

Developing the Green and Circular Economy in the Philippines

Terms of Reference

**Mission to mobilise expertise for the development of the Philippines
Green Economy Programme**

I. CONTEXT

The purpose of the Green Economy Programme is to support the Philippines' transition towards a green economy, including circular economy, reducing waste and plastic, as well as to increase energy efficiency and renewable energy deployment to support climate change mitigation. The transition to circular economy will have other added benefits such as the reduction of use of energy and greenhouse gas emissions, improvement of biodiversity and natural capital, a decrease in pollution levels, as well as climate change adaptation among others. The action tackles three main levels:

- (i) establishing a Policy Dialogue Platform at central government level to mobilise EU expertise to facilitate policy formulation, improve city to city collaboration through supporting the development of a National Circular Economy Strategy and Roadmap, extend dialogue to promote renewable energy/energy efficiency and to apply the dialogue's outcomes (linked to Specific Objective 1 of the action);
- (ii) working with Local government units (LGUs) where the EU expertise will support to define and implement circular economy, climate change and energy policies with a human rights and gender - responsive perspective, outreach and support of local business and civil society, and support less advanced LGUs (linked to Specific Objective 2 of the action);
- (iii) enhancing engagement of the private and financial sectors into the circular waste economy creating better conditions for private sector investment by supporting business driven waste reduction strategies and circular solutions in the production process (linked to Specific Objective 3 of the action).

Expertise France, as the agency responsible for co-implementing Specific Objective 3 of the action, seeks a local expert to assist with the planning and development phase of the Philippines Green Economy Programme, which will require "in situ" coordination with a variety of project stakeholders:

- The EU Delegation of Manila
- The local implantations of the agencies co-implementing the project (the GIZ, the IFC, and the UNDP)
- The project beneficiaries, including but not limited to: Philippines government agencies (national and municipal levels); private sector actors such as start-ups and small businesses, investors and other financing institutions, business associations, and entrepreneurial support organisations

The present Terms of Reference have been drafted to allow for the recruitment of a local expert to represent Expertise France in coordination meetings and to assist with the elaboration of the Description of Action, technical offer, and other key project documents.

II. OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE ENGAGEMENT

Objectives

The objective of this mission is for a local expert to accompany represent Expertise France "in situ" in the Philippines throughout the preparatory phase of the Green Economy Programme and to assist with the preparation of key project documents. More specifically, the consulting mission aims to:

- Participate in working sessions with the EU Delegation of Manila and the implementing agencies of the Philippines Green Economy Programme on an "ad hoc" basis;
- Assist to organise meetings with stakeholders, using his or her local network;

- Provide a perspective on the feasibility and pertinence of interventions proposed throughout the development of key project documents, including but not limited to:
 - o Mission plans
 - o Theory of change
 - o Description of Action
 - o Technical offer
 - o Budget
- Host working groups with project stakeholders as requested

III. METHOD AND SERVICES TO BE RENDERED

Approach

The expert should work closely with the Project Manager at the Expertise France headquarters in Paris. While the majority of the on-site work will be in Manila, the expert may be requested to travel to other regions of the Philippines.

Description of the Services

- Co-identification of key actors to meet within the context of the circular plastics economy in the Philippines
- Lead “discovery meetings” with local actors: present the Philippines Green Economy Programme, understand the needs of stakeholders, identify the key issues at stake to unlock the circular economy in the Philippines
- Elaboration of meeting minute reports and regular meetings with the Expertise France Project Manager
- Provide lens on feasibility of various interventions proposed
- Participation in working groups with co-implementing agencies and review of key project documents as requested

IV. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

The following deliverables are expected at the end of the engagement:

- Minutes from all meetings attended
- Feedback on key project documents as requested (can be in the form of notes or visio discussions with the Expertise France Project Manager)

V. METHODS

Organisation

Expertise France will provide the preliminary elements of the project work, including the conceptual note of the project, formats of EF reports, and key contacts for the Philippines Green Economy Programme. EF will also regularly monitor the execution of the work.

Date and location

The engagement will take place throughout the development phase of the Green Economy Programme, a priori from February 2023 to April 2023. The work will be based mainly in Manila with the potential for travel to other regions (travel will be covered by EF).

16 – 25 working days are envisioned for this engagement; a work plan will be developed between the consultant and project manager.

VI. REQUIRED EXPERTISE

Professional Qualification and Experience

Individuals with the following qualifications and experiences are invited to apply:

- Good knowledge of key actors and issues within the context of the green and circular economy in the Philippines, with an extensive network of contacts within the following sectors:
 - o Public sector: National government ministries (such as the DOST, DTI, NEDA, etc.); Local Government Units both inside and outside Manila
 - o Private sector:
 - Start-ups and small businesses (especially engaged in the circular economy)
 - Investors, microfinance institution, banks, impact funds, etc.
 - Business associations, and entrepreneurial support organisations (incubators, accelerators, research centres, universities)
- Experience with international cooperation projects (especially the development phase)
- Knowledge of any of the following technical themes would be considered a strong advantage: plastics circular economy, EPR law, waste management, impact investing, entrepreneurial ecosystems
- Writing and speaking skills in English

VII. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The individual should provide the following documents via email in order to be considered for the engagement:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Cover Letter
- A financial offer

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