## Term of Reference

**Consultancy for Advocacy Works:**

## Religious and Interfaith Engagement to Manage Environmental Risks

## Dialogue and Study

## A Continuation of Religious and Interfaith Solutions

## for Low Carbon Development Initiative Phase-2 (LCDI2)

#### **Background**

The Low Carbon Development Initiative Phase-2 (LCDI2) engages religious and interfaith organizations to promote environmental sustainability and manage environmental risks. This study is part of a broader effort supported by the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the UK Government, in collaboration with Bappenas, the Indonesian government, and Oxford Policy Management Limited (OPML). The LCDI2 focuses on aligning Indonesia's development policies with low-carbon goals through cross-sectoral engagement, including religious organizations.

Religious organizations have the potential to leverage their community networks and moral authority to promote sustainable practices. This TOR seeks to hire a consultant to lead religious and interfaith engagement efforts and produce a study on the capacity of religious organizations in managing environmental risks.

**Objective**

**Identify and Enhance the Capacity of Religious Organizations to Manage Environmental Risks**  
The consultant will assess the capacity of religious and interfaith organizations in managing environmental risks and provide recommendations for improving their contributions to environmental sustainability and low-carbon development.

**Scope of Work**

**The consultant will lead conduct two main activities:**

1. **Activity 1: Religious and Interfaith Dialogue**
   * **Output:** Joint statements from religious and interfaith leaders supporting the LCDI goals and fostering cooperation for environmental sustainability.
   * **Deliverables:**
     + A list of engaged stakeholders.
     + Dialogue summaries capturing key discussions and decisions.
     + Joint statements and policy recommendations aligned with the LCDI goals >> policy brief and publication.
2. **Activity 2: Study on the Capacity and Impact of Religious Organizations in Managing Environmental Risks**
   * **Output:** To evaluate and enhance the capacity of religious organizations in managing environmental risks through a comprehensive study.>> Recommendations for improving environmental management practices among religious and interfaith organizations.
   * **Deliverables:**
     1. Published study with analysis and recommendations >> policy brief and publication
     2. Presentation summary of findings and recommendations >> policy brief supporting document

**Deliverables**

1. Inception Report: Outline of methodology, work plan, and timeline for the dialogue and study.
2. Interim Report: Preliminary findings from the dialogue and the capacity assessment of religious organizations.
3. Final Report: A comprehensive report detailing stakeholder engagements, study findings, and recommendations for enhancing the capacity of religious organizations.
4. Presentation: Presentation of key findings and recommendations to stakeholders, including Bappenas, religious organizations, and environmental NGOs.

**Timeline and Duration**

The activities will span from **Mid-November 2024 to End of February 2025**.

**Gantt Chart Overview**

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| **Activity** | **Mid-November 2024** | **December 2024** | **January**  **2025** | **End of February 2025** |
| **Religious and Interfaith Dialogue** | **●** | **●** |  |  |
| **Study on Capacity and Impact** | **●** | **●** | **●** |  |
| **Interim Report and Dialogue Summaries** |  |  | **●** | **●** |
| **Final Report and Presentation** |  |  | **●** | **●** |

The consultant will submit regular progress reports and ensure the dialogue and study activities align with the LCDI2 objectives.

**Governance and Reporting**

The consultant (individual or research CSO/think tank) will report to the project team at OPML with regular updates. All final deliverables must be submitted **by the end of** **February 2025**.

**Qualifications and Competencies**

The consultant can be either an individual or a research CSO/think tank with the following qualifications:

* A minimum of 5 years of experience in environmental studies, religious engagement, or natural resource management.
* Proven track record of working with religious organizations, especially in the context of environmental or natural resource management.
* Strong skills in capacity assessments, stakeholder engagement, and report writing.
* Ability to engage with diverse stakeholders, including religious leaders, government officials, and community organizations.

**Supporting Document (Attached)**

1. Umbrella TOR

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