

Consultancy Announcement
National Legal Drafting Expert

Post Title	: National Legal Drafting Expert
Project Title	: Reducing uses and releases of chemicals of concern, including POPs, in the textiles sector (GEF ID 10523)
Executing Agency	: Basel Convention Regional Centre for Southeast Asia - Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Indonesia (BSCRC-SEA)
Report To	: National Project Coordinator (NPC)
Estimated Duration	: June 2026 until June 2027
Location	: Bangladesh

Introduction

The expert will provide specialized support in drafting national legal texts to control and manage POPs and other chemicals of concern used in the textile sector. This position ensures legal outputs are consistent with international obligations and adapted to the Bangladeshi legal context.

The objective of this project is significant and documented reductions in use, releases, and exposure to chemicals of concern (CoCs) including POPs in the textiles sector in selected countries (Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Viet Nam).

The project consists of the four following components:

Component 1: Information sharing and chemical management pilots on priority CoCs including POPs in textiles facilities

Component 2: Eco-innovative strategies towards a non-toxic and circular textiles' economy

Component 3: Knowledge management for scaling up

Component 4: Monitoring and Evaluation

Scope of work

The scope of work of National Legal Drafting Expert is as follows:

- Review national laws and regulations relevant to chemical safety, trade, and environmental protection.
- Develop new or revised legal instruments addressing use, release, import/export, and disposal of POPs and other CoCs.
- Ensure consistency with the Stockholm and Basel Conventions and other applicable instruments.
- Organize stakeholder consultations on draft legal texts.
- Support legal capacity building within implementing agencies and government bodies.

- Review national laws, rules, regulations, policies, guidelines, institutional mandates, and administrative procedures relevant to chemical safety, chemical trade, textile-sector chemical management, environmental protection, hazardous waste management, import/export control, occupational and public health, and the disposal of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and other Chemicals of Concern (CoCs);
- Conduct a comprehensive legal, regulatory, institutional, and enforcement gap analysis to identify weaknesses, inconsistencies, implementation challenges, and opportunities for strengthening the management of POPs and other CoCs within the Bangladeshi textile sector;
- Develop, revise, and support the drafting of legal and regulatory instruments, including laws, rules, regulations, orders, guidelines, schedules, notifications, and other policy instruments addressing the use, release, import/export, storage, transport, handling, labelling, reporting, monitoring, management, and disposal of POPs and other CoCs;
- Ensure that all proposed legal and regulatory instruments are aligned with the requirements of the Stockholm Convention, Basel Convention, and other applicable international agreements, while remaining consistent with Bangladesh's legal, institutional, and administrative frameworks;
- Prepare explanatory notes, legal justifications, comparative legal analyses, drafting annotations, and supporting documentation to facilitate review and adoption by competent national authorities and implementing agencies;
- Organize, facilitate, document, and report stakeholder consultations on draft legal and regulatory instruments, including engagement with relevant ministries, regulatory agencies, industry associations, textile sector stakeholders, chemical suppliers, technical experts, and civil society representatives, as appropriate;
- Support coordination and dialogue among relevant government agencies and stakeholders to strengthen the development, implementation, and enforcement of chemical management legislation and regulations;
- Support legal and regulatory capacity building within implementing agencies and government institutions through briefings, orientation sessions, technical notes, guidance materials, and training activities related to chemical safety and regulatory compliance;
- Coordinate closely with the National Project Coordinator (NPC), Project Management Unit (PMU), BCRC-SEA, and relevant national stakeholders to ensure that all outputs are aligned with the Project work plan, component objectives, and national priorities;
- Prepare and submit monthly, quarterly, and final progress reports, as well as any additional technical notes, legal memoranda, consultation reports, and supporting documents required under the scope of the assignment;
- Perform any other related tasks reasonably required to support the achievement of the Project objectives and the effective implementation of legal and regulatory reform activities.

Contribution to Project Results Framework

The National Legal Drafting Expert shall contribute, within the scope of this assignment, to the achievement of the project outcomes, outputs, indicators and targets contained in **Appendix A - Project Results Framework** to these Terms of Reference. The specific targets and indicators relevant to the Expert's assignment shall be determined during implementation in consultation with the National Project Coordinator, Regional Expert/s and the Project Management Unit, as appropriate.

Deliverables:

- Inception note; work plan; preliminary legal review framework; field visit reports.
- Legal review report; gap analysis; list of instruments reviewed.
- Draft legal texts; explanatory notes; consultation minutes; feedback matrix.
- Final legal texts; final explanatory note; training/capacity-building report; final activity report.

Qualification

- Advanced university degree in law with specialization in environmental, administrative, or international law.
- Minimum 5 years of professional legal experience including legal drafting.
- Demonstrated experience with environmental legislation, particularly related to hazardous chemicals.
- Strong analytical, consultation, and legal writing skills.
- Fluency in Bengali and English.

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