

Short Term Consultant (STC) – TAF DRI (Technical Assistance Facility for DRI)

Organization	Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)
Job posting date	16 August 2021
Location	New Delhi, CDRI Secretariat
Grade	Short term Consultant (STC)
Salary and benefits	Rs 70,000 - 1,00,000 per month (Consolidated) (Remuneration will be commensurate with experience and qualifications)
Contract	Fixed short-term contract for 6 months, Full-Time, National Hire
Occupational groups	Bilateral and International Relations, Disaster and Climate Resilience Coordination, Proposal Writing, COP 26
Last date of application	23 August 2021
Expected joining	Immediate

Background:

The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) is a multi-stakeholder global partnership of national governments, UN agencies & programmes, multilateral development banks & financing mechanisms, the private sector and academic & research institutions. It aims to address the challenges of building resilience into infrastructure systems and infrastructural development. The vision, mission, goal, and objectives of the CDRI are explicitly linked to the post-2015 development agendas. The Coalition will also contribute to the resilience of global infrastructure systems in an increasingly interconnected world. The outcome of such collaboration would be aimed at building 'resilient economies and resilient people' through cross-sector commitments at all levels towards adaptation and resilience with concrete outcomes that will bring resilience action to global scale.

The CDRI aims to support countries to upgrade their systems for ensuring disaster and climate resilience of existing and future infrastructure. It seeks to rapidly expand the development of and retrofit resilient infrastructure to respond to the SDGs objectives of expanding universal access to basic services, enabling prosperity and decent work. CDRI envisions enabling measurable reduction in infrastructure losses from disasters including extreme climate events.

The Government of India has established a Society in New Delhi to act as the Secretariat of CDRI. The Secretariat functions under the direction of the international Governing Council and implements the programs of CDRI.

CDRI with support from Member Countries and organizations is in the process of establishing a dedicated Technical Assistance Facility for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (TAF-DRI) for the Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The key objective of TAF-DRI will be to provide assistance in mobilizing finance from existing and new sources for development of resilient infrastructure and post- development operations and management. The niche areas for the proposed Technical Assistance Facility for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure for Small Island Developing States or the TAF-DRI for SIDS are to be further refined, but CDRI has initially identified three broad focus areas, including partnering with SIDS to improve infrastructure resilience; global learning, partnership and networks; and equality and inclusion, all of which are adding up to the quality of technical collaborations and partnerships that are required to close existing infrastructure gaps in SIDS. The Facility will also support national risk and resilience assessments and facilitate design of resilience standards and certification systems in SIDS that encounter higher levels of risk due to disasters and climate change

Aligned with the policy direction of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA Pathway), the goal of the TAF-DRI for SIDS is to achieve sustainable development through a systematic approach to resilient, sustainable, and inclusive infrastructure in SIDS.

This position is being advertised for Short Term Consultant (STC) for Fixed Term Contract of six (6) months.

Objective of this position:

The objective of the position is to support the Design Team and Working Group of TAF DRI with the finalization of the proposal and launch of the facility at COP 26, Glasgow.

The work involved will require facilitating drafting of documents, organizing meetings and consultations, and enabling coordination support to the multi- organization design team.

Role and Responsibilities:

Under the supervision of the Senior Specialist Infrastructure Resilience, the STC will support activities of the CDRI, including but not limited to:

- Support with the drafting of high-quality briefs, key documents, communication materials, reports, and any required documents to support the TAF DRI Design Team.
- Co- develop and execute a consultation plan with SIDS for the curation and finalization of the TAF DRI proposal.
- Provide secretarial support with the organization and delivery of the Launch event of TAF DRI at COP 26.
- Liaise and support with timely follow up with all speakers, event partners from governments, international agencies, and various stakeholders.
- Organize meetings with high-level government officials, heads of international organizations, and nominated representatives and stakeholders
- Work closely with the communications and advocacy colleagues to provide support and curate the external media and communication on TAF DRI.
- Develop digital content for social media, website, blogs and other platforms

- Coordinate closely with the specialists at CDRI, as relevant and emergent, for TAF DRI related tasks and outputs.
- Any other related responsibilities, as assigned

Competencies:

Essential

- Familiarity with international frameworks like the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.
- Experience of disaster management, climate change adaptation, infrastructure governance and/or advocacy on the same.
- Experience of planning and organizing high-level events
- Strong coordination skills as well as excellent written and verbal communication abilities
- Ability to articulate and present concepts clearly and concisely
- Suitable computer proficiency, especially related to professional office software packages (Microsoft Office, etc.).

Desirable

- Knowledge of climate change, disaster, and climate resilience of infrastructure, and associated topical issues
- Experience of engaging in and organizing sessions at earlier COP(s), Paris Peace Forum(s), UNFCCC events or other international events.
- Experience in sectors related to disaster risk reduction and climate change.
- Experience of developing concept notes, proposals, briefs, and communication materials on disaster and climate resilience.

Qualifications:

Education Criteria:

Graduate or Postgraduate in governance, public policy, international relations, social sciences, or a related field.

Experience Criteria:

At least 5 years of overall experience at the national or international level preferably in the field of sustainable development, disaster risk reduction and resilience, and environment and climate change for graduates and 2-3 years for postgraduates.

Language Requirements:

- Fluency in English.

How to Apply:

If you have experience of working in a similar capacity and want to make an active and lasting contribution in a global initiative spearheaded by India, please apply on the link below on or before the last date.

Application Process: Online application form will be available at <https://cdri.world/career/career.php>.

CDRI is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality, and culture. Individuals with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply. All applications will be treated with strict confidence.

CDRI has ZERO Tolerance on sexual exploitation and abuse, any kind of harassment including sexual harassment and gender / racial discrimination. Any selection therefore will be subject to satisfactory reference and background check.
