

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)
SACEP Secretariat based in Sri Lanka
PLASTIC-FREE RIVERS AND SEAS FOR SOUTH ASIA (PLEASE) PROJECT
Grant No.: IDA -D6480**

Assignment Title: International Plastic Waste Consultant
Reference: Procurement of an International Plastic Waste Consultant to the Project Management Unit

The South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) received US\$ 37 Million as per the Financing Agreement signed on 8 June 2020 from the World Bank toward the cost of the Plastic-free Rivers and Seas for South Asia (PLEASE) - Grant# IDA -D6480, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The International Plastic Waste consultant will report to the PIU Project Director and work alongside the plastic waste expert. S/he 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 support mobilization across the South Asia region under the PLEASE project.

Under the overall supervision of the Director General and the Project Director, the consultant will focus primarily on ensuring the successful execution of PIU technical activities and leveraging his/her deep background and knowledge of technical plastic waste issues to proffer global international best practice solutions to address the regional marine plastic waste menace in South Asia countries. This is a part-time position and on remote work modality. The service is for 6 months. The contract is renewable, subject to satisfactory performance, for the duration of the project. There will be an initial performance review by the Project Director after 2 months. Composite TOR can be accessed by logging into; <http://sacep.org/consultancy-opportunities>

The South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) now invites eligible candidates 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. Eligible candidates should have the following minimum qualifications, experience, and competencies:

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- 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, and 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, plastic credits, and innovative financing models.
- University degree in environmental science, Marine Science, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Law or any related discipline from a recognized

University; a Ph.D., in any of the fields mentioned from a recognized University would be an asset.

- Excellent drafting and writing skills including for a variety of reports and audiences
- Experience in providing similar services in the last five years.
- Experience in the South Asia Region in the last five years.
- 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.
- Prior experience in managing and developing projects of projects financed by development agencies will be preferable.
- Prior experience supervising a team of contractors in multiple locations in South Asia Region or any other region.
- Prior experience convening international conferences and sharing views and working as a resource person in international conferences.
- A deep knowledge of the political and policy structures of South Asia countries and relationships with leading academic voices, policymakers, and civil society throughout the region.
- Proven experience working with Government, civil society, international organizations, and donors.
- Demonstrated ability in team management and collaboration.
- Excellent communicating skills in English and understanding of one or more language in South Asia region will be an advantage.
- Computer literacy of acceptable standards.
- Willingness and ability to travel to South Asia countries and globally.

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.

Applications must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail, or by e-mail) by no later than **10.00 hrs., Sri Lanka time on 18 January 2025.**

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