

Terms of Reference

Regional Coordinator for Mapping ASEAN Youth Contributions to Global Biodiversity Goals with a particular focus on the Kunming- Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework



I. Background:

The Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) is committed to supporting youth engagement and participation in biodiversity initiatives. Since 2022, HSF, together with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) and the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN), has actively collaborated to establish synergy aimed at contributing to the achievement of the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) targets.

The KMGBF was adopted during COP15 in December 2022. This agreement aims to implement broad-based action to transform society's relationship with biodiversity, ensuring that by 2050, the shared vision of 'living in harmony with nature' is realized. It comprises 23 targets to be achieved by 2030 to set the world on a path to recovery and towards the 2050 vision. Among the adopted targets of the KMGBF, Target 22 mandates youth involvement and engagement at all levels of the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan development and implementation.

Young individuals globally, including those from Southeast Asia, have been passionately involved in biodiversity conservation efforts across different levels. There's a wealth of inspiring stories showcasing their active engagement in conservation work. However, it's crucial to systematically document and map these contributions to properly acknowledge, celebrate, and amplify their impact. Presently, there's a noticeable gap in formally documenting these initiatives at both national and regional levels. This lack of formal documentation presents challenges in fully understanding the collective influence of youth-led initiatives on biodiversity conservation within the region.

To bridge this divide, it's imperative to undertake comprehensive mapping efforts that encompass the breadth of youth contributions. These range from grassroots community projects to strategic regional endeavors aligned with the KM GBF targets. Such mapping not only facilitates knowledge exchange but also lays a vital groundwork for fostering collaboration, pinpointing best practices, and advocating for greater support and acknowledgment of the invaluable role that youth fulfill in safeguarding the region's biodiversity.

To address this issue, HSF looking an expert for **Regional Coordinator** for mapping youth contributions to Global Biodiverstiy Goals, with a particular focus on the KMGBF. This mapping will focus on youth participation in the ASEAN countries. The Regional Coordinator will supervise 10 ASEAN consultants - one consultant from each ASEAN member state – during the entire mapping process.

II. Expected scope of work:

The Regional Coordinator is expected to fullfill the following tasks:

- a) Conceptualization of Mapping Process;
- b) Lead the mapping process;
- c) Content Analysis and Synthesis of national data;
- d) Reporting.

To achieve this objective, the expert shall, in particular, produce the following results:

- 1) Preparation of concept proposal for mapping of ASEAN Youth Contribution to Global Biodiversity Goals, including structure of mapping process, i.e. work plan outlining tasks, and timeline;
- 2) Design questionnaires for survey, aligned with indicated Biodiversity Goals to gather insightful data;
- 3) Share draft of proposal and survey with HSF and ACB for approval;
- 4) Finalize proposal and survey based on review of ACB and HSF;
- 5) Lead the coordination of data gathering and analysis process of 10 ASEAN consultants in close collaboration with HSF and ACB;
- 6) Maintain regular communication and supervise the 10 ASEAN consultants to ensure tasks are completed effectively and on schedule;
- 7) Arrange coordination meetings, when necessary, with relevant contributors;
- 8) Review and finalization of national data analysis;
- 9) Compilation of national data in a synthesized regional draft report for review and approval of ACB and HSF;
- 10) Produce final synthesis and analysis report after feedbacks from ACB and HSF;
- 11) Develop design/layout of report, including info graphs;
- 12) Produce a 2-3 page long policy brief, as summary of the Report.

*If any other work details are required, they will be explained in the contract.

III. Contract Duration: The Engagement of the **Regional Coordinator** for Mapping the ASEAN Youth Contribution to Global Goals is scheduled for **May to August 2024**. The expert is

expected to implement the work in close liaison with Mrs. Julia Berger, Resident Representative of the HSF.

IV. Financial Remuneration: The Regional Coordinator will receive a honorarium based on a mutually agreed basis after the awarding of contract. His/her application should clearly outline how many working days are foreseen to fulfill the indicated scope of work and the expected daily honorarium fee. A time sheet indicating the hours/days of work shall be attached to the final invoice.

V. Application:

Applicants should fulfil the following criteria and demonstrate these skills, knowledge and experience in their application documents:

- Be an ASEAN citizen;
- Possess a high level of understanding and expertise of youth-led efforts for biodiversity and environment in ASEAN on a regional level;
- Possess knowledges on relevant multilateral environmental agreements and global goals, particularly the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM GBF), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as their indicators;
- Demonstrate a minimum of three years of progressively responsible experiences in the area of Youth Engagement and coordination of youth networks on a national or regional level in ASEAN.
- Previous work experiences with youth networks and communities in ASEAN countries will be a strong advantage;

Interested applicants should submit their proposal including budget in English and should include an updated CV and cover letter, explaining the reason why we should select for this position; Experiences on similar projects (if any) in the respective field of work should be clearly stated. Applications should be sent via email to Ms Purnama (purnama.yantje@hss.de) **latest by May 3rd 2024** with the subject *“Regional Coordinator Mapping of Youth Contribution”*.