

## **CONSULTANCY NOTICE**

FRIEDRICH-EBERT-STIFTUNG Vietnam Office is looking for a consultant/consultants to facilitate a regional event and write a discussion paper after the event.

### **I. Background:**

According to UNHABITAT, in 2020, 1.44 billion people lived in Asia-Pacific Metropolises and between 2020 and 2035, that number is projected to increase by more than 416 million. At the same time, cities produce 70 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. This will lead to rapid urbanization in many countries in the region on the one hand and put cities under pressure to meet sustainability criteria as well as the living needs of city dwellers on the other. Urbanization contributes to accelerating economic growth, shifting economic and labor structures, and changing population distribution. Cities are not only a place for jobs and income creation, but also a large and diverse consumer and producer of goods and products. This often leads to environmental problems, a dependence on their surrounding areas for natural resources, and rising CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. According to a recent study, Asia is home to 99 of the world's 100 cities facing the greatest environmental challenges. Risk factors include negative impacts of climate change, like flooding and rising sea levels as well as air, water and soil pollution. Consequently, we need to consider both sides of urbanization: on the one hand, the promise it keeps for millions of people to find a better a life and its integrative social function in terms of economic empowerment, social inclusion, and participation. On the other hand, to limit global warming to 1,5 degrees as agreed by the international community in the Paris Agreement, not only industries but also cities need to become carbon neutral by 2050 and adapt to the negative impacts of climate change of which poor people are disproportionately affected. The pathway forward thus needs to take social justice as well as ecological concerns into consideration and promote in short what can be called a social-ecological transformation in cities.

How to harmonise urban development processes with social justice and sustainability is naturally not an easy question. But sustainable urban development and inclusion need not be mutually exclusive; indeed, they can be mutually reinforcing. To sustain urban development over the long-term, Asian cities should give high priority to inclusion, accessibility, reducing inequalities, citizen's participation as well as addressing the climate crisis and various environmental problems. Even though, each city must deal with different problems and has adopted different strategies/ policies in urban planning, they do have one common target: to build an "inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable city" (SDG 11).

Against this background, the FES Regional Climate and Energy Project in Asia would like to create a regional exchange platform for its partners and progressive actors in cities across the region to interchange and learn from each other. This year, we continue exploring different aspects of social-ecological transformation in cities and circular economy, how to make climate action in an urban setting gender responsive

The platform will be organized virtually in three days (half day sessions each). Tentative agenda of the event is below:

Day 1: A social-ecological transformation in cities – an interdisciplinary approach

Day 2: Feminist perspectives on inclusive and climate friendly urban development

Day 3: Circular Economy

## **II. Scope of work**

FES is looking for a consultant/consultants to co-host the socio-ecological transformation in cities which will take place in day one out of three day event and write a discussion paper.

The consultant(s) will work closely with FES to complete the following tasks:

- Develop the agenda and activity plan for the session.
- Make a list of keynote speakers together with FES program coordinator. Recommend and invite potential keynote speakers if needed.
- Facilitate the session including leading the panel discussion.
- Write a discussion paper based on the discussion and presentations at the Regional Exchange Forum.

### **Format:**

- Length: maximum 10 pages
- References:
  - o Provide references where necessary in the text to external sources with hyperlinks,
  - o Names of books, newspapers and journals should be italicized [(...) in Die Zeit of 10.2.2010 (...)].
- Inclusive language:
  - o Use gender-sensitive language throughout the text. That includes:
    - Opting for the use of the gender-neutral pronoun they when you are unsure of a person's gender or are generally referring to a group of people.
    - Use alternatives for gendered nouns, e.g. police officer instead of policeman.
  - o When writing consider possible intersections of your topic with issues of race, class, gender, ability, and how they impact your arguments.

### III. Time frame

The activities should be conducted in between May and July 2022.

Activity	Time
Develop the agenda and make a list of keynote speakers together with FES program coordinator.	2-15 May
Finalize the agenda and develop the activity plan for the session including the technical instructions for participants	1-15 June
Facilitate the session including leading the panel discussion. Attend all three sessions	22 – 23- 24 June
Write a discussion paper	1-15 July
Finalize the paper	20-25 July

The final version of the paper must be completed in 29 July 2022 at the latest.

### IV. Required qualifications:

Interested agency/consultants should demonstrate and provide examples of previous experience in the performance of similar services as follows:

- A postgraduate degree in development, urban planning or relevant fields
- At least 10-year work experience in sustainable development.
- Proven track consultancy in facilitation in international event.

### V. Selection criteria

Each tender will be evaluated according to the following specific criteria:

No.	Criteria	Weight
1	Suitable degree in development, urban planning or relevant fields and work experience in sustainable development	10
2	Demonstrated experience in facilitation in international event	30
3	Price	50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## **VI. How to apply**

Interested agency/consultants are requested to submit their profile/CVs and interest letter with proposed rate to: [nga.pham@fes-vietnam.org](mailto:nga.pham@fes-vietnam.org) by 29.04.2022

### **About Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Vietnam**

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is the oldest political foundation in Germany. With an international network of more than 100 offices worldwide, FES contributes to fostering the core values of social democracy - freedom, solidarity and social justice. Moreover, FES offices throughout the world have been promoting sustainable development models for many decades. In 2010, FES established a new global working line focusing on climate justice and social-ecological-transformation.

As one of the first international NGOs to work in Vietnam, FES has built a close cooperation with its partners in the Communist Party, Government, National Assembly, mass organizations, and civil society, engaging in a political dialogue and promoting participatory decision making in almost all essential policy fields - ranging from human rights, gender equality, and economic and financial stability to climate change and energy policy.

Since 2015, FES Vietnam has served as a regional hub in the field of climate change, energy, and the environment for FES Climate Change and Energy Project in Asia. The project aims to fostering a social-ecological transformation in Asia by promoting international and domestic climate justice and exploring solutions for a just transition, especially in the energy sector and sustainable cities.