



Consultancy Ref No: 260/IPLCs/26-27

RFP FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES WWF-PAKISTAN

Gap Analysis of Pakistan's Access & Benefit sharing bill and drafting of proposed amendments for provincial consensus

Application Submission:

Application Submission: Interested consultants should submit the Proposal on the Application Form Available Online or can access through the following Link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/sxNStCNxPM>

CONTENT

1) Introduction & Background	2
2) General Conditions	2
3) Purpose of Consultancy	2
4) Deliverables.....	3
5) Project/Assignment Timelines	3
6) Requirements	3
7) Correspondence and Submission of Proposal	4
8) Format of Proposal.....	4
9) Financial Proposal.....	4
10) Evaluation Process	5
11) Documentation and Confidentiality	5

1) INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Contract type:	Consultancy and Services
Duration of assignment:	1 st July 2026 to 31 st August 2026
Type:	Individual / Firm

Background of Project & Assignment:

- i. WWF-Pakistan has been awarded a project preparation grant (PPG) by the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF) housed under the GEF for its concept note titled "Accessing the Benefits of Biodiversity for Pakistan's IPLCs: Working Towards the National Legislation and Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol".
- ii. Currently being implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination (MOCC&EC), the project will in essence seek lay the foundation for the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol through the development and refinement of an Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) legal and institutional framework.
- iii. More importantly, however, this project shall ensure that the benefits – both monetary and non-monetary - derived from the utilization of genetic resources (GR) and Traditional Knowledge (TK) by "users", i.e. the private sector, are shared fairly with the "providers" of such genetic resources, i.e. Pakistan's Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs).
- iv. While a draft ABS Bill exists, the complexities of Pakistan's devolved governance structure (post-18th Amendment) require a thorough legal review and extensive provincial consultation to ensure the bill is both internationally compliant and nationally accepted.
- v. Particular attention will be required to assess the constitutional and administrative implications of the 18th Amendment for example concerning federal-provincial mandates over biodiversity, natural resources, research permissions, intellectual property, and benefit-sharing arrangements.
- vi. As part of the PPG stage, WWF-Pakistan is required to conduct a non-exhaustive review of the existing ABS Bill, review current ABS laws and legal regimes in other jurisdictions to identify gaps and propose amendments to ensure provincial consensus and is looking to onboard a consultant to assist in the same.

2) GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to reject or accept any proposal. The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to proceed with the implementation of any Service, in whole or in part, as described in the Proposal.
- 2) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to engage in discussions with any BIDDER to clarify responses or discuss certain issues with regards to the proposal or services requested. The WWF-PAKISTAN has no obligation to notify the other BIDDERS of the discussions, clarifications, or other information provided by a BIDDER. Any additional information required for preparation of the BID shall be distributed to all participants at the same time.
- 3) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to award the proposal based on experience, qualification, completion date, service cost and other criteria, and not necessarily the lowest cost.
- 4) Based on the RFP BID the WWF-PAKISTAN is entitled to change/replace or omit any clause/part of the preliminary defined scope of services of the proposal. The WWF-PAKISTAN shall conduct negotiations with WWF to achieve the full compliance to the requirements.
- 5) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right in the event the successful CONSULTANT fails to comply with the terms and conditions as listed, to cancel this contract and award it to another CONSULTANT without penalty or action against the WWF-PAKISTAN. The RFP does not constitute an agreement or order.

6) The RFP is not a binding agreement between the parties, submission of a proposal or response by a proponent is voluntary.

7) By submitting a bid, the BIDDER is deemed to have acknowledged all of the undertakings, specifications, terms and conditions, **WWF Fraud and Corruption Prevention and Investigation Policy and WWF's Environment Social & Safeguard for consultant agreement** and to be bound by them if the BID is accepted. All expenses incurred by the Bidder in connection with the preparation of its proposal are to be borne by the RFP participant, and the WWF-PAKISTAN shall not incur any obligation whatsoever toward the Bidder regardless of whether such bid is accepted or rejected.

3) PURPOSE

a. **Objective of the Consultancy:**

The objective of this consultancy is to conduct legal and institutional gap analysis of the draft ABS Bill, review laws which have elements of benefit sharing clauses (IPO for example), facilitate targeted consultations, to develop proposed amendments aimed at achieving national and sub-national consensus for its notification and implementation.

b. **Specific Tasks:**

- i. **Legal & Comparative Review:** Conduct a review of the current draft ABS Bill against the requirements of the Nagoya Protocol and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) and any other laws in Pakistan that may have element of benefit sharing.
- ii. **Comparative Legal Review of International ABS Frameworks:** Perform a targeted review of ABS legislation in at least three other jurisdictions to identify best practices for monitoring, compliance, and benefit-sharing mechanisms
- iii. **Organize virtual or bilateral with key Provincial stakeholders:** Organize bilaterals with key provincial stakeholders (Forest, Wildlife, and Environment Departments, IPO) across all four provinces and two administrative territories, to gather feedback and address jurisdictional concerns.
- iv. **Provincial and sub-national consultations:** Please note that WWF-Pakistan and MOCC&EC will organise provincial and sub-national consultations. The consultant will be expected to prepare and deliver technical/legal briefing sessions on the draft ABS Bill and proposed amendments during consultations
- v. **Legislative Refinement:** Propose specific legal amendments to the ABS Bill that incorporate stakeholder feedback while ensuring constitutional alignment.

4) Deliverables

1. One (1) Report which shall consist of the details on the process, gap analysis of existing bill, details of provincial consultations, the comparative analysis of other laws and international best practices, and a revised ABS bill with proposed amendments along with institutional framework. Include a recommendations section for future take-up and identification of key unresolved constitutional, institutional, or operational issues requiring further engagement.

5) REQUIREMENTS

- a. Must have a Bachelors degree in law, or any other related field - an LL.M or Juris Doctor (JD) degree is also acceptable;
- b. At least 8 years of experience in the legal field, and good understanding of environmental laws within Pakistan;
- c. Proven expertise in international biodiversity protocols (Nagoya Protocol/CBD) is preferred but not required;
- d. Demonstrated experience in managing federal-provincial legal consultations and constitutional matters related to natural resource management;
- e. Previous experience with GEF or UN-funded projects is preferred

6) CORRESPONDENCE & SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

1. Application Submission: Interested consultants should submit the Proposal on the

Application Form Available Online or can access through the following Link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/sxNStCNxPM>

2. If Any **Queries** may send through Email by attention to the Following:

To: Faiza khan (fakhan@wwf.org.pk)

Cc: Assadullah (assadullah@wwf.org.pk)

The RFP submission deadline mentioned on WWF-Website.

3. Any information and responses to enquiries will be made in writing and distributed by email to all proponents. Enquiries after the foregoing deadline will not receive a response.

7) FORMAT OF THE PROPOSAL

The BID submitted by the participant must be structured as per the below provided instructions:

- 1) **Application Form available at WWF-Website** - General information about the Bidder, covering qualification and experience, CV and all related Information.
- 2) **Experience:**
 - a) **Description of the complete projects:** the list and general information about the complete projects, description of the role in the project, other accomplishments of the Consultant.
- 3) **Proposal outlining scope consultancy service-** Description of scope and working process, stages, deliverables, exclusions, conditions;
- 4) **Provide template of already complete similar type of reports-** the WWF-PAKISTAN may request additionally;
- 5) **Service Provision Timeline** – Provide Detailed Work Plan as per Deliverable and TORs.
- 6) **Financial Proposal-** the prices shall be provided in Pak Rs, the total price shall include all costs related to service provision including applicable taxes.

Note:

Templates of all Information is provided on Application form available at WWF-Website. Any Additional Information related to the RFP can be attached along with application Form.

8) FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The proposed prices shall be provided in PKR, the total price shall include all costs related to service provision including all Direct and Indirect taxes, Travel, Boarding & Lodging shall be based on actual receipt up to max Ceiling (If Any).

The consultant will submit the cost of the assignment in a lump sum, including all applicable taxes according to the Government of Pakistan and the Government of KP

The Payment Term: shall be defined by the contract to be concluded between WWF -Pakistan and the consultant

Financial Proposal				
Description	Units	Quantity	Rate	Total Amount
1. Remuneration: • Field • Office	Man Days [MD] / Man Months [MM]			
2. Air Travel	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
3. Road Travel	Road travel costs for consultants will be reimbursed on actual basis.			
4. Boarding/Lodging	Boarding and lodging costs for consultants will be paid on actual basis.			
5. Others (Please specify) Training Material, Printing, Photocopies, Colour printing, practical demonstration equipments e.g candling	Please separate remuneration and out-of-pocket expenses.			
Grand Total Inclusive of All direct or indirect Taxes and Out of Pocket Expenses				

9) EVALUATION PROCESS

Applicant's proposal shall be evaluated based on Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method. Under QCBS both technical and financial proposals shall be evaluated as per following criteria against a maximum score of 100 points.

A) Technical Proposal (70%)

- Detailed workplan
- Expression of interest (EOI)
- Company's Profile
- Detailed methodology

B) Financial Proposal (30%)

- Detailed financial proposal which should be inclusive of all applicable taxes and out of pocket expenses. The financial proposal should follow a breakdown structure i.e., specifying cost(s) to each head and subhead
- Company's registration certificate
- NTN detail(s)
- Any legal or technical certification required for the task
- Audited Accounts Report (if available) of last FY

Note: Late/ incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Only three (03) top-ranked firms will be included in the comparative process

Legends:	Maximum Points
Qualifications/CVs of team is mandatory	30
Experience relevant to the assignment	30
Adequacy of the proposed methodology and work plan	20
Skills & Competencies for the assignment	10

10) DOCUMENTATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY

All documents completed based on requirements of the present RFP shall be the property of the WWF-Pakistan, and shall not without the consent of the WWF-Pakistan be used, reproduced or made available to third parties beyond what is necessary in respect of the fulfilment of the Project. All documents issued and information given to the BIDDER shall be treated as confidential.

11) BUDGET

Total Budget for this activity inclusive of all taxes and Out of Pocket expenses are **USD 5500/-**