

TERMS OF REFERENCE
RESEARCH CONSULTANT

Project:	Scoping for a Climate Compatible Growth Network in Viet Nam
Assignment:	Scope the institutional and policy frameworks for climate compatible growth in Viet Nam, and produce a stakeholder map of key researchers, influencers, and decision makers in the country.
Location:	Viet Nam
Period of contract:	15 working days to be completed by 28th of March 2022
Type of contract:	Consultancy
Open to:	Research/policy experts
Deadline for submitting applications:	14th of February 2022
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1. Background

[The Centre for Global Equality](#) (CGE) is an organisation based in Cambridge, UK, that evolves innovative approaches to solving global challenges relating to food, water, energy, health, work, and the environment. Key to CGE's inclusive innovation approach is the building of productive interdisciplinary, inter-sectoral and international collaborations.

CGE is leading the National Partnerships workstream in the [Climate Compatible Growth](#) (CCG) programme funded by the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The CCG National Partnerships team is responsible for establishing strong engagement and well-supported collaborations between key stakeholders in partner countries and UK researchers.

Overall, the CCG programme supports investment in sustainable energy and transport systems to meet development priorities in the programme's partner countries. The programme brings researchers from the UK's top Universities together with leading researchers, planners and government officials in partner countries, and stakeholders from national, international, and multilateral organisations, including development banks, to identify appropriate low-carbon development pathways. CCG also contributes to building the research capacity and public goods needed to pursue these pathways in partner countries.

Being demand-led, CCG expands capacity within strategic sectors to meet the specific development priorities of each partner country. Since its establishment in early 2021, CCG has developed country networks in Kenya and Laos PDR, where it is supporting national planning and policy developments within the energy, transport, and other planning-related sectors. CCG is now establishing a network in Viet Nam, the initiation of which will be based on the scoping and mapping undertaken through this consultancy.

2. Purpose of the consultancy

The purpose of this consultancy assignment is to scope the institutional and policy frameworks currently being pursued for low carbon development and NDC fulfilment in Viet Nam, and to map the key stakeholders, influencers, and decision makers (both individuals and organisations). This scoping activity will also highlight areas of opportunity and knowledge gaps where capacity building may enhance progress towards climate compatible growth in Viet Nam. The focus should be on energy and transport, but other relevant sectors may also be considered if these are priority areas for the Vietnamese government.

3. Main tasks & activities

The consultant will undertake the following tasks:

1. A desktop review of relevant legislation, policies, and projects currently being employed by the Vietnamese Government at the national level to guide low carbon development in Viet Nam.
2. A desktop review of the current initiatives run by domestic and international non-government organisations to promote low carbon development in Viet Nam.
3. Consult relevant stakeholders to verify and elaborate findings from (1) and (2) above.
4. Outline at least five broad policy areas that are of high priority and are in alignment with the Vietnamese government's low-carbon growth ambitions. Within this outline, highlight potential opportunities and current barriers to achieving ambitions.
5. Create a stakeholder map that identifies the key actors and institutions relevant to enhancing climate compatible growth in Viet Nam. The key individuals and groups from government, business, civil society, and academia should be included.

4. Scope

CCG's overarching goal is to develop a nation-wide network to support climate compatible growth decisions for Viet Nam at the national level. Ideally, the consultant should identify policy areas that will have far reaching impact across Viet Nam and identify potential opportunities to address gaps that currently exist.

5. Expected deliverables

1. A report outlining the priority policy areas in Viet Nam with relevant supporting evidence and references.
2. A stakeholder map of the key actors and institutions relevant to enhancing climate compatible growth in Viet Nam from government, business, civil society, and academia.

6. Reporting relationship

The consultant will work directly with the CGE team (CCG's National Partnerships lead organisation). CGE will award the funding for the assignment, provide overall guidance, and will receive the final deliverables.

7. Contractual arrangements

One consultant will be engaged for this assignment. A contract will be signed between CGE and the individual consultant. Prior to signing this contract, the successful candidate will be required to carry out due diligence.

8. Duration of the assignment

The assignment covers 15 payable working days. Contractual/professional fees will be made upon acceptance of the deliverables by the 28th of March 2022.

9. Work arrangements

The consultant is expected to be able to carry out the assignment from their own office and must use their own equipment and resources to deliver the tasks set out.

10. Required qualification and experience:

The preferred candidate will hold a PhD, or a master's degree plus five (5) years relevant work experience, in political sciences, social sciences, engineering, climate policy or a related field.

- A strong background in energy and transport sectors in Viet Nam.
- Currently based in Viet Nam.
- A strong understanding of Vietnamese civil service policy, laws, systems, and structures.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English.

The candidate must be available to complete the assignment by the 28th of March 2022.

Application Process:

Applicants should submit a bid consisting of:

- a CV
- a covering letter outlining how their knowledge and experience meets the requirements for this assignment
- a quotation for 15 days work

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