

Short-term Consultancy: Request for Proposals

Researcher: Climate Action and Social Justice in the Built Environment Jakarta, Indonesia

The Institute for Human Rights and Business (IHRB) seeks a part-time Researcher over a three-month period from June to August 2023 to conduct the following activities in Jakarta, Indonesia. This post will work closely with IHRB's Global Programme Manager, Built Environment who will have oversight of the global project, as well as with other project partners. We envisage that 30-45 days will be required for this work.

This research in Jakarta is part of a project comprising similar research cycles in four pairs of cities globally over two years, and will be conducted in parallel with research in Copenhagen, Denmark. IHRB and partners have already conducted similar research in Lagos, Nigeria; Prague, Czechia; Melbourne, Australia; and Lisbon, Portugal in the first two research cycles so far.

Summary

The global project "Building for Today and for the Future" is developing a collaborative agenda for a just transition of the built environment. It will identify pathways to reduce the climate footprint and strengthen resilience of buildings and infrastructure, while also reducing social inequity and respecting human rights. The project will also work to address and overcome the specific obstacles that stand in the way of those pathways.

The three interconnected outcomes and activities are:

- **Strengthening the evidence base:** Deep-dive action research in eight cities globally, linking up to their relevant national and regional contexts;
- **Shifting mindsets:** Visioning sessions that invite diverse local stakeholders to imagine what a just and sustainable built environment looks like;
- **Changing policy and practice:** Strategic communications and policy advocacy to influence government and industry practices.

The project will consider the full range of human rights but will have a particular focus on: meaningful participation; spatial justice; the right to housing; and workers' rights. An intersectional lens will be applied throughout, considering the range of factors that affect people's experience of the world including gender, race, class, sexual orientation, physical ability and immigration status.

The project is in partnership with ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability) with global thematic input from Building and Woodworkers International (BWI) and the International Union of Tenants (ITU), as well as other partners. It is funded by the Laudes Foundation and Ove Arup Foundation.

Deliverables:

1. Scope definition:

- a. Identify and define Jakarta's priority built environment decarbonisation/resilience process(es) to be investigated (for example: *improvements in energy efficiency and construction practices*; reductions of emissions from *materials / circular building practices*; *shifting to renewable energy sources for buildings*; *strengthened resilience* of the built environment to the impacts of climate change like sea-level rise, etc.)
- b. Identify key elements of context and framing that are **sensitive to local narratives and language**, to aid the research and communication steps that follow.

2. Research: Desk research; semi-structured interviews with 10-15 stakeholders (aiming for representation of civil society, workers and tenants; government; business; finance; and academia); and relevant site visits, to assess:

- **Actors:** Who is currently shaping the decisions about the selected decarbonisation/resilience process(es) and how?
- **National and urban policy landscape:** How do regional, national and international policies and financial initiatives for built environment decarbonisation and resilience manifest on the territory?
- **Impacts:** How does the process already or potentially impact people (positively/negatively), with an emphasis on the most vulnerable – and how are these impacts distributed throughout the city? Priority themes to be considered: meaningful participation; spatial justice and non-discrimination; the right to housing; and workers' rights.
- **Barriers and opportunities:** What are the (political, economic, social) barriers and opportunities for advancing just decarbonisation/resilience in the built environment in the city?

Note: The consultant will be provided with key project documents, such as the Master Research Plan for the overall project, a research toolbox including suggested research timeline, an initial stakeholder mapping for the focus city, and suggested guiding questions for the interviews. The consultant is expected to adapt these general guiding materials to the specific city-context, local narratives, and specific types of stakeholders, with support throughout from the Built Environment's Global Programme Manager.

3. Outreach: In parallel, introduce the Framework for Dignity in the Built Environment to the stakeholders (the 10-15 interviewees). This Framework is a dynamic, internationally-applicable yet locally adaptable tool for grounding built environment decision-making in international human rights standards and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and for harnessing the specific roles/responsibilities and leverage points between actors. Identify practical opportunities for applying the Framework in the local context at policy and/or project level.

4. City Summary Report: Produce a 2,500 – 3,000 word summary of the research findings, analysis and recommendations, with an annex of relevant background materials and an annex listing the interviews. The consultant will work in close collaboration with IHRB’s Global Programme Manager, and will be provided with a template for this report.

Note: The research outputs will be further elaborated into academic journal articles; while this is beyond the scope of this consultancy, the research should be conducted with the appropriate scientific rigor and with this opportunity in mind.

5. Contribute to a global map of innovative/alternative economic models: During desktop and fieldwork research, identify up to four examples of economic models/initiatives (in the city, country, and/or within the wider region) that seek to address power imbalances and are conducive to a just transition in the built environment. Examples could include: equitable land-use measures or community-ownership models; community-led planning processes; measures to curb over-speculation; green/social bonds. The criteria for identifying these models will be shared with the consultant.

6. Support a visioning workshop: Support the preparation for – and co-facilitate – a “visioning” workshop that brings together diverse stakeholders, including those who have been interviewed for the research, to identify pathways for a just transition in the city and to address barriers and opportunities. Participate in the agenda development, support event planning, join and present research findings at the workshop. A methodology for the visioning workshop will be shared with the consultant.

7. Process review: Participate in an online de-brief session at the end of the consultancy to review the process and its outcomes, and to provide methodology recommendations for the next cities to be investigated in the project.

Requirements:

- Strong knowledge of the local urban context (social, political, economic, and built environment), including the landscape of relevant civil society, business and government stakeholders in Jakarta.
- Demonstrated commitment to human rights.
- Experience conducting similar urban research and analysis.
- Ability to communicate with stakeholders from multiple backgrounds/sectors.
- Excellent, clear writing and editing skills in English.
- Fluent in Indonesian.
- Based in Jakarta.
- *Desirable:* facilitation experience at workshops/events with different stakeholders.
- *Desirable:* experience presenting findings in map formats.
- *Desirable:* fluency in other local languages e.g. Betawi, Javanese, and Sundanese.

To apply

Interested parties are invited to submit the following.

- A proposal (not to exceed four pages in total) including: CV; cover letter outlining your suitability and motivation for this role; and a summary of your approach to this project. This can include links to any relevant previous experience, or projects with a similar approach.
- Fixed fee/day rate (indicate if VAT is applicable), bearing in mind a 30-45 day allocation across the three months. IHRB budget for this role is £9,000-15,000 (GBP) in total, please ensure the total fee is within this range.

The deadline to apply for this role has been extended. Please send proposals to: Denise Derbyshire at recruitment@ihrb.org with “Researcher application: Jakarta” in the subject **by 9.00am GMT on 30 May 2023**. Please also state where you saw the vacancy advertised. A work offer will be subject to two satisfactory references for the successful candidate.

Joint applications that harness a range of relevant experience and skill sets will be considered, provided there is clear alignment with the above requirements and deliverables and the total fee is still competitive.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a 45-minute interview by 1 June. **Interviews will take place online via Zoom between 5-7 June**: please indicate in your proposal, any dates/times that you will not be available during that time.

About IHRB

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Further reading:

- [Dignity by Design: Human Rights and the Built Environment Lifecycle](#)
- [Better Building\(s\): Financing Human Rights-based Decarbonisation in Europe](#)
- [Additional materials from the built environment programme](#)

Submissions will be held on file for 6 months after the end of the recruitment process.