

Terms of Reference

The team “Conflict” at the Robert Bosch Stiftung is seeking (a) consultant(s) to undertake a comprehensive study on “Latin America” (Central & South America)

Background

The Robert Bosch Stiftung (RBSG) is one of Europe’s largest foundations associated with a private company. It is a non-partisan, operational and grant-making institution. Based on the legacy of its founder, the Robert Bosch Stiftung is active in the areas of *Health, Science, Active Citizenship, Education, and International Understanding and Cooperation*. The latter comprises the topics “Conflict”, “Climate Change”, “Migration” and “Inequality”. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

After a comprehensive review process of its international programs, all teams in the *International Understanding and Cooperation* department are currently defining their new funding strategies. In future, the team “[Conflict](#)” will focus its support on locally-led peace approaches in selected regions around the world. We are conducting in-depth explorations of (sub-)regions to identify possible entry points for our support.

This study should provide an elaborated and comprehensive analysis on Latin America that will help us to reach an informed decision.

Purpose and scope of work

The study shall include the following:

- **Mapping:** Create a (visual, interactive) map of Central and South America, highlighting the following:
 - Past and ongoing conflicts that are currently significant or remain relevant for today’s societies. Please also include “violence related to organized crime” as a type of conflict.
 - Most relevant past & ongoing peace efforts or processes on regional, national and local levels that had a significant impact on (re-)establishing peace/conflict resolutions for a (sub-)region and/or country.

- International donor engagement
 - Which (sub-)region(s) and countries benefit most from international donor attention and support? What kind of peace building activities do international donors support the most?
 - For the above identified countries: Number and volume of funds that were/are specifically allocated for peace building efforts since 2015 (including conflict prevention, mediation, dialogue reconciliation, dealing with the past etc.)
 - What kind of conflict(s) and activities are not supported by the international donor community? If possible, identify funding gaps.

- **Short list:** Compose – on the basis of the mapping – an annotated short-list of max. 6 conflict-affected (sub-)regions/countries that would benefit most from locally-led peace building efforts, including an elaborate explanation and argumentation for this decision/short list (max. 10 pages)

- **Conflict analysis:** Write conflict analyses on the short-listed (sub-)region/countries. The conflict analysis includes/identifies:
 - Type of conflict(s), peace and conflict drivers (using the RPP methodology) and current symptoms of the conflict(s)
 - Relevant actors to the conflict (conflict parties, stakeholders, affected population)
 - Relevant local and international actors working on conflict transformation and peace building (including funds in € or \$ since 2015), please include:
 - Peace actors: The type (NGO, GO, private actor, church etc.) of implementing/facilitating actors and organizations
 - Beneficiaries: Who was specifically targeted by/could benefit from the peace endeavor?
 - Approaches: Which peace approaches were used, including the respective achievements and challenges (or even negative effects)? Hereby, focus on locally-led peace approaches and provide relevant examples.
 - Does this conflict/country have the potential to create spill-over effects on neighboring countries or the (sub-)region? What increases positive or negative (side) effects on the (sub-)region?
 - In how far is this conflict/(sub-)region/country relevant for Germany and/or Europe?

- **Conclusions & recommendations** (based on the conflict analysis):
 - Draw explicit conclusions from the conflict analyses in regard to a possible engagement of the Robert Bosch Stiftung in this conflict/(sub-)region/country
 - What are possible entry points for locally-led peace initiatives? Who are the relevant actors?
 - What are the risks and challenges for an engagement?

The think tank/researcher(s) will offer a combination of a desk research and first hand expert interviews with international, regional and local experts (peace building practitioners, scholars, think tanks, decision makers, governmental bodies). The results of the study will be submitted as a comprehensive document, including an executive summary, bibliography and annex with inter alia interview transcripts. The (interim) results of the study will to be presented to the team (virtually or in person) timely after the completion. If necessary, the study will be revised after the presentation.

Time frame

The assignment starts on April 1, 2020 and ends on June 30, 2020 at the latest. We expect first intermediate (written) results by April 31, 2020.

Qualifications

The think tank/researcher(s) shall possess the following minimum qualifications:

- In-depth knowledge and understanding of Central and South American countries, conflicts and culture, and access to relevant actors
- In-depth knowledge on current peace building and conflict transformation approaches and debates as well as key global developments in this field
- Sound knowledge of the international donor community & landscape
- More than 3 year's relevant work experience (including similar assignments)
- Excellent English skills (spoken & written) and advanced knowledge of Spanish and Portuguese
- Minimum MA degree or equivalent

Expression of Interest

Applicants who meet the qualifications, skills and requirements mentioned above are invited to submit an expression of interest (EoI). Both individuals and organizations can submit an EoI.

The EoI should include the following:

- Curriculum Vitae of the person or organization, including credentials from past assignments
- Organizational profile (if relevant)
- Short cover letter incl. your understanding of the assignment and the relevance of your experience to the assignment (max. 1 page)
- Outline of approach and methodology (max. 2 pages)
- Detailed work plan and related budget, assigning number of hours/days per person to each deliverable proposed

Please send your EoI or any questions you may have to Ms. Imke Kerber (imke.kerber@bosch-stiftung.de). EoIs are welcome in English or in German. Deadline for submitting the EoI: **March 15, 2020.**