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## **Call for Expression of Interest Senior Specialist consulting services Ocean Governance and Spatial Planning**

### ***Ocean Governance and Marine Spatial Planning at GRID-Arendal***

*Developing states in Africa and the Pacific have sovereign rights over vast areas of the ocean filled with fish, petroleum and minerals and other resources. These countries are beginning to question the current methods of exploiting resources. Even within states with established resource industries, the benefits derived from these sectors often do not adequately support sustainable livelihoods for their citizens. Nor is much effort made to be innovative and look for ways to increase resource value while decreasing the environmental footprint caused by its exploitation. There needs to be a new conversation about how resources are extracted, and who benefits from this extraction.*

*While there is a strong push for the rapid development of these sectors to drive economic development, there is also an emerging need for marine and coastal ecosystems that can provide long-term sustainable benefits. In fact, responsible management does not preclude, but enables social and economic prosperity, and can spark a new era in the story of resource exploitation. Developing nations in Africa and other regions can lead the world in the holistic approach to marine resources, an approach which acknowledges their “real” value.*

*To support its work on Ocean Governance and Marine Spatial Planning, GRID-Arendal is seeking a Senior Specialist with demonstrated experience in enacting awareness raising and capacity building efforts with Pacific Island Countries and SE Asian countries. The particular experience sought will build on knowledge and experience related to supporting developing countries with the delineation of the limits of the continental as described by Article 76 of UNCLOS. The Senior Specialist will support regional organisations and countries as they transition towards a more holistic cross-sectoral approach to oceans governance.*

### ***Promoting Responsible Resource Extraction***

*GRID has a strong background in the extraction industry combined with science communication, policy formulation expertise and Green Economy. We work to create spaces for capacity building and solution-oriented approaches to promote responsible resource extraction for developing and maintaining a sustainable society and environment. Unsustainable practices thrive in the social spaces dominated by poverty, inequality and weak governance, thus contributing to forestalling economic prosperity for billions of people in countries across the world.*

*To support its work on responsible resource extraction the Senior Specialist will also have a demonstrated background in the extractive sector and will provide high quality expert support to the conduct of assessments and the implementation of awareness raising and capacity building efforts.*

### **Principal Responsibilities/tasks**

The activities of interest will be primarily in the Pacific and South East Asia and include the following key areas:

1. Fundraising in particular for Pacific and South Asia region; to develop new proposals and funding applications for relevant and agreed upon efforts

2. Capacity building for marine spatial planning and maritime boundaries delimitation;
3. Capacity building and advisory services for countries completing their submission for extended continental shelf under UNCLOS;
4. Coordination and editorial support and/or lead for global, regional and/or national integrated environmental assessments
5. Capacity building support for the enabling of responsible resource extraction in developing states and SIDS

#### **Professional qualifications**

- A PhD or equivalent in environmental sciences, natural resources management, sustainable development or related field;
- At least 10 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:** 01 January 2019 – 31 December 2019, with a possibility of 1 year extension depending on funding.

**Type of consultancy:** Independent Consultancy Contract

**Deadline for applications:** 25 January 2018 – 4pm CET

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 monthly rate (which would be valid for any assignment entered into within the following the contractual period)

Consultants replying to this Expression of Interest should send applications to [hr@grida.no](mailto:hr@grida.no) and mark in the subject '**Senior Specialist**' by 4pm CET, 25 January 2018.

We thank you for your interest.