



Call for Applications for experts/researchers on Yemen (m/f/d)

Position title: Expert / researcher: strategic challenges and opportunities for national level dialogue on environmental issues in Yemen

Position location: remote; desk-work

Position duration: approximately 10 days

Deadline for application: 27 September 2021

Application submission to: yemen@berghof-foundation.org

Description of activities:

At the request of Yemenis involved in the National Dialogue Conference (NDC), the Berghof Foundation and the Political Development Forum – Yemen (PDF-Yemen) started providing technical and process-related support to the National Dialogue in Yemen in February 2012. Following the outbreak of the current war, our support shifted to seeking a negotiated political solution to the conflict. Inclusive consultations on diverse issues with a broad range of interlocutors from across Yemen and our strong partnership with PDF-Yemen, have remained constants in our continued engagement in supporting the UN-led peace process in Yemen.

Yemen is one of the countries most affected by climate change and environmental degradation in the Middle East and North Africa. Increasing droughts, heavier but increasingly sporadic rainfall, floods, the depletion of ground water and loss of arable land have become facets of everyday life in many parts of Yemen today. Yemen faces a wide-range of environmental challenges both in its immediate and long-term future, many of which have been well-documented, if not thoroughly researched. However, despite their strategic nature, these issues are rarely discussed on the national level or considered as pressing concerns in any future scenario. This call seeks to better understand the strategic challenges and opportunities for national level dialogue on environmental issues in Yemen.

In this context, we are looking for an expert / researcher (m/f/d) with insights on **strategic challenges and opportunities for national level dialogue on environmental issues in Yemen** to author a paper that answers the following questions:

- ≡ What are the strategic environmental challenges for Yemen?
- ≡ How are these issues perceived and framed among high-level decision makers in Yemen?

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- How have environmental issues, such as maritime resource degradation, water resource degradation, and land resource degradation previously been discussed on a national level in Yemen?
- Where do national level discussions on environmental issues intersect with current discussions regarding the peace process in Yemen?
- What opportunities for discussions on strategic environmental challenges exist at the national level in the near to medium terms? And at what level do these issues need to be tackled?
- To what extent could these strategic environmental challenges be discussed as areas for potential cooperation with regional actors?

The expected length of the paper is 8,000-10,000 words.

It is expected that the consultant will take an analytical and synthesising approach. No primary research on environmental challenges or ways to address them is expected; conversations with high-level decision makers in Yemen and with actors involved in past discussions on related topics will likely be helpful.

Required qualifications:

- A university degree in political, social or environmental sciences or other relevant fields
- Fluency in Arabic and / or English, both verbally and in writing
- Strong research and writing skills
- A minimum of five years of proven experience of working on and/or researching Yemen, including a proven record of relevant publications
- Ability to render consulting services in a collegial, professional, and efficient manner

Desirable qualifications:

- Proven experience of working on environmental issues in Yemen and relevant publications related to this topic
- Close familiarity with past and current high level political discussions and the peace process in Yemen

Deliverables:

- A methodology, which includes the consultant's understanding of the assignment and the research approach
- A first draft
- A second draft after review by Berghof Foundation and PDF-Yemen
- A final draft after final comments by Berghof Foundation and PDF-Yemen

Timeframe and Budget for required service:

- The publication shall be drafted within the timeframe of 11 October to 13 December 2021

- ☰ The expert is asked to clearly outline their availability during the period October–December and share a detailed offer, i.e. a breakdown of anticipated costs including fee. When reviewing the offer, value for money will be the basis of the selection choice.

Language:

The application shall be submitted in English or Arabic.

Application Procedure:

Please submit your application via email to yemen@berghof-foundation.org and include ‘Expert /researcher (m/f/d) on Yemen – Strategic Environmental Challenges’ in the subject of your email. Please share your **CV, a list of relevant publications, a short outline of the proposed research methodology (1 page) and your detailed offer in one PDF document.**

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

We look forward to receiving your application!



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