Call for Consultant

The UNESCO Together for Peace (T4P) Initiative
(Position located in Bangkok, Thailand)

Terms of Reference

Date Issued: 4 July 2019

Functional Title: Consultant T4P Initiative

Organizational Unit: Social Human Sciences (SHS) and Public Information and Outreach (PIO)

Duty Station: Bangkok, Thailand

Duration of Contract: 5 Months

Application Deadline: 20 July 2019

Background:

UNESCO Bangkok’s vision “Everyone in Asia and the Pacific enjoys and contributes to a peaceful and sustainable future” reflects this strong emphasis on putting peace and sustainable development at the centre of UNESCO’s work in all sectors. UNESCO has secured support from the Japanese Government (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) to support the launch of a regional initiative on promoting peace through education, starting in mid-2019. A regional consultation hosted by the Government of Thailand will take place in early 2020.

Established in 1961, UNESCO Bangkok Office provides policy advice, technical assistance and capacity development support to Member States and other UNESCO field offices in the region (14 offices in total including Bangkok). UNESCO’s work facilitates knowledge partnership and networking in the areas of education, natural science, social and human science, culture and communication & information. With its mission to contribute to sustainable human development and a culture of peace, underpinned by tolerance, democracy and human rights, UNESCO manages a great variety of education programmes in the Asia-Pacific region involving 46 Member States.

Education is a pathway to peace. Of particular relevance in fostering peace are activities on global citizenship education, preventing violent extremism through education, education for sustainable development, intercultural dialogue and freedom of expression, which are developed and delivered in the activities of all sectors. With growing inequality, violence, bullying and discrimination observed in many societies, UNESCO needs to strengthen its purpose and capacity in addressing the non-cognitive domain of learning (i.e. empathy, interpersonal and communication skills, openness to experiences, etc.). Many of our Member States are concerned with the issue of violence and bullying in schools as one of the major obstacles in building the learning environment conducive to the individual development of students. The goal of UNESCO’s programmes is the development of comprehensive systems of formal and non-formal education, knowledge systems and flow of information that embrace the values of human rights, respect for cultural diversity, and tolerance framed by promoting knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours that reflect and inspire these values.
UNESCO values a multidisciplinary approach in addressing the challenges related to peace and sustainability to foster in Asia-Pacific through an increased cooperation between all the five Major Programmes. As a UN Specialized Agency in education, sciences, culture and communication & information, it is the role of UNESCO to support the Member States in the region in their efforts to put in place policies and effective implementation mechanisms to achieve progress towards fulfilling the SDGs and ensuring lasting world peace. This project aims to boost these efforts through convening a dialogue on collaborative actions with a focus on Peace through SDGs 4 and 16.

The project has the following **Specific Objectives:**

- Share UNESCO and its partners’ programmes and resources that contribute to creating more peaceful and sustainable society.
- Discuss and elaborate a framework for regional flagship projects on peace through education.
- Discuss and agree on a strategy for partnership development and resource mobilization in view of implementing the T4P.
- Raise public awareness on the role of education, sciences, culture and communication & information in fostering peace.

Consultant is invited to consult the following publications as reference:

- Progress on education for sustainable development and global citizenship education: findings of the 6th Consultation on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation [https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000266176](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000266176)

**Work Assignment:**

The consultant will perform tasks under the overall authority and direct supervision of the Director of UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, the day-to-day guidance of the Regional Adviser for Social and Human Sciences and in close collaboration with the T4P coordination team. The consultant will be responsible for:

- Identifying up to 3 key critical common issues for countries and people in the Asia-Pacific region in order to promote a peaceful and sustainable future where UNESCO can make a difference for its comparative approach and multidisciplinarity (i.e. education, culture, natural sciences, social and human sciences, and communication and information). The identified issues will be the basis of discussion by the expert group to explore the possibility of elaborating learning activities around them and bring together diverse stakeholders to commit to the common goal (e.g. plastic pollution). Learning to be a peace builder through collaborating with others to tackle global issues.
These will form the basis of a discussion paper presented at the T4P Conference in 2020 and the design of UNESCO’s T4P initiative. And should:

- Include UNESCO’s niche in the identified issues.
- Place particular emphasis on the role of education.
- Identify opportunities for UNESCO to promote a multidisciplinary approach through mobilizing education, culture, science, communication & information sectors.

- Identifying opportunities for partnerships through a mapping of stakeholders with their respective roles
- Supporting the tasks of the T4P expert group, especially through provision of documentation for their meetings. The Consultant will utilize the guidance of the T4P expert group in the design of the papers.
- Assisting in the design of the T4P 2020 Conference

No travel will be required for this assignment.

**Deliverables and Timeline**

All deliverables are submitted in English and in editable format (such as MS-Word format). Specific comments should be provided in track changes or in comment boxes on the draft documents while overall comments should be provided in a separate document.

1) Outline of background paper (end of month 1)
2) Summary of research findings (end of month 2)
3) Full draft of background paper (for use at experts meeting)(end of month 3)
4) Summary of UNESCO’s work on peace building (end of month 4)
5) Revised and final background paper incorporating feedback (end of month 5)

**Estimated Duration of Contract:**

The Consultant will be completed according to the time-line for the T4P experts group which is expected to start from June 2019 and be completed in November 2020.

**Fees**

The lump sum is established on the basis of a daily or monthly rate based on UNESCO rules and regulations on Level of Assignment and Remuneration and depending on qualifications.

**Qualifications**

**Education**

- At least Master’s degree related to a social science - including education, human rights, peace, gender studies, development studies, youth development, law or culture;
Work experience

- Minimum of five years relevant work experience;
- Demonstrated experience working in the thematic area of peace building, social cohesion or similar;
- Demonstrated understanding of SDGs;
- Previous experience working with the UN/multilateral/bilateral institutions an asset;

Skills and competencies:

- Strong analytical skills;
- Proficiency in using common office ICT productivity tools;
- Ability to work independently on delegated tasks;

Language

- Excellent oral communication and report writing skills in English;
- Understanding of French would be an asset.

Application

Interested candidates shall submit to UNESCO Bangkok Office up-to-date curriculum vitae accompanied by a costed proposal on how the work would be undertaken (including the proposed fee structure in US Dollars).

*Your application should be submitted by email to s.vize@unesco.org no later than 24:00 Hours (Bangkok time) on 20 July 2019*

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.