

TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESEARCHER for the Project "Building capacity of community people and local authorities for mitigating the socio-economic impacts of the climate change on people's lives"

1. Introduction of Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung

The Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS; www.rosalux.de) originated from the registered association "Social Analysis and Political Education" founded in Berlin in 1990. In 1996, it was recognised by the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS) as its close political education institution. The Party of Democratic Socialism transformed itself into "PDS/Linkspartei", later renamed itself into "Linkspartei" (Left Party) which is one of two parties in Germany that formed the new party "Die LINKE" ("The Left") in 2007. RLS has become a provider of civic education and a centre for progressive social research in both Germany and throughout the world. As one of six party-affiliated political foundations in Germany it supports partners in developing countries striving for social justice, strengthened public participation and economic development. In February 2009, the People's Aid Coordinating Committee (PACCOM) granted the licence for the representative office for Vietnam in Hanoi.

In Vietnam, RLS (<http://rls-sea.de/>) embraces the mission of assisting Vietnam's transition to a market economy with socialist orientation embedded.

At the moment, we are looking for an expert/consultant to implement a research regarding the impacts of climate change on socio-economic lives of people in Mekong Delta area. This research is a part of the project "Building capacity of community people and local authorities for mitigating the socio-economic impacts of the climate change on people's lives".

2. Position concept

It is believed that Vietnam is one of the five countries in the World being the most affected by climate change (Dasgupta et al, 2007). Mekong Delta area of Vietnam, together with Ganges - Brahmaputra in Bangladesh and Nile in Egypt, are the three deltas which are most likely to face the extremely high risk from global climate change (IPCC, 2007). The possible hazards in Mekong Delta area include droughts and floods which will increase with the intense rainfall and prolonged droughts (Peter and Greet, 2008).

As noted by the government's strategic viewpoints, measures to cope with climate change must be systematical, integrated, interdisciplinary, interregional, and suitable to specific stages and international stipulations; they must be based on scientific foundations, traditional experience and indigenous knowledge; they must take into account socio-economic effects as well as risky and indefinite factors of climate change (Vietnam Government Portal, 2014). Following these directions, with the purpose of scientifically understanding the socio-economic impacts of climate change on communities in Mekong Delta Area as well as the responses of local people and authorities to this problem, RLS

Vietnam is funding a project entitled "Building capacity of community people and local authorities for mitigating the socio-economic impacts of the climate change on people' lives toward sustainable development. As one of the four major economic areas, which are the most affected of climate change, An Giang Province will be chosen for the project

The expert/consultant is responsible for designing(including an activities plan and a budget of maximum 10,000 EUR) and implementing a research focusing on the impacts of climate change on socio-economic lives of people in Meknong Delta area. The research is one part of the above mentioned project.

We would like to invite interested candidates to submit their application in English including the most updated CV and the research proposal to Mr. Dinh Hoang Hai – Project Manager at the email address dinh.hoanghai@rosalux.vn latest by 5th June 2015.

Further information can be obtained at RLS website at <http://rls-sea.de/>

Inquiries are only accepted before the application deadline. Please refrain from phone inquiries. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.