

Request for Expressions of Interest for a Project Director

- 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 Project Director is required for 25 months initially and required to commence duties with effect from (approx.) 04th September 2023.
- Grant No.:** D648-8S
- Assignment Title:** Project Director
- Reference No.:** LK-SACEP-342912-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 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”) include managing, and implementing the PLEASE Project under the overall direction and supervision of the Director General of SACEP (The Implementing Partner of PLEASE Project) and reporting to the Director-General.

PD will be responsible for overall project performance, management including finances, execution, and reporting of the PLEASE project ensuring all project deliverables are met within the budget and the timeline. The proposed position will provide the required project planning, oversight, leadership, and coordination to ensure project milestones are met as required. PD will develop, build and maintain strong, and favorable relationships, especially with their clients from the member states of SACEP, Development Partners, communities, office teams, SACEP Secretariat, and related other stakeholders’ teams who provide necessary supports for the implementation of the PLEASE project. PD will be responsible to work as per the TOR issued to him/her by SACEP and he/she will be working under the overall direction and supervision of the Director-General of SACEP (The Implementing Partner of PLEASE Project) and report to the Director General.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: 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:

All candidates should have the following minimum qualifications, experience, and competencies:

- (i) At least Master’s in Environmental Science, Marine Science, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Law or any related discipline from a recognized University; Ph.D., in any of the fields mentioned from a recognized University would be an advantage;

- (ii) A minimum of 10 years of experience after the first degree in project identification, formulation, and implementation;
- (iii) Age should be below 60 years.
- (iv) Work experience in the fields related to Natural Resource Management and Waste Management with special emphasis on Plastic Waste Management with demonstrated leadership and managerial skill in leading a team;
- (v) Prior experience in managing and developing projects as a Team Leader/ Consultant in Donor-funded projects will be preferable;
- (vi) Proven experience working with Government, civil society, International organizations, and Donors will be an advantage;
- (vii) Demonstrated ability in team management and collaboration;
- (viii) Excellent communication skills in English; are required.

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 16:30, Sri Lanka time on **07 July 2023**.

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