

## **Terms of Reference**

### **The nexus between migration, climate change and conflict dynamics in the Sahel**

The Robert Bosch Stiftung is seeking (a) consultant(s) to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the interlinkages of migration, climate change and conflict dynamics in the Sahel including an actor's overview and options for possible interventions. Submission date for the expression of interest (EoI) is October 9, 2020.

#### **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 "Peace", "Climate Change", "Migration" and "Inequality". For more information, please visit our [website](#).

The Robert Bosch Stiftung recently completed a profound strategic review of its international relations portfolio. With regard to the topic of migration, our objective is to help shape migration policy, governance, and practice in a way that combines a long-term focus with respect for human dignity through far-sighted, inclusive approaches. Through our support, we want to facilitate local innovations, applied research, and the integration of relevant stakeholders in policy making by focusing on four strands of action: Future issues of migrant and refugee protection, climate-induced mobility, the role of cities, and technological change. We are committed to cross-sectoral and interregional dialogue, especially between Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

In the context of climate-induced mobility, we have identified the Sahel as one possible focus region for our future work. At this stage of the process, we want to understand in more detail the interlinkages between migration and displacement, climate change as well as conflict dynamics in the region and map actors that work on this particular aspect. For this purpose, we are looking for an expert on the Sahel who can carry out such a research piece.

#### **Purpose and Scope of the Expertise**

Displacement in the Sahel region often is the result of a complex interplay of different factors and drivers including lack of livelihoods, conflict and violence as well as climate related shocks through extreme weather events or natural disasters. Disasters such as prolonged droughts and severe floods can – in combination with other factors – aggravate conflict settings by increasing competition for scarce natural resources and can therefore lead to secondary

displacement. Climate-induced environmental changes (slow-onset and fast-onset hazards) in combination with unsustainable land use pose serious consequences for livelihoods and the ability to develop resilience.

The mutual reinforcement of drivers often impedes the possibility to implement long-term solutions for displaced people, leading to growing urban-rural migration, situations of protracted displacement, forced immobility and potential secondary migration movements.

The Migration team of the Robert Bosch Stiftung, in cooperation with the thematic teams working on Climate Change and Peace, aims to tender an external expertise on the interlinkages of migration, climate change and conflict dynamics in the Sahel region including an overview of actors.

The consultant(s)/ researcher(s) will support the Foundation with the following tasks:

### **1. Interlinkages of migration, climate change and conflict dynamics**

- Brief overview of conflict dynamics, current and expected climate change impacts, and migration/displacement in the Sahel<sup>1</sup>
- (How) are migration/displacement, conflict dynamics and climate change intertwined in each of the G5 Sahel countries (also considering the greater region)?
- What is the particular role of land use for mobility, as well as for conflict dynamics in the Sahel?
- Which additional dynamics are relevant for migration and displacement in the Sahel region (e.g. labor mobility, inequalities,<sup>2</sup> the role of indigenous and tribal communities, demographic pressure, natural resource-dependent populations etc.)?

### **2. Overview of actors and stakeholders**

- Who are the main actors and stakeholders in the field working on this nexus in each of the Sahel countries?<sup>3</sup>
- In which regions and sectors are those stakeholders located (e.g. development cooperation, humanitarian relief, policy, civil society, research)?

### **3. Options for engagement**

- What are options/fields of engagement to address this nexus both in practice as well as on the policy level?
- Is there any region/country within the Sahel of particular relevance to address this nexus?

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<sup>1</sup> We define the Sahel as the region comprising Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and all countries impacted by or influencing the conflict and mobility dynamics in the wider region.

<sup>2</sup> E.g. gender inequalities in land tenure

<sup>3</sup> If there are no actors working on this particular nexus: Are actors mainly working on one of the three areas and just touching upon the others?

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### **Methodology and Deliverables**

The methodology will be finalized with the involvement of the expert when selected. However, the methodology should include the following stages:

- Desk review of available analyses, reports, relevant data, etc. and actors overview and analysis
- If necessary, collection of supplementary primary data through interviews with relevant actors, analysts, experts, etc.
- Development of recommendations for possible entry points for the Foundation
- Mid-term call with Robert Bosch Stiftung to update on the progress of research
- Presentation of results to the Foundation by video-conference (latest by end of January 2021)
- Potential adjustments / additions and final submission of the complete research

The expert is expected to produce the following (in English (preferred), French or German):

- Standalone executive summary (max. 1 page)
- Outline of the nexus between migration and mobility, climate change and conflict dynamics in the Sahel (suggestion to break analysis down to each of the G5 countries) and recommendations for entry points
- Actor overview including a short narrative analysis of the actors in the field
- Reference list
- Annexes: Supporting documentation / meeting records etc.

### **Time frame**

The expert will carry out the work between October 2020 and January 2021. We estimate the expert to spend up to 20 working days on the assignment. Deadline for the draft report is CoB, January 15, 2021. The contract will end with the acceptance of the final report by the Foundation.

### **Expert's qualification**

The expert(s) will possess the following minimum qualification and skills:

- In-depth knowledge of the developments in the Sahel region and familiarity with the main regional and trans-regional stakeholders, migration and mobility dynamics, particularly related to climate change
- Demonstrated knowledge and at least 10 years' experience in undertaking research
- Minimum MA degree or equivalent
- Excellent analytical and report writing skills
- Good regional network of resources and contacts

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### **Application Process**

Applicants who meet the qualifications, skills and requirements mentioned above are invited to submit an expression of interest (Eoi). Both individual applicants and organizations can submit an Eoi. The Eoi should include the following:

- A brief outline of the proposed methodology including a timetable and the estimated number of days required to carry out the tasks
- Short cover letter detailing the expert's suitability for the assignment and current contact information
- CV showing relevant research experience and regional expertise including contact information
- Financial offer (incl. fees, communication costs, etc.)
- Written sample of previous work

Please send your Eoi or any questions you may have to Mrs Katharina Kleynmans at [Katharina.Kleynmans@bosch-stiftung.de](mailto:Katharina.Kleynmans@bosch-stiftung.de). Deadline for submission of your Eoi is October 9, 2020.