Terms of Reference
Call for Consultant

Sharing EcoPeace’s knowledge and experience in environmental peacebuilding with other areas of conflict and water insecurity

EcoPeace

EcoPeace Middle East is a unique organization that brings together Jordanian, Palestinian, and Israeli environmentalists. Our primary objective is the promotion of cooperative efforts to protect our shared environmental heritage. In so doing, we seek to advance both sustainable regional development and the creation of necessary conditions for lasting peace in our region. EcoPeace has offices in Amman, Ramallah, and Tel-Aviv.

EcoPeace Program on Water Security (PWS)

Climate change and its disruptive impact on water resources is increasingly recognized as a catalyst for conflict in various areas around the world. In 2019 and again in 2020, the World Economic Forum identified climate-induced water stress—which leads to increased resource scarcity, drought, flooding and water pollution—as the most significant threat facing the planet over the next decade.

EcoPeace has spent decades helping communities and governments in the Middle East better cope with conflict and water insecurity, by developing a highly effective people-to-people model of environmental peacebuilding that promotes an understanding of mutual interests related to the environment and the need to create healthy interdependencies to help build trust. The Program on Water Security (PWS) connects EcoPeace’s experience in the Middle East with the needs of civil society organizations around the globe. Complementing government-to-government water diplomacy efforts, PWS seeks to advance local environmental peacebuilding initiatives by helping civil society organizations located in water-insecure regions develop their organizational capacity and advance security for their communities.

The current project aims at creating a comprehensive, practice-oriented manual that will facilitate the transfer of knowledge, methodology and tools developed in EcoPeace to civil society organizations (CSOs) working in areas affected by conflict and water insecurity. The manual is intended to complement EcoPeace’s guidance and support of CSOs that wish to establish local environmental peacebuilding initiatives around the globe. It shall be used as a source of reference for CSOs and guide them through the implementation of EcoPeace’s unique environmental peacebuilding methodology.

The manual will provide a brief background to understand EcoPeace’s rationale, goals and methods and will address briefly environmental peacebuilding theories. The manual will further present the

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PWS and offer a comprehensive model that fully integrates EcoPeace’s practical experience. The model will describe the stages of the mission to initiate and execute environmental peacebuilding programs, offer clear methods and tools that will allow the advancement of that mission and state the varying and dynamic factors that must be taken into consideration throughout this process. The final product of the project shall be a written manual that will later be distributed and referred to during future PWS engagements.

EcoPeace will employ a consultant to undertake the project to formulate the said manual. The writing process will involve both gathering of information from existing written sources and adding information and insights of the consultant through discussion with EcoPeace staff and stakeholders.

The Tasks of the Consultant:

The consultant will be asked to research, observe and document EcoPeace’s 25 years of experience on the ground and produce a working model that captures EcoPeace’s methodology of bottom up and top down environmental peacebuilding. This will entail a process of abstraction from practice to theory, and a process of simplification into a clear and easy toolkit that could be used by practitioners all around the globe. In particular, the consultant will:

- Review existing material regarding EcoPeace’s work: academic literature, articles and reports written by EcoPeace or external sources. Gather and summarize the content that is most relevant to implementing EcoPeace’s methodologies in different areas of conflict dealing with water insecurity.
- Collect additional information about EcoPeace’s practical working methods: interview EcoPeace staff and former staff to better understand the organization’s typical working processes.
- Create a coherent and practical model describing the environmental peacebuilding methodology that has been established by EcoPeace. The model should specify the different stages in the process of developing environmental peacebuilding in an area of conflict and water insecurity and address essential issues such as: stakeholders, organizational structure, bottom-up and top-down methods, funding and resource development, governmental relations and support, cooperation with other civil society organizations, timelines.
- Create visual illustrations that present and facilitate the understanding of said methodology.
- Develop brief case study insert boxes in the manual that would highlight concrete examples of the effectiveness of the work of EcoPeace in environmental peacebuilding.
- Address the variance of geopolitical conditions over different areas of conflict and suggest a collection of conditions and aspects that should be considered by a local NGO before and while applying the EcoPeace methodology in a different context.

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• Prepare a written manual that includes the rationale of the program; a brief, relevant background about EcoPeace, water security, environmental peacebuilding theory and the PWS; the comprehensive methodology model; a demonstration of the model using EcoPeace programs, simulations and practical activities to conduct with practitioners. The examples from EcoPeace’s work should be integrated in the manual as seen fit by the consultant.

• The manual should be highly **practice oriented**, it will include a tool-kit to be used by practitioners with step-by-step instructions, simulations exercises to put into practices the skills acquired, and other activities that will facilitate the comprehension and replication of the model.

• In the consultant’s offer the consultant is required to present an outline recommending chapter headings of the manual.

• Create an additional version of the manual to be used internally by EcoPeace’s staff, which would include detailed instructions to present the content and conduct the practical activities in the Middle East context.

• Based on the consultant’s background and experience, she/he will be asked to conduct training sessions to train EcoPeace’s staff on the content of the manual.

**Requirements**

• The consultant will be able to start research by March 15 and finalize the manual by June 15.

• The consultant has an academic background in the fields of environmental peacebuilding, conflict resolution, political science, international development, international relations and/or diplomacy.

• The consultant has proven experience in content writing.

• Good understanding of the regional geopolitics, history and culture shall be considered an asset.

• Professional fluency in English, both written and spoken, knowledge of Hebrew and Arabic will be extra advantage.

• High computer literacy. Graphic design skills will be an advantage.

• Previous experience in ToT and in conducting workshop is an asset.

• The consultant shall commit to full confidentiality.

Please send your CV, technical offer, including work time line, estimated number of hours and price offer per hour to Giulia Giordano at **giulia@ecopeaceme.org** by March 10, 2020.