

# REQUEST FOR TENDER

<b>Tender:</b>	<b>Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change (DRRCC) Panel of Advisors</b>
<b>Reports to:</b>	DRRCC Lead, Partnerships for Infrastructure (P4I)
<b>Location:</b>	Remote
<b>Duration:</b>	To be engaged until 30 June 2024
<b>Closing Date:</b>	12 June 2023

## About P4I

**Partnerships for Infrastructure (P4I)** is an Australian Government initiative partnering with Southeast Asia to drive sustainable, inclusive, and resilient growth through quality infrastructure. P4I partners with Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

P4I works with partners to strengthen infrastructure decision-making and practice across the transport, energy, utilities and telecommunications sectors. P4I's focus is on the early stages of the infrastructure lifecycle, including planning and prioritisation, financing strategy, and procurement.

The four main services offered by P4I are linkages with Australian government agencies and other institutions, technical and policy advice, infrastructure project advice and knowledge-sharing and learning.

As the foundation of quality infrastructure, P4I also integrates gender equality, disability, and social inclusion, and disaster risk reduction and climate change considerations into all activities.

Delivered through a single team, P4I is led by the [Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(DFAT\)](#) in collaboration with [Ernst & Young](#), [Adam Smith International](#), [The Asia Foundation](#) and [Ninti One](#).

P4I has a head office in Bangkok, with other staff located around the region. More information about P4I is available at [www.partnershipsforinfrastructure.org](http://www.partnershipsforinfrastructure.org)

## Purpose

The purpose of this tender is to identify experienced professionals with relevant expertise in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change (DRRCC) to form a panel of advisors.

Suitable professionals will be added to the DRRCC Panel to support the integration of tailored and technically credible DRRCC advice into all P4I activities. The panel provides on-demand support to P4I partner governments and activity teams across transport, energy, utilities and telecommunications sectors.

## Scope of Work

P4I invites applications from suitably experienced individuals or organisations for its DRRCC Panel in the areas of climate finance, emissions infrastructure, resilient infrastructure, resilient governance, or disaster risk reduction and disaster resilience.

The panel acts as a database of individuals and organisations with demonstrated experience delivering high-quality DRRCC technical assistance relevant to P4I's mission. It also facilitates quick mobilisation for specific consultancy opportunities when they arise, minimising application and contracting processes.

The DRRCC Panel will be managed by P4I's DRRCC Lead, who will pre-screen applicants, manage workflow and engagement of services, and provide quality assurance of outputs.

## Responsibilities

Below are some of the key responsibilities that the DRRCC Panel members (international and national) are expected to deliver:



- Provide advice on the application of the DRRCC framework and tools for P4I infrastructure advisory activities, including transportation, energy, digital / telecommunications and utilities (including wastewater management).
- Provide policy advice on the integration of climate / disaster resilience, financing and governance into new and existing infrastructure activities.
- Provide input into the DRRCC quality assurance mechanism (quarterly), including annual review of the DRRCC integration framework and tools based on Australian government policy and global best practice.
- Provide high-level political economy analysis of sector and geographical-specific of infrastructure and climate change / disaster risk reduction.
- Facilitate / provide DRRCC capacity support for P4I's partners, including for government-to - government partners.
- Develop and deliver multi-day training packages on DRRCC topics to high profile stakeholders.
- Develop case studies and briefings on how P4I is integrating DRRCC across its infrastructure advisory services.

## Application Criteria

Two levels of expertise are sought from Panel members, 'Principal Consultant' and 'Senior Consultant'.

Principal Consultant	Senior Consultant
15+ years of experience in DRRCC (adaptation and / or mitigation) issues in the context of infrastructure development (transport, energy and/or telecommunications)	7-15 years of experience in DRRCC (adaptation and / or mitigation) issues in the context of infrastructure development (preferably transport, energy and/or telecommunications)
Demonstrated experience applying the above in development sector contexts, in two or more of the eight targeted countries and / or ASEAN	Demonstrated experience applying the above in development sector contexts, preference for experience in one or more of the eight targeted countries and / or ASEAN
Demonstrated experience in developing methodologies and approaches, along with implementation of the integration of DRRCC in the context of infrastructure development	Demonstrated experience in developing methodologies and approaches, or implementation of the integration of DRRCC in the context of infrastructure development
Demonstrated understanding of disaster and climate trends across Southeast Asia	Demonstrated understanding of disaster and climate trends in one or more target countries
Demonstrated experience in thought leadership, development of global and sector guidance and best practice in disaster risk reduction and / or climate change issues in infrastructure development	Demonstrated experience development of national / sub-national guidance and best practice in disaster risk reduction and / or climate change issues, preference in infrastructure development
Strong communication, writing and analytical skills in English	Strong communication, writing and analytical skills in English

Panel candidates are asked to specify which of the following role/s they are seeking to undertake, and highlight their experience in the relevant area/s:

### Climate Finance

- Demonstrated experience in the climate and sustainable finance sector including global climate finance systems and project classification, national readiness and flows.
- Demonstrated experience in linking infrastructure development, design and systems to finance opportunities.
- Demonstrated experience in designing and delivering innovative financing mechanisms including blended finance and PPP models.



### **Emissions Infrastructure**

- Demonstrated experience applying recent global emissions guidelines and best practices for appraisal and benefits quantification.
- Demonstrated experience in infrastructure design and system improvements for emissions reduction and efficiency.

### **Resilient Infrastructure**

- Demonstrated experience delivering disaster and climate impact assessments, incorporating resilience objectives into infrastructure project concepts, development and policy support for infrastructure development strategies and frameworks.
- Demonstrated experience designing and delivering adaptation pathways and embedding resilience through infrastructure projects.

### **Resilience Governance**

- Demonstrated experience in designing governance frameworks/strategies and delivering advice to national and sub-national governments on the integration of DRRCC, preferably with infrastructure-focused government departments and/or ministries.
- Demonstrated experience in designing entry points and providing advice in integrating DRRCC budgeting into national and sub-national public finance mechanisms.
- Demonstrated experience in delivering cohesive climate change and disaster risk reduction policy/planning advice to governments.

### **Disaster Risk Reduction / Disaster Resilience and Infrastructure**

- Demonstrated experience in applying disaster risk reduction/resilience global standards, principles and tools to infrastructure project design and delivery.
- Demonstrated experience in connecting disaster risk reduction / resilient infrastructure with disaster/climate financing.

### **Other DRRCC areas**

We are also seeking people with unique experience in the following areas. Please note that the level of experience (principal or senior consultant) does not apply to these categories:

- Nature based solutions in the infrastructure sector. Understanding of intersection with gender and indigenous and ethnic minority groups is desirable.
- Intersection of disaster/climate and Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion matters (GEDSI) in the infrastructure sector.
- Disaster/climate researchers with specific experience in connecting relevant academic research with implementation in the infrastructure sector.
- Disaster risk reduction and climate change and indigenous inclusion. Understanding of the infrastructure sector desirable.

## **Terms of Engagement**

Successful panel candidates will be contracted through a draw-down mechanism, whereby a contract will be offered governing delivery and payment of work performed under a Tasking Note.

Tasking Notes will be issued by the DRRCC Lead and denote the scope, time, and fees for specific package/s of work. Each opportunity is dependent on an assignment's requirements and the skillsets of the available Panel members. Inputs will vary in terms of scope and duration, depending on the needs identified.

Opportunities will be made available to members on an as-needed basis and offered in a range of ways, including, but not limited to, open calls to all Panel members, limited calls for expressions of interest, and occasional cases of sole sourcing.

Panel members will be free to engage in activities once the Tasking Note is signed by P4I's Senior Operations Manager.



The pipeline of DRRCC work is anticipated to grow, with a dedicated budget for 250 days of technical support to P4I activities to be undertaken by DRRCC Panel members in 2023.

Being a member of P4I's DRRCC Panel provides no guarantee of work. The Panel will operate in accordance with Australia's Commonwealth Procurement Rules.

Please note, all Intellectual Property created under the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) contracts or subcontracts is vested with the Australian Government (or its nominee) immediately upon its creation.

## How to Apply

Applications must be submitted by **9:00am (Bangkok time) on Monday 12 June 2023**.

Please submit applications and queries via email to the P4I Procurement Manager at [tenders@partnershipsforinfrastructure.org](mailto:tenders@partnershipsforinfrastructure.org), with the subject 'P4I DRRCC Panel'

When applying, please include the following information:

1. Details of individual's name and CV of relevant works (2-pages maximum). If an organisation, please include organisation name, the names and CVs of the advisors being nominated.
1. A brief cover letter that speaks to the individual's CVs details (or the details of nominated advisors from an organisation), outlining how the experience, classification of Panel member (principal or senior consultant), capabilities and qualifications are relevant to the tender scope of works and P4I's objectives (1-page maximum).
2. Nomination of positions, roles or specialisations the individual or organisation is to be considered for, as detailed in the section of this document entitled "Application Criteria".
3. Names and contact details of two referees; the first from the individual or organisation's most recent relevant consultancy, the second from a recent long-term employment.
4. Please provide a quotation on the provision of your services for a single 8-hour day using AUD currency exclusive and inclusive of taxes, such as Goods and Services Tax.

Due to the high volume of applications for P4I positions, only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

This tender will be managed through Adam Smith International (ASI). Suppliers located in P4I's partner countries are strongly encouraged to apply. We also seek suppliers who can work remotely from Australia and other countries, particularly those identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. P4I is committed to promoting and empowering local and marginalised groups within the region and strongly encourages suppliers identifying as such to apply. Suppliers with strong governance initiatives to engage such groups should also apply.