

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)**

Country: Pakistan

Project: Plastic Free Rivers and Seas for South Asia (PLEASE) project.

Grant No: D648-8S

Assignment Title: A RESOURCE PERSON TO OBTAIN CONSULTANCY INPUT OF PLASTIC POLLUTION EXPERT TO IDENTIFY PROJECT INTERVENTIONS

Reference No.: LK-SACEP-300867-CS-INDV

The South Asia Cooperative Environment Program (SACEP) *has received* 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.

Interested candidates should be nationals of Pakistan. While the leadership of SACEP and the World Bank are committed to having a diversity of candidates, women are encouraged to apply.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include that.

He/She will have to,

1. Facilitate a workshop for stakeholders to identify the need for improvements in various regulatory areas required to control pollution caused by plastic waste.
2. Help the participants to assess gaps in both regulatory policies and market-based practices enacted by the Member State to reduce plastic pollution, considering stakeholder comments and suggestions.
3. Facilitate identifying improvements to be made to existing regulations in the country, within the scope of Component II of the PLEASE project.
4. Determine the needs and required priority areas that the project should facilitate in transitioning to a more circular plastics economy through private and public sector engagement.

The consultant has to specifically perform the following tasks.

1. Provide necessary support to the Pakistan Ministry of Forest and Environment to map out the stakeholders to be invited to the workshop:
 - a. The resource person is responsible for reviewing the list of invitees proposed by the NFP and provide the necessary advice to prepare the list in a manner conducive to be more fruitful, and
 - b. Ensure the equitable participation of all potential stakeholders in the workshop representing the public and private sector sectors
2. **Preparatory discussions-** The Resource person is required to conduct a preparatory meeting with the relevant line Ministry for Forest and Environment in Pakistan prior to the workshop. The the objective of these meetings is to share the views of regulatory authority and collect necessary information on the interventions already taken by the ministry and in the pipeline to enhance the circular plastic economy in Pakistan.

3. Leading the workshop

The resource person has to lead all events of the Workshop including Presentations and discussion to orientate the dialog towards expected objectives.

4. Obtaining views of Stakeholders through Group work and discussions

Resource person has to conduct Group activities and presentation events during the workshop to obtain the views and suggestions of Stakeholders. It should be structural group work and each group will be assigned some topic related to the scope of component II of the PLEASE project. Finally, the group presentation and discussion should be well guided by the resource person to achieve the desired results

Consultancy assignment shall be completed by intermittent 6 man-days input within one month period beginning of 29 August 2022. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

The SACEP/PLEASE, 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:

Educational qualifications:

Master's Degree in Environmental Science, Environment management, Chemistry, Environment engineering, Polymer or Material engineering or related discipline.

PHD in the relevant area will be highly preferable.

Experience:

Minimum 15 years of experience in Plastic waste management, Marine Pollution Prevention and Waste related strategy development

Language requirements

Fluency in spoken and written English. Additional local language knowledge will be advantageous.

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, or by mail, or by e-mail) by no later than 14.30, Sri Lanka time on 13 August 2022.

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