



Call for expression of interest Senior specialist consulting services

GRID-Arendal is seeking a senior specialist to provide consulting services to support the coordination and delivery of work in the areas of resource management, global environmental assessment, capacity building and waste management/marine litter. The consultant will have broad familiarity with GRID-Arendal's work, and working with global organisations including the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). They will have a strong network within the Asia Pacific Region particularly related to maritime boundaries and marine resource management.

The senior specialist will have a strong experience working with coastal states on delimitation of their maritime boundaries and extended continental shelf claims under Article 76 of UNCLOS. They will have a strong track record of delivering high quality environmental assessment reports, particularly in partnership with UNEP. They will have extensive knowledge of resource management including deep-sea minerals, mine tailings management, household plastic waste and marine litter. Finally, they will have demonstrated capacity to network and develop new strategic opportunities.

Principal Responsibilities/tasks

The senior specialist will be responsible for the delivery of the following activities:

1. Capacity building and advisory services for countries completing their submission for extended continental shelf under UNCLOS;
2. Capacity building for climate change planning and maritime boundaries delimitation for coastal states and small island developing states;
3. Coordination and editorial support and/or lead for global, regional and national integrated environmental assessments, including issues such as global wild fires and Geo for Cities;
4. Support for responsible resource extraction including deep-sea minerals and mine tailings management;
5. Support for the development of guidelines and other outputs related to the management of waste and marine litter;
6. Fundraising in particular for Pacific and South Asia region; to develop new proposals and funding applications for relevant and agreed upon efforts.

Professional qualifications

- A PhD or equivalent in environmental sciences, natural resources management, sustainable development or related field;
- At least 20 years' experience in the areas of ocean governance, resource management and climate change science with highly recognised international reputation in at least one of these fields;
- A strong record of accomplishment in securing funding in one or more in the above fields, and strong relationship with Australian governmental agencies;
- Extensive knowledge, experience and established relationships/networks with science, development, governmental and intergovernmental organisations in Asia Pacific region.;
- Demonstrated history of development and delivery of capacity building activities relevant to the current sustainable development goals;
- Familiarity with relevant United Nations conventions, with specific focus on UNCLOS and the Regional Seas Conventions;

- Excellent writing and communication skills (English);
- Be based in the Pacific Region.

Duration: As soon as possible until 31 December 2021, with a possibility of 1 year extension depending on funding.

Work load: the work load may vary based on needs, but it is expected to be full-time in 2021

Type of consultancy: Independent Consultancy Contract

Deadline for applications: 31 January 2021

The Consultant will be selected based on demonstrated expertise and cost.

Application: Responses to the Call for Expression of Interest must include the following:

- Brief cover letter (1 page max), including relevant experience and information regarding the Consultants' availability
- CV (including contact details of at least 2 referees for which similar work has been undertaken)
- Costs (in USD): The consultant should identify their daily rate (which would be valid for any assignment entered into within the contractual period)

Consultants replying to this Expression of Interest should send applications to hr@grida.no and mark in the subject '**Senior Specialist**' by 31 January 2021

Please contact Miles Macmillan-Lawler (miles.macmillan-lawler@grida.no) for any questions on this position.