region;
- (viii) Prior experience convening international conferences and sharing views and working as a resource person in international conferences;
- (ix) A deep knowledge of the political and policy structures of all SACEP member states, and relationships with leading academic voices, policy-makers, and civil society throughout the region;
- (x) Proven experience working with Government, civil society, international organizations, and donors;
- (xi) Demonstrated ability in team management and collaboration;
- (xii) Excellent communication skills in English;
- (xiii) Computer literacy of acceptable standards.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraph, 3.17 of the World Bank's 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers'(Procurement in Investment Project Financing- Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016

Revised November 2017 and August 2018), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment:

*3.17 Consultants shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of being unable to carry out the assignment in the best interests of the Borrower. Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, Consultants shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:*

*d. Consultants (including their experts and other personnel, and sub-consultants), that have a close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Borrower, or of the project implementing agency, or of a recipient of a part of the Bank's financing, or any other party representing or acting on behalf of the Borrower, that is directly or indirectly involved in any part of:*

*i. the preparation of the TOR for the assignment;*

*ii. the selection process for the contract; or*

*iii. the supervision of the contract, may not be awarded a contract unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Bank throughout the selection process and the execution of the contract.*

The individual will be selected based on the qualification and experience, in accordance with the procedures set out in the 'The World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers- Procurement in Investment Project Financing- Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016, Revised November 2017' and August 2018' as per the Financing Agreement of the project.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 08.30 to 16.30 (Sri Lanka Time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by registered post, or by e-mail) by no later than 14.30, Sri Lanka time on 23 September 2023.

**Plastic Free Rivers and Seas for South Asia (PLEASE) Project**

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