

2030 Water Resources Group – Vietnam Coordinator

Job Title: 2030 Water Resources Group – Vietnam coordinator

Appointment: Consultant – 1 year (with renewable option based on business need and performance)

Location: Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City - Vietnam

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Background

The 2030 Water Resources Group (2030 WRG) is a **public-private-civil society partnership** that supports governments accelerate reforms in sustainable water resources management for long-term development and economic growth. It does so by helping change the ‘political economy’ for water reform in the country by convening stakeholders and by providing water resources analysis in ways applicable to politicians, administrators and business leaders outside the traditional water sector.

2030 WRG deploys an **Analyze-Convvene-Transform** approach with a focus on accelerating particularly demand-side solutions across agriculture, industry and urban development.

2030 WRG was formed at the World Economic Forum’s annual meeting in 2008, where representatives of the United Nations, individual governments and companies, as well non-governmental organizations resolved to address global water security and its economic and geopolitical implications. It is currently hosted by the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group.

2030 WRG works in a number of countries. In Asia, it works in India (multiple states), Bangladesh, Mongolia, and Vietnam.

2030 WRG’s Vietnam Engagement

- 2030 WRG conducted a short scoping assessment in December 2015 to understand the key stakeholders in Vietnam, the political economy of the country, and

willingness of government to engage with private sector, for the purpose of developing a new engagement in the country.

- On the basis of this initial assessment, the team met with key government officials and other stakeholders, who articulated the need for an analysis of Vietnam's water resources, particularly the water-economic growth nexus.
- Building on the 2030 WRG scoping assessment, 2030 WRG has recently commissioned a high-level overview assessment of the Vietnam water sector, with the aim of identifying water demand reduction solutions to drive economic growth (across sectors including agri, industry, urban). To guide this assessment, a Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group of 12-15 members across government, private sector, and civil society has been convened by 2030 WRG.
- The assessment covers:
 - Technical assessment of the overall water resources situation, including a high-level water demand-supply gap assessment,
 - Mapping of Stakeholders/ Institutional Arrangements, including main government, private sector, and civil society organizations working on water demand reduction and supply augmentation,
 - Assessment of ongoing/ planned programs, initiatives, partnerships, and funding models to close the water gap,
 - Key solution areas/ interventions optimizing the use of water to further economic growth, including a focus on possible financing partners and
 - [3-4] deep dives on possible low hanging solutions (e.g. water quality monitoring systems; agri-technology promotion and financing for sugarcane/ rice/ coffee; wastewater treatment in Ha Long Bay; improvements in institutional arrangements for water governance; mechanisms for enforcement of existing regulations; PPPs in irrigated areas)

(Final choice of deep-dives to be confirmed by the Advisory Group)

In parallel, 2030 WRG is looking to formalize its partnership with the Vietnam government through a **Multi-Stakeholder Steering Board**, in line with 2030 WRG global practice, which will prioritize 2-3 thematic workstreams for engagement.

In keeping with its core strength of stakeholder engagement, 2030 WRG establishes multi-stakeholder governance structures for each of its programs, comprising representatives from government, private sector, civil society, academia, international organizations, and enablers. This is a proven innovative model of engagement based on 2030 WRG global best practices towards water sector management involving multi-stakeholders.

Scope of Work

The consultant will function as an integral part of the 2030 WRG team supporting 2030 WRG's engagement in Vietnam. He/she will be responsible for coordinating the overall 2030 WRG engagement in the country, under the leadership of the 2030 WRG Asia Lead and Asia Coordinator as well as the Vietnam Strategic Advisor on government interface.

His/her responsibilities will include the following:

- Assume a lead role in organizing multi-stakeholder meetings and workshops including logistics arrangement and content management.
- Cultivate and maintain key (high-level) relevant networks of stakeholders from the private, government and civil society sectors.
- Assist the 2030WRG Asia Lead, Asia Coordinator, and Vietnam Strategic Advisor in the establishment of the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Board in the country through partnerships development.
- Assist in scoping, identifying, and developing new areas of interventions for 2030 WRG within Vietnam, including partner mobilization and project/program conceptualization and development.
- Coordinate 2030 WRG's potential workstream engagements in Vietnam across agri-water, urban/ industrial water and wastewater, governance etc.
- Develop communications material to report and publicize 2030 WRG work including content for 2030 WRG annual and semi-annual reports, website, newsletters etc.,
- Other tasks as needed.

Education Requirement

Master's degree, or equivalent, in a relevant area such as business, economics, water resources, agriculture or civil engineering from a reputed national or international academic institution.

Relevant Experience/ Selection Criteria

- Professional experience with private sector (or within the public affairs division of a private sector company)
- At least two years international experience/ exposure (professional/ academic)
- Experience in the water sector preferred, alternatively demonstrated evidence of motivation to work in the water sector;
- Ability to develop strong professional relationships with senior government, private sector and civil society representatives;
- Strong leadership and interpersonal skills;
- Excellent oral and written communication and presentational skills in English and Vietnamese;
- Ability to work under tight schedules and deliver timely and high quality outputs.

Reporting

The Consultant will report to the Head, Asia and Middle East of 2030 Water Resources Group and work closely with Vietnam Strategic Advisor, particularly on government interactions.

Location

The position is Hanoi-based (Ho Chi Minh City may be considered as an alternative).

Interested candidates should send application (CV and one-page cover letter) to Ms. Rochi Khemka (Rkhemka@ifc.org). The closing date is 17 February 2017. Only applicants selected for interview will be contacted.