

Call for Applications

- Position: Expert Consultant for RWI's Blended Learning Course on Human Rights and the Environment/Climate Change, targeting Judges, National Human Rights Institutions and Public Prosecutors (15 days)
- Period: August to November 2021
- Condition: Subject to RWI's approval
- Location: Home-based (online)
- Project: Regional Asia Programme on Human Rights and Sustainable Development (2017-2021)

A. Background

The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) is an independent academic institution, founded in 1984 and affiliated with Lund University in Sweden. The vision of the Institute is just and inclusive societies with effective realisation of human rights for all. In light of this, the Institute contributes to strengthening structures, systems and mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights at all levels in society. RWI's global thematic focus areas are economic globalisation, inclusive societies, people on the move and fair and efficient justice. For more information, please visit: (www.rwi.lu.se).

In 2017, RWI launched the RWI Regional Asia Programme on Human Rights and Sustainable Development 2017–2021, which aims to contribute to just, inclusive and sustainable development through mutually reinforcing protection of human rights, gender equality and the environment.

In 2021, RWI will host the second cycle of its blended learning course (BLC) on human rights, the environment and climate change, which builds on the topics and resources shared in 2020. This year's BLC will mainly target judges, national human rights institution (NHRI) representatives, public prosecutors, and lawyers who are currently working on human rights cases in environmental contexts or exclusively on environmental issues in Asia. This course seeks to enhance the stakeholders' understanding of the synergies and tensions in realising human rights in environmental protection and climate change contexts, and to rethink and adopt new strategies and approaches to better embed human rights into their respective mandates when addressing specific climate change and environmental challenges. Additionally, it aims to nurture cross-institutional collaboration between courts, public prosecutors, lawyers and NHRIs, where feasible.

The BLC applies a blended learning methodology, which combines face-to-face and online learning approaches. It will culminate with a two-day workshop in one of RWI's "Learning Hubs" located in: Bangkok, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur and Manila, which are digitally connected physical spaces in the respective city with a local facilitator. This workshop is scheduled to take place on 26-27 October 2021. **Due to COVID-19, all timelines remain tentative, and may be subject to change - sometimes on short notice.**

Main duties and responsibilities:

1. Support the development of the course plan;
2. Contribute to the online course content and material;
3. Lead a 1-1.5 hour session on the role of courts; and of public prosecutors in fulfilling and protecting human rights in environmental contexts; and
4. Develop and lead a half-day interactive session involving all hubs.

RWI, in collaboration with its partners in Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia will implement the interactive exercises and report back to the other hubs the key take aways, which will inform RWI's future model of engagement and research to promote the right to a healthy environment in Southeast Asia and beyond.

B. Objective:

This project is a part of the Sida-funded Regional Asia-Pacific Programme, which has the following objectives:

- **Outcome:** Relevant actors and networks at regional, national, and local levels more effectively promote the interlinkages between human rights, gender equality, and environment
- **Intermediary Outcome:** Relevant coalitions, networks and collaborations have their knowledge bases strengthened and expanded on human rights, gender equality, and environment;
- **Output:**
 - Increased opportunities for key stakeholders to network and exchange knowledge and experience on the linkages between human rights, gender equality, and the environment;
 - Improved knowledge and skills among targeted individuals on the linkages between human rights, gender equality, and the environment;

- Increased availability of publications, research products, teaching resources, and training modules on the interlinkages between human rights, gender equality, and environment

Specific Output: Support the implementation of the blended learning course on human rights and the environment for judges, public prosecutors, lawyers and NHRI representatives in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines.

C. Activities & Deliverables

The expert will: 1.) support the development of the course plan and design; 2.) contribute to the design and content of the online module; 3.) attend planning and consultation meetings with other resource persons and facilitators; 4.) develop and lead the session on the role of judges and public prosecutors on realising the right to a healthy environment; 5.) design and execute an interactive session (half day), involving all hubs.

The matrix below shows some activities and deliverables until end of 2021

No	Activity	Deliverable	Days required	Due date
1	Support the development of the course plan/design	Finalised course plan	2	31 August
2	Contribute to the design of the online modules	Online module – first part of the BLC	5	31 August
3	Attend the planning meetings	3 meetings (1-2 hour each), including 1 rehearsal meeting.	1	26 September – 25 October
4	Develop and lead the session on the role of judges and public prosecutors on realising the right to a healthy environment	One session on the role of judges/public prosecutors – the right to a healthy environment (1-1.5 hours), including a presentation	2	26 October
5	Design and execute an interactive exercise (half day)	1 Interactive exercise, preferably based on a real-life scenario	5	27 October
	Total		15	

D. Quality Assurance Mechanism

RWI has a declared commitment to quality assurance within the organisation and the programmes it delivers as defined in the RWI Statement on Quality Assurance and its Procurement Policy.

For this consultancy RWI will:

- Adhere to its established policy and practice guidelines
- Provide a clear and achievable terms of reference
- Carryout a targeted tender process with a minimum of three consultants
- Establish a review committee with a minimum of two reviewers, who will independently review each proposal against the ToR, general eligibility criteria and capacities to achieve the deliverables needed
- Make a fair and reasonable financial commitment to the consultancy
- Provide a consultancy contract
- Establish a clear line of management for the consultant
- Provide programme and organisational documents to the consultant
- Provide punctual feedback, document output reviews and/or decisions to the consultant
- Assume responsibilities for convening workshops and logistics for agreed methods to achieve the deliverables.

E. Consultant Profile

Ideally, RWI is looking for an experienced environmental law specialist who has a proven background conducting trainings for judges in Asia on environmental and climate change case law, and ability to communicate effectively and pedagogically.

Key qualifications of consultant include:

- Have an advanced university degree in Law, Public Policy, Human Rights, Social Sciences, Environmental Studies or related fields.
- Minimum of 10 years of work experience in climate change/environmental law and sciences, human rights in environmental contexts or related fields.
- Have experience in conducting trainings for legal professionals, especially judges and public prosecutors.
- Demonstrated experience in developing courses/trainings on environmental/climate change law or human rights law, including composing course plans, content design and designing interactive activities, such as a moot court exercise. Preference is given to experience in developing courses/trainings on environmental/climate change law issues, targeting judges.
- Can work independently and has a track record of delivering on time.
- Proficient in English written and oral language. Familiarity with other Asian languages is considered an asset.

- Knowledge of both human rights and environmental law is desirable.
- Experience working with the judiciary in Asia is strongly desirable.

F. Costs

As part of the proposal, the consultant is required to provide a financial statement which includes their daily rate (USD). The maximum number of days should not exceed 15 days, or as otherwise agreed with RWI.

G. General Eligibility Criteria

All invited natural and legal persons may submit an offer and are eligible, on equal terms, to be selected to carry out the assignment. However, consultant is excluded from being selected if:

1. it is bankrupt, subject to insolvency or winding-up procedures, where its assets are being administered by a liquidator or by a court, where it is in an arrangement with creditors, where its business activities are suspended, or where it is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for under national laws or regulations;
2. it has been established by a final judgment or a final administrative decision that the supplier is guilty of grave professional misconduct by having violated applicable laws or regulations or ethical standards of the profession to which the supplier belongs, or by having engaged in any wrongful conduct which has an impact on its professional credibility where such conduct denotes a wrongful intent or gross negligence, including, in particular, any of the following:
 - i) fraudulently or negligently misrepresenting information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of selection criteria or in the performance of a contract;
 - ii) entering into agreement with other economic operators with the aim of distorting competition;
 - iii) violating intellectual property rights;
 - iv) attempting to influence the decision-making process during the procurement; or
 - v) attempting to obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in the procurement process.
3. it has been established by a final judgment or a final administrative decision that the supplier is in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions in accordance with the applicable law;
4. it has been established by a final judgment that it, or persons having powers of representation or decision-making control over it, is guilty of any of the following:

- fraud; corruption; involvement in a criminal organisation; money laundering; terrorist financing; child labour (or any other forms of trafficking in human beings); or any other illegal activity detrimental to RWI's interests;
5. the supplier has shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations in the performance of a contract financed by RWI or any donor to RWI, which has led to the early termination of a legal commitment or to the application of liquidated damages or other contractual penalties or which has been discovered following checks and audits or investigations; or
 6. it, its subsidiary, another company belonging to the same group of companies, a consortium partner or other affiliate, is found on the list of EU restrictive measures (the lists of persons, groups, entities subject to the EU restrictive measures are published on the following website: www.sanctionsmap.eu).

Consultants must certify that they are not in one of the situations listed above.

Furthermore, the contract for the assignment will not be awarded to consultants who are:

- (a) subject to a conflict of interest. The consultant/s must be independent and have no stake in the outcome of the consultancy;
- (b) guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by RWI as a condition of participation in the contract procedure or fail to supply this information.

H. Proposal Guide

Applicants must send the following documents:

- A Letter of interest clearly stating an understanding of the assignment, as well as relevant experience, qualifications and availability (Max. 2 pages);
- Financial statement, including days and daily rates, etc;
- A statement of availability and compliance with the '*general eligibility criteria*', listed at point **G**;
- CV including referees from a similar consultancy.

Consultancy proposal should be sent via email to Victor.bernard@rwi.lu.se no later than 6th June 2021 (Bangkok Time).

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