

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **NDI NEPAL - NITI SAMBAD PROJECT -**

#### **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION/FIRM TO CONDUCT PARTICIPATORY THEATRE SHOWS ON CLIMATE CHANGE GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

Founded in 1983, the **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization working to strengthen and expand democracy worldwide. NDI works with democrats and democratic institutions in every region of the world to build political and civic organizations, safeguard elections and promote citizen participation, openness and accountability in government. Headquartered in Washington, DC, NDI maintains offices in over 55 countries on five continents. Its diverse workforce of employees from 55 countries is united in the belief that democracies promote economic growth and development more consistently and equitably than non-democratic political systems. NDI's office in Nepal has been operational since 1997 and has since collaborated with the Parliament, political parties, government agencies, and civil society.

NDI-Nepal is seeking proposals from eligible firms or Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to organize and implement participatory theatres on the impacts on climate change and political accountability for climate governance in Nepal. The firm or CSO should be able to design the content of the drama based on key climate governance themes, like the impact of climate change on water resources and livelihoods, the economy and others. Similarly, the dramas also must encourage public accountability of elected officials on the issue of climate change governance. The purpose of the participatory theatre will be to increase mass awareness on the issues of climate change and its impacts and to promote political accountability for the same. The dramas will be performed in all seven provinces of Nepal over a period of upto six months.

This Terms of Reference (ToR) outlines the basic Scope of Work for a national organization or firm to organize participatory theatre dramas for a duration of upto six months to support NDI Nepal under the USAID funded Niti Sambah ('Policy Dialogue') Project.

#### **Scope of the agreement:**

NDI Nepal will partner with a CSO or Private Firm that focuses on theatre productions to produce and put on participatory theatre productions after thorough research on the issues of climate governance and political accountability. As such, the production should integrate scientific facts and advocacy messaging in the script and delivery of the project in relation to both the environment and political accountability.

By providing a platform for local and provincial stakeholders to engage through participatory theatre, NDI Nepal hopes to build cooperation and understanding across groups of people and collectively identify approaches to climate change mitigation and towards holding elected leaders accountable for the same. A 'community of practice' approach will be utilized to implement these activities.

### **The participatory theatre dramas should strive to:**

- Raise civic awareness on climate change and relay the message as to why climate change has to be one of the major political agendas.
- Present the stark reality of the present and foreseeable climate change impacts on Nepal and subsequent ripple effects on our lives and livelihoods.
- Provide the space for active engagement of the audiences in the play for climate governance advocacy and political accountability.
- Invigorate public participatory discussion on climate change and influence citizens to demand for not only commitments but also real actions from the government and political parties on climate change.
- Engage the audiences in identifying possible climate change adaptation and mitigation actions/measures for their own communities.
- Inspire the public to create pressure on political parties to make climate governance as one of their main agendas for the upcoming elections so as to build back better and greener.

### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Public is more aware about climate change issues and understands the urgency of climate actions.
- Political accountability on climate governance is supported at all levels of the government.
- Demand for addressing climate change as a core election agenda is increased, leading to subsequent action by candidates and elected officials with the next elections cycle in mind.
- The federal, provincial and local level governments would internalize climate change issues into policies, plans and programs.

### **The CSO/Firm will be responsible for the following :**

- The production of a script in Nepali and English languages for review by NDI and other thematic experts on climate change governance and political accountability.
- Research on the identified policy priorities to feed into the content of the script/production
- Produce and showcase the participatory theatre in all seven provinces of Nepal in 7 locations, totaling 28 shows in total including 4 shows in each province.
- Hold discussions after each performance with the concerned stakeholders including community members, the government representatives, climate change experts to ascertain the climate change impacts, risks, and vulnerabilities, and identify potential adaptation solutions subject to the local context.
- Conduct a post-performance survey with the members of the audience in order to assimilate their feedback and their opinions on the issues of climate change.
- Collect the contact details of the audiences who took part in the theatre plays so as to assess the changes brought about by the participatory theatre.
- Collect feedback from attendees of the shows and report the findings to NDI and other partners working on Climate Change governance
- Collaborate with NDI's other partners to promote synergy
- Produce a monthly report of activities.
- Produce a final report.

**Contract Period:**

Up to six months to begin in December/January 2021/22

**Necessary Qualifications for aspirant CSOs/Firms:**

- Minimum of five 5 years of organizational experience, including prior experience with street drama and participatory theatre.
- A strong understanding of Nepal's cultural landscape;
- Demonstrated Climate change awareness with an ability to integrate thematic perspectives into assigned deliverables.
- A strong understanding of the domestic political and electoral framework;
- Institutional capacity to engage in both English and Nepali languages; excellent English and Nepali language drafting skills essential;
- Familiarity with and awareness of NDI and its partners and stakeholders;
- Flexibility and an ability to work under pressure and to meet deadlines;
- Understands the merits and values of professionalism

The closing date for Expressions of Interest is 5:00 pm Nepali Time on **Thursday, December 02, 2021** and should be emailed to Samma Shakya at [sshakya@ndi.org](mailto:sshakya@ndi.org)