

Research Consultancy – South Asia: Seven Country Level Reports on human rights, fundamental freedoms and civic space

Website Call

FORUM-ASIA is looking for an experienced Research Consultant to update, distil, synthesise and prepare country level briefing reports about the situation of human rights, fundamental freedoms and civic space in seven South Asian countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives).

The ideal candidate should have relevant skills in research, analysis, and report writing design, and professional experience in evaluating or assessing human rights conditions or policy and programme work focused on human rights, the rights to freedom of assembly, association and expression, and civic space in South Asian countries. The selected candidate will be working closely with FORUM-ASIA's South Asia Programme.

Purpose:

The purpose of the South Asia Research Consultancy is to update, distil, synthesise and prepare country level briefing reports about human rights, fundamental freedoms and civic space in South Asia based on key events and incidents.

The briefing reports shall be used for advocacy and campaigning work by FORUM-ASIA and shall be disseminated among its network of members for similar purposes. The briefing reports shall also inform FORUM-ASIA's social media campaigns on the situation of human rights – mainly fundamental freedoms and civic space – in South Asian countries.

The consultant will work under the direct supervision of the South Asia Programme.

Description of tasks

The consultant is to undertake the following tasks:

- Conduct desk research, and update existing and ongoing issues through reviewing programme documents collected by South Asia Programme on the human rights situation in South Asian countries, namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives.
- Distil, synthesise and present the information in the form of country level briefing reports on the situation of human rights, freedoms of assembly, association and expression, civic space.

Deliverables

- An overview of human rights situation in South Asia
- Seven country level briefing reports consisting of:
 - A brief overview of situation of human rights in the country (national situational analysis)

- An overview of the right to freedom of assembly
- An overview of the right to freedom of association
- An overview of the right to freedom of speech
- An overview of civic space
- Recommendations

Consultant Qualifications

- Bachelors degree in the social sciences (human rights, law, international relations, development studies) or related fields relevant for the assignment. Advanced degree is desirable.
- At least 3 years of professional experience in research, analysis and evaluating or assessing human rights conditions or policy and programme work focused on human rights, the rights to freedom of assembly, association and expression, and civic space in South Asian countries
- Institutional knowledge of human rights mechanisms especially in South Asia
- Familiarity with South Asia's current human rights development priorities and challenges

Duration

The consultancy will be for one month. The assignment will tentatively start 1 November 2021 and end on 30 November 2021.

Budget

The budget for the assignment includes a fee of USD 2,000