



Request for Expression of Interest
EQA-GSD/UNEP/2021/66

Project “Strengthening the institutional capacity of the State of Palestine for sound waste and chemicals management and fostering stakeholder buy-in under the BRS Conventions and supporting process towards ratification of the Minamata Convention”

Palestine Environment Quality Authority (EQA)

International Consultant (firm) with support of local consultant for

Capacity building and visualization on chemical and waste management issues in Palestine to improve stakeholder awareness, decision making and promote interdisciplinary learning and institutional strengthening

1. Background

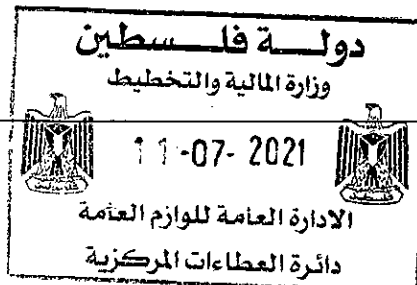
Chemicals and Waste Management Programme managed by the UN Environment (Special Programme), provides support to developing countries to enhance their institutional capacity to develop, monitor and enforce policy, legislation and regulations for effective implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and the Minamata Conventions.

Palestine as eligible country and party in Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and the Minamata Conventions has signed an agreement with UN Environment (Special Programme) to implement a project entitled “Strengthening the institutional capacity of Palestine for sound waste and chemicals management and fostering stakeholder buy-in under the BRS Conventions and supporting process towards the implementation of the Minamata Convention”. Environment Quality Authority of Palestine (EAQ) is a focal point and lead agency on project implementation.

2. Objectives

Due to complexity and novelty of the project, EAQ seeks an international firm with support of local consultant/ team, with relevant experience and expertise for backstopping services for the following project components:

1. Establishment of inter-agency coordination mechanism on waste and chemicals.
2. Strengthening institutional structure and capacity building for EQA staff and other stakeholders in implementation of the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam (BRS) conventions.
3. Improving inter-agencies information sharing on hazardous waste and chemicals and public awareness on waste and chemicals management in Palestine.
4. Strengthening knowledge and skills of the EQA staff and related stakeholders in tools and methodologies related to the Minamata Convention on mercury and visualization of mercury issues in Palestine.





5. Provide services such as design and delivery of trainings, learning materials tailored to the EQA needs as well as visualization of Palestine's hazardous waste and chemicals issues for the wide range of concerns to enhance inter-institutional collaboration, promote public awareness and engagement to solutions.

3. Scope of Work – Tasks, Deliverables and Schedule

The consultant firm is expected to provide the following services and deliverables (technical and financial):

1. Establishment of inter-agency coordination mechanism

#	Inputs and deliverables:
1	Scope of Work / Concept on inter-agencies mechanism
2	Analyze gaps and constrains on hazardous waste and chemicals management
3	Coordinate with EQA to organize initial and subsequent inter-agencies meeting(s)
4	Conduct a study on special circumstances of Palestine in relation to hazardous waste and chemicals management, domestic controls, import-export

2. Strengthening institutional structure and capacity building for EQA staff and related stakeholders

#	Inputs and deliverables:
1	Conduct a feasibility study on the revision of institutional arrangements in EQA and related stakeholders in relation to effective BRS and Minamata implementation
2	Design and implement training programmes for EQA staff and related stakeholders
3	Conduct on-the job training on BRS conventions (to be organized back-to-back with inter-agency meetings)
4	Assessment report and study on (progress of) implementation of BRS and Minamata conventions in Palestine

3. Improving inter-agency information sharing on hazardous waste and chemicals and public awareness

#	Inputs and deliverables:
1	Inventory and report of the up-to-date data and information on the status of hazardous waste and chemicals management in Palestine
2	Road-map for introduction of shared environmental information system in Palestine with focus on hazardous waste and chemicals



3	Develop guidelines for preparing and submission of the national hazardous waste report for Basel convention
4	Design and develop of public awareness materials on hazardous waste and chemicals management in Palestine
5	Participation in inter-agencies meetings and providing inputs on information sharing

Promote the Minamata Convention

#	Inputs and deliverables:
1	Conduct a national workshop for exploring Minamata Convention requirements and obligations and prepare visual explainer (brochure).
2	Learning materials and trainings for training EQA and related stakeholders experts/ staff on mercury toolkits and assessment methodologies
3	Road map for Palestine to implement Minamata Convention

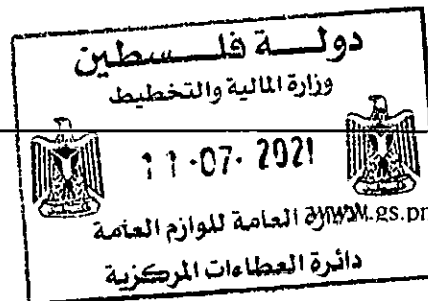
4. Required Qualifications

The firm shall compose of at least the following expertise with minimum 10 years experience in similar assignment for each: Chemist, expert in hazardous waste and chemicals management, environmental experts, communication expert. Moreover the firm must have the following:

- Knowledgeable and well informed about the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata conventions and long-time working experience in international cooperation in chemicals and hazardous waste management (minimum 10 years of experiences).
- Experience in visualization of complex environmental information in easy-to-read format, tailored to the target audiences in the Middle East and internationally.
- Extensive experience in the development and design of information products on waste and chemicals for policymakers and citizens.
- Good understanding of environmental situation in Palestine, its special circumstances (with regard to implementation of the international environmental agreements) and environmental information sharing complexities.
- Experience in planning, organization and delivery of learning events and trainings on the environment, waste and chemicals, preferably in Palestine or similar conditions.
- Availability of Arab-speaking experts and successful collaboration experience with environmental education institutions in Palestine is an advantage.

5. Reporting and duration

- The consultant will report to the project coordinator at EQA and maintain contact with UNEP's Special Programme on the matters of information materials and trainings
- The estimated duration of the consultancy is 18 months.





6. Selection Criteria

	Criteria	Score
1	General Experience for the consultant/ Firm	20
2	Specific experience in related field (implementation of BRS and Minamata conventions)	40
3	Experts and staff	40
	Total	100 %

7. Application

- The applicants shall submit in a sealed envelope the following:
 - Application letter
 - Detailed Curriculum Vitas including information on qualifications to perform the assignment, experience and appropriate skills with at least 2 referees
 - Proof of similar assignments, experience, skills and qualifications

8. Submission

Applications must be sent to the General Supplies Department at Ministry of Finance no later than **02:00 pm on Tuesday 27th July, 2021** to the following address and sealed in an envelope as below:

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The requests for expression of interest will be opened in the meeting hall at General Supplies Department -6th floor in the presence of the companies' representatives and anyone who chooses to attend on **Tuesday 3rd August, 2021 at 11:30 am.**

