REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FOR A PROJECT ADVISOR

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 ADVISOR is required for 12 months initially and is required to commence duties with effect from (approx.) 15-08-2023.

Grant No: D648-8S

Assignment Title: PROJECT ADVISOR

Reference No.: LK-SACEP-267633-CS-INDV

Nationality: Candidates should be the nationals of member states of the South Asia Cooperative 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”) include advising in the implementation of 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 and Project Director.

The Project Advisor will support the work of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) Project Director, including helping to select and oversee a team of specialized staff responsible for project management, financial management, procurement, environmental safeguards, social safeguards, monitoring and evaluation, communications as well as support staff.

The PIU will also recruit specialized consultants required for specific technical assistance for the overall implementation of activities, and the Project Advisor will serve a key role in recruiting and overseeing the work of these consultants. The PIU will liaise closely and also ensure overall coordination of all project entities to ensure necessary data and information are shared and collated for reporting to the Project Steering Committee and the World Bank.

Under the overall supervision of the Director General and the management of SACEP and Project Implementation Unit of the PLEASE project and in close cooperation with the Director General, Project Steering Committee and the Project Director, the Project Advisor 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: 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) A minimum of 10 years’ experience after the first degree in project identification, management, formulation, and implementation;
(ii) At least a master’s 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;
(iii) Work experience in the fields related to Natural Resource Management and Waste Management with special emphasis on Plastic Waste Management;
(iv) Prior experience in managing and developing projects as a Team Leader/Consultant of donor-funded projects will be preferable;
(v) Prior experience supervising a team of contractors in multiple locations and countries;
(vi) Prior experience convening international conferences and sharing views and working as a resource person in international conferences;
(vii) 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;
(viii) Proven experience working with Government, civil society, international organizations, and donors;
(ix) Demonstrated ability in team management and collaboration;
(x) Excellent communicating skills in English;
(xi) 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 of 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 15th July 2023.

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