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**JOB DESCRIPTION**

# Consultant - Land History

## About Us

The Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) is a national education institution committed to the equitable, sustainable and efficient transformation of Indian settlements.

IIHS aims to establish an independently funded and managed national university for research and innovation focused on the challenges and opportunities of India's urban transition. The proposed IIHS University will host an integrated programme of quality campus-based education and research, training and lifelong learning for working professionals, distance and blended learning, as well as a whole array of practice and advisory services. The university will have a strong interdisciplinary orientation bringing together theory and praxis that is grounded in the South Asian context and also engages with and draws from knowledge across the globe.

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## Job Description

The Consultant – Land History will be a part of an IIHS Project Team working on land records management and associated e-governance support initiatives. S/he will work on the political economy aspects around land governance and administration from a historical perspective including institutional policy questions on the specifics of land ownership, use of land, land reforms, access to land across gender and caste, titling, informality, commons, property rights, varied tenure systems, the policy framework and other related legal-policy issues. This will involve carrying out a detailed evidence based historical analysis of the social, political, legal, and institutional aspects of land administration in India, as well as publishing research papers related to these.

The position is based in our Delhi office and involves significant travel and field-work in select locations.

IIHS is recruiting one candidate for the position of Consultant- Land History.

## Activities and Tasks

The Consultant – Land History will be required to:

- Be a part of the team working on land governance and management initiatives and analyse ongoing initiatives in select sites, various states and at the national levels in context of the historical background of land administration;
- Carry out studies on the history of social and political-economy aspects in governance and management of land including in urban, peri-urban and rural areas, in the context of land revenue, economic linkages, de facto and de jure processes, land markets, land information management system, and the overall governance of land;
- Translate the learnings from research and practice experiences into knowledge through publication of journal articles, working papers, case studies etc.;
- Provide support in content development and assist in course delivery for training and capacity building initiatives related to land management, by using sectoral expertise along with various pedagogical approaches;

- Provide support in reviewing and developing improved systems of land governance and management, including an assessment framework, efficient systems of documentation and information, equitable development of land infrastructure, and outcomes for different stakeholder groups;
- Engage with government officials and other relevant stakeholders in study states and locations on the above aspects;
- Assist in documentation and preparation of reports and outputs based on analyses of historical and political-economy aspects of land law administration as needed;
- Assist in project implementation tasks, including helping set up and manage site offices/teams; carrying out and managing field-work; delivering high-quality value-for-money outputs; managing clients; ensuring cost-effectiveness of assignments; and assisting in reviewing and evaluating project performance;
- Participate in other activities of IIHS, including academics and teaching as required in relevant IIHS programmes/ courses, research and other operations.

### **Structure and Reporting**

The Consultant – Land History will report to the Head, Legal and Regulation at IIHS who is the Team Leader of the project.

### **Person Specification**

We are looking for a bright and enthusiastic history and political economy specialist with a minimum of five-six years of work experience. The candidate should have at least a Master's in relevant social science disciplines and prior experience of working around land governance and urban governance in India. Candidates with Ph.Ds. are also encouraged to apply. The candidate shall have good analytical skills and a proficiency in using MS Office applications. The position requires excellent spoken and written English. In addition, spoken and reading skills in Hindi are desirable. The ability to write reports and project management skills will be important. S/he will be enthusiastic, willing to take on tough challenges, enjoy travel, have good inter-personal communication skills, and be comfortable with working in highly inter-disciplinary teams.

This offer is on an exclusive basis, which implies that other professional assignments (whether compensated or not) that bear a potential conflict of interest with IIHS cannot be undertaken.

The search will remain open until the position is filled.

### **Location**

The position is based in Delhi, with frequent travelling to select locations.

### **Review and Assessment**

The role and performance of the incumbent shall be subject to normal review and assessment systems at IIHS.

**Diversity Policy**

IIHS is an equal opportunity employer that encourages women, people with disabilities and those from economically and socially excluded communities with the requisite skills and qualifications to apply for positions.

**Contact**

Please email an updated resume, along with a cover letter addressing how you meet the above requirements, to [hr@ihs.co.in](mailto:hr@ihs.co.in) (*Subject: Consultant- Land History*).



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