

Terms of Reference

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Conflict, Climate Change and Environmental Governance in the Middle East

The Robert Bosch Stiftung is seeking (a) consultant(s) to conduct an assessment of the nexus of conflict, climate change and environmental governance, and related fields in the Middle East. Submission date for expressions of interest (Eols) is 15th April 2021.

Background

The Robert Bosch Stiftung 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, education and global issues. The latter comprises the topics "Peace", "Climate Change", "Migration" and "Inequality" as well as "Democracy" and "Immigration Society". For more information, please visit our [website](#).

The Peace strategy focuses on supporting locally-led approaches as a means to contributing to sustainable peace. In doing so, the Robert Bosch Stiftung cooperates closely with local actors who in turn identify local demands as well as potential partners and projects for future funding.

In the Middle East, we are currently working to understand in more detail the dynamics of certain conflicts in the region and map actors who are part of the peacebuilding ecosystems within those contexts.

As part of this process, we are seeking an expert to conduct an assessment of the nexus of conflict, climate change and environmental governance in the region as well as a mapping of existing activities addressing this nexus in the region.

Purpose & Scope of Report

The report will assess the key developments and trends in the region as well as outline initiatives addressing these nexus issues at the regional, national and subnational level. It will serve to inform the Robert Bosch Stiftung's potential future engagement in activities related to the nexus of conflict, climate change and environmental governance in the Middle East.

The consultant(s) / researcher(s) will support the Foundation by providing:

1. A description of the interrelations between conflict, climate change and environmental governance in the Middle East as well as developing trends in this field.
2. A mapping of initiatives addressing this nexus at the regional, national and sub-national level, with a focus on locally-led activities.

The report serves for internal purposes of the Foundation only. It will be treated confidentially and will not be quoted or shared with third parties who are not involved in the development of the Foundation's activities in the Middle East.

Assignment & Deliverables

The methodology will be finalized with input from the consultant(s) upon the agreement of cooperation. However, the methodology should include a combination of desk research using existing reports, analyses etc., and interviews with local, regional and international experts. The consultant(s) and RBSG will agree on an inception workshop, regular update calls, a possible interim presentation as well as a final presentation of the results.

The results of the study will be submitted as a comprehensive document in English or German, including

- Executive summary (max. 2 pages),
- Trend analysis of the interrelations between the nexus of conflict, climate change and environmental governance in the Middle

East, including a critical appraisal and reflection of the term and the concept of “Environmental Peacebuilding”,

- Mapping of initiatives addressing the above-mentioned nexus issues at the regional, national and sub-national level with a focus on locally-led activities,
- Lessons learned for philanthropic engagement at the nexus of conflict, climate change and environmental governance in the Middle East,
- Bibliography incl. a list of interviewees.

Timeframe

The assignment should begin no later than 10th May and end by 15th July 2021. We estimate the research and write-up to take approximately 15-20 working days. The deadline for the draft report is 21st June 2021. The contract will end with the acceptance of the final report by the Foundation.

Qualification

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

- In-depth knowledge of the developments and trends at the nexus of conflict, climate change and environmental governance in the Middle East,
- At least 5 years of relevant experience in undertaking research and conducting contextual and/or conflict analyses,
- Strong network of resources and contacts in the region as well as topical fields mentioned,
- Excellent analytical and report writing skills,
- Excellent English skills (spoken and written),
- Minimum MA degree or equivalent.

Application Process

Experts that meet the expected qualifications and skills as well as the requirements mentioned above are invited to submit an expression of interest (EoI). Individual applicants or organizations can submit an EoI which 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 suitability for the assignment and current contact information,
- CV(s) demonstrating relevant research experience and regional expertise including current 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 Ms Irene Weinz at Irene.Weinz@bosch-stiftung.de. Deadline for submission of your EoI is 15th April 2021.