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**JOB DESCRIPTION**

# Consultant – Environmental Governance

## 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 of eminence for research and innovation focused on the challenges and opportunities of India's urban transition. The proposed IIHS University will be an institution of eminence that 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

IIHS seeks applications for a Consultant to join the proposed School of Environment and Sustainability to help build out our research on questions of environmental governance. We are looking for candidates whose work aligns with different approaches to understanding environmental governance challenges in the Global South, particularly around questions of governance of natural resources and environmental infrastructure, focusing also on the intersections of environmental governance with a range of other aspects of urban and regional governance including but not limited to spatial planning, infrastructure, law, public policy, economic development, and challenges around transboundary environmental governance questions. Current research has focused on environmental governance institutional frameworks and mechanisms at the sub-national scale, specifically looking at the Indian context. We are especially interested in continuing to develop this work at the sub-national scale, as well as the connections between local and regional governance approaches and national and global policy.

Through this work, we intend to examine not only the environmental governance challenges, but also examine the politics of the process, studying the different state and non-state stakeholders, such as private sector consultants, international development agencies, real estate developers, and citizens groups. We are interested specifically in focusing on global-national-regional-local governance continuities and discontinuities as an important aspect of this research.

The core task of the person in the first two years will be to expand on existing research on environmental governance at the urban and regional scale, focusing particularly on Asia and Africa, looking specifically at institutional frameworks, capacity, and financing of environmental governance interventions. This will also include identifying and writing grant applications. This shall be in addition to teaching and training in IIHS' full-time and short-term teaching and urban practitioner's (capacity building) programmes.

The position seeks a person committed to being part of building a research and practice cluster at IIHS, actively mentoring a young team, and defining strategic priorities for the institution.

### **Activities and Tasks**

Responsibilities would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Conducting primary research on environmental governance at the urban/regional scale focusing specifically on natural resource and infrastructure governance in the context of Indian urban regions, to be expanded to other Asian/African cities;
- Collating existing secondary data through plans, reports, financial documents, and other relevant sources in the Indian context across national, state, and city scales;
- Identifying and writing grant applications to support this research;
- Providing writing assistance on reports, academic papers and other outputs as part of this research;
- Involvement with other related research and practice projects with the proposed School of Environment and Sustainability, and the Academics and Research team at IIHS;
- Providing support to other IIHS activities including academics, research, practice, operations and other activities;
- Participating in all activities of Institution-building at IIHS; carrying out tasks as assigned by IIHS; and travel on IIHS work within or outside the country as needed.

### **Structure and Reporting**

The Consultant – Environmental Governance will report to the Senior Consultant – Academics & Research at IIHS and will be required to collaborate effectively with a diverse group of internal teams and external individuals/organizations, and students.

### **Person Specification**

Applicants should have:

- A PhD in a relevant field (including but not limited to environmental science, natural resource management, urban planning, law, urban politics, urban sociology, development studies, public policy studies, urban studies). Exceptional candidates with a relevant Master's degree may also be considered;
- A minimum of 2 years of work experience post PhD (or 8 years of work experience with a relevant Master's degree) on environmental governance and planning, especially around questions of natural resource and infrastructure governance. Applicants with research and/or academic experience in urban environmental governance are especially encouraged to apply;
- Experience with leading or being part of field research projects in Indian cities;
- Spoken and written proficiency in English and at least one other modern Indian language is required and, among these, Kannada, Tamil, or Hindi are preferred;
- Applicants must have a strong publication record.

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**

This position is based in Bengaluru and may entail travel to other locations in India.

**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.

**To apply**

If you are interested to explore this opportunity with us, please fill the online application form by clicking [here](#). (You can also click on the “Apply Now” button at the end of the Job Description displayed on the website).

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Please write to us at [hr@iihs.co.in](mailto:hr@iihs.co.in) if you need any clarifications while filling the online application form.



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