



SPERI-RLS
June – October 2021

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Terms of Reference (ToR) –
Political Consultant

**Conduct Policy Review on Impacts of Agricultural Industrialization
onto Ecological and Community Livelihood Systems.**

**for SPERI project: Applied Research Contract on Comparative the Ecological and
Livelihood Outcomes of Models of Agricultural Development
(Industrial Agriculture vs Agro-ecology)**

Political Consultancy Timeline: June – July 2021.

Reviewing Scope: Across Vietnam.

Project location: Kon Plong district, Kon Tum province, Central Highland Vietnam.

This ToR invites application from consultant in the political sector to provide inputs for the following contents. The review will be supervised by SPERI with financial support by Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS).

Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) is one of six major political foundations in the Federal Republic of Germany. Affiliated with the German Left party, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung nurtures and promotes democratic socialism. RLS is striving to develop alternative approaches for transforming society toward a more united and just one. With this approach, RLS is facilitating political analysis, education, and dialogues, both in Germany and worldwide.

SPERI was founded in 5 June 2006 working towards social justice and ecological justice. Over the years, through merger of its antecedents, SPERI is now engaging in conducting applied researches, providing policy analysis and consulting development on key thematic issues concerning land, forests, sustainable landscapes and territorial governance, indigenous/ethnic minority and local communities, agroecology and fair trade, local development and sustainability.



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1: Introduction:

Comparative research on the ecological and livelihood outcomes of competing models of agricultural development (industrial agriculture versus agroecology) is currently lacking in the literature of Vietnam, including Policy review on impacts of agricultural industrialization onto ecological and community livelihood systems, for a duration 1990-2020.

This project is needed because of a lack of documented solid evidence of the adverse effects of agricultural transformation. SPERI will focus, via a detailed case study, on producing clear indicators of these costs. The industrialization of agriculture is now widely recognized as a major cause of environmental and livelihood problems caused by loss of biodiversity, environmental pollution and the destruction of rural livelihoods. Despite this, the rush to industrialize agriculture continues. There is very little concern about this among policy makers in Vietnam as they rush to implement their Industrialization and Modernization policy. The consequence of this policy will be particularly serious in the highland regions of Vietnam where ecological conditions are extremely vulnerable to industrial exploitation with far-reaching and disastrous impacts for the whole country. Key lessons needed to be captured through the review.

2: Aims:

SPERI looks for Consultant to conduct policy review on impacts of agricultural industrialization onto ecological and community livelihood systems, duration about 30 years 1990-2020.

This will primarily be desk-based, secondary data collection, and aims to draw experiences and lessons from regions beyond Kon Tum province to later informing lessons for Kon Tum and Kon Plong authorities.

Preference: this review will be given priority to expert/consultant from National Economic Commission, Central Committee, Vietnamese Communist Party. This



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priority is needed given the current active engagement in providing timely inputs into policy formulation for agroecology transformation direction 2021-2030 after the recent Party Congress 13th and the recent address by new Minister of MARD clearly identifies Agroecology (or Ecological Agriculture) as part of priority https://nongnghiep.vn/bo-truong-le-minh-hoan-gui-thu-cho-can-bo-chu-chot-bo-nn-ptnt-d292807.html?zarsrc=31&utm_source=zalo&utm_medium=zalo&utm_campaign=zalo

3: Timeline:

In the duration: June-to-July – 12 working days.

A total of 12 working days including 2 days preparation + 5 days desk review (including data gather across State departments) + 3 days writing + 2 days revision upon comments and finalize the report.

4: Expected outputs:

A review paper in English with at least 30 pages with annexes (the annexes would not exceed 10 pages) will be produced highlighting key findings and that will act as the base lessons for Kon Tum provincial, Kon Plong district authorities.

This policy review will be used as references for political researchers and policy institutions such as MARD, MONRE, relevant divisions in the Party Central Economic Committee and also RLS, SPERI.



Example of form

- Background
- The purpose and objectives of the review
- The main research question and the specific research questions
- Explanation and justification of the methods used; a justification of selections made (of persons, villages, groups) (if necessary); and the scope and limitations of the review.
- A (short) discussion of the relevant theoretical/practical issues or hypotheses behind the main interventions, strategies and description of project issues.
- Presentation and analysis of findings (clearly distinguished), including unexpected, relevant findings.
- Conclusions with reference to the (specific) research/review questions (following key evaluation criteria relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, results, sustainability, impact).
- Recommendations
- References (APA format)

5: Requirements

- Proven experience in research on related topics.
- At least 5 years of experiences doing qualitative and/or quantitative research in this field.
- Have network/affiliated with National Economic Commission, Central Committee, Vietnamese Communist Party.
- A strong network in Agriculture sector and high-level of decision makers body in Vietnam.
- Ability to write international- standards research report/ article in both English and Vietnamese (proven by a track of record of publications).



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6: Application

SPERI would like to invite interested consultant to submit their application following international standards **in English** language including:

- Short research design to propose how the consultant is planning to conduct the research (1-2 pages).
- CV of consultant/ team members.
- Financial plan.

7. Supervisor:

PhD Researcher. Tran Thi Lanh – SPERI Advisory/Supervisor.

Application deadline: 25 June 2021

Please submit your application to Ms. Dang To Kien at dtkien@speri.org