

APHR Consultant Notice

External Consultant for Thailand Legislative Advocacy Toolkit Development

A. Project Title

Thailand Legislative Advocacy Toolkit

B. Background

The region's leaders are increasingly resorting to adopting laws that restrict fundamental freedoms. The draft proposed NGO Law in Thailand, the revised penal code in Indonesia, the Anti-Terrorism Act in the Philippines, the sedition law in Malaysia, are only a few recent examples of increasingly restrictive legislations. In this context, parliamentarians, through their legislative mandate, become an important shield against further erosion of rights. MPs can repeal, or amend restrictive laws as they reach parliament.

To be able to engage them effectively APHR and civil society organizations in Southeast Asia must be able to understand and know the parliamentary legislative process well. For APHR this would allow us to better empower our members to use their mandate to reform rights-restricting laws, and to advocate their governments to protect human rights for all.

As such, APHR conducted research in five countries in Southeast Asia, including Thailand, to better understand and unpack the legislative process. The research covers what is the legislative process, including the different stages a bill can go through, how to write an amendment, who can initiate a bill, what is the usual practice in the country, as well as identify effective entry points for law reform advocacy. This research will be developed into a pedagogical, visual, and engaging toolkit to be disseminated among parliamentarians, APHR staff and members, and civil society members to aid in legislative advocacy work.

C. Scope of Work

APHR is looking for a consultant to draft a short, pedagogical, and engaging toolkit explaining the different steps in the legislative procedures in Thailand. The toolkit will be presented as a practical and accessible tool for APHR's staff and members, members of parliament in Thailand and their staff, and key civil society partners. The output will be published online, launched through a national level workshop with APHR Members, the researcher, and members of civil society in Thailand. The toolkit will be based on a research output that is already available.

D. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

| Expected deliverables Timeline |
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| Inception meeting | 14 October 2022 |
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| First draft of toolkit | 1 November 2022 |
| Second draft incorporating APHR's feedback | 15 November 2022 |
| Final draft ready for layout design | 30 November 2022 |

E. Institutional Arrangement

The consultant will report to APHR's Programs Director who will provide him/her with all relevant background information and directions and will conduct reviews of the drafts.

F. Duration of Work

15 October - 30 November 2022 (1.5 months)

G. Duty Station

Remote.

H. Qualification of the Successful Contractor

- Previous experience in drafting engaging toolkits, pedagogical or advocacy reports;
- Excellent writing skills for a wide audience;
- Fluency, both oral and written, in English;
- Capacity to write and work under short deadlines;
- If possible previous work on legislative advocacy (Thai is a plus); and
- Previous experience engaging parliamentarians.

I. Recommended Presentation of Offer

Applicants may submit the following requirements to procurement@aseanmp.org with subject heading "Toolkit Consultant" by **Monday, 10 October 2022:**

- Cover letter (1 page max) including why they consider themselves as the most suitable candidates for the assignment.
- Please also indicate your proposed consultancy fees.
- Personal CV indicating all relevant past experience.
- A relevant writing sample in English.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

APHR is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages qualified candidates of all genders from all national, religious, and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities, to apply.