

## URBANSHIFT COUNTRY PROJECT: VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### **PROJECT: UrbanShift (Livable Cities in India: Demonstrating Sustainable Urban Planning and Development through Integrated Approaches)**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

NIUA and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are jointly implementing a GEF 7-funded project titled UrbanShift (Livable Cities in India: Demonstrating Sustainable Urban Planning and Development through Integrated Approaches). The project aims to transform Indian cities through integrated urban planning which would lead to reducing GHG emissions, air pollution and congestion, protecting and conserving ecologically sensitive areas by building capacity of state and city authorities. The objective of project is to demonstrate low emissions, resilient, nature-based inclusive sustainable urban development in selected cities and support scale-up nationally. The project would provide technical assistance and investment for undertaking the following activities in the target cities (Pune & Surat) and the replication cities (Agra & Puducherry):

- Evidence-based sustainable and integrated planning;
- Investments in low emissions, resilient, Nature-based Solutions (NbS) and mobility;
- Innovative financing solutions for cities; and
- Knowledge management and capacity development: Knowledge products, good practices and tools would be made available to national, state and city authorities as well as other stakeholders through the National Urban Learning Platform (NULP).

The project will also focus on enabling gender mainstreaming practices and processes through inclusion of gender expertise, stakeholder consultations with women, adoption of gender responsive planning and budgeting processes and mandatory gender assessment of all urban development projects.

#### **PROJECT STAFFING:**

The project will be implemented through a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) at city-level which will include a City Project Coordinator (CPC) and other subject matter experts.

With this background, applications for the following PIU positions are being invited:

- 1. City Project Coordinator (CPC), PIU – Surat, UrbanShift**
- 2. Urban Designer - Surat, UrbanShift**

The project tenure is 4 years (till September 2026). For each of the above positions, one-year contract (renewable on a yearly basis, subject to performance evaluation) will be awarded at the time of employment.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

All applications should be submitted on the NIUA website and **MUST** contain a detailed resume, cover letter,

writing sample and three professional references. The last date for applying is April 6, 2023.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted to appear for an interview. Candidates are encouraged to participate in the interview process in person. However, if a candidate is unable to travel for the interview, this should be mentioned in the cover letter so that necessary arrangements for a virtual interaction can be made.

## 2. URBAN DESIGNER, PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT (PIU), SURAT

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NO. OF VACANCIES	01
EXPERIENCE	Min. 05 years
REMUNERATION	As per NIUA standards
DUTY STATION	Surat; with willingness to travel
LAST DATE OF APPLICATION	April 6, 2023

### A. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the guidance and direct supervision of the Team Lead/Project Implementation Lead – PMU (at NIUA) and the City Project Coordinator (CPC) - PIU, Surat; the incumbent shall closely work with the NbS Expert to undertake the following tasks:

- i. Support a comprehensive analysis of the existing built and natural environment in and around the Dumas seafront area, to understand the existing conditions, and identify and assess the potentials and constraints from the point of maximizing the project implementation of sustainable features (particularly the NbS and low emission mobility measures).
- ii. Provide inputs to the preliminary designs developed to improve the accessibility to the Dumas seafront area, facilitate walking and cycling, and inter-modal integration. This would include retrofitting the road sections to create pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, public plazas, walkways, landscaping, rehabilitation of basic services and utilities, etc.
- iii. Support the design of pilot schemes to showcase use of NbS (Non-motorised Transport (NMT) corridor and Public Bike Sharing (PBS) initiatives at Dumas connecting with the nearest public transport hub).
- iv. Provide support during the implementation phase of the project, which may include site visits, reviewing construction plans and specifications, monitoring progress, and coordinating any necessary design modifications with approval of City Project Director, Team Lead – PMU and City Project Coordinator.
- v. Develop RfP for on-boarding consultants/firms for
  - a. Guidelines for NMT Policy, including integration of NMT infrastructure with Comprehensive Mobility Plan and city-level green spaces.
- vi. Support the organization of frequent coordination meetings with all stakeholders at the city level for output delivery and maintain regular communication with them.
- vii. Undertake research and support the production of toolkits, guidelines, modules, knowledge products, capacity-building tools, organize training programs/workshops for information dissemination etc.
- viii. Participate and actively engage in the periodic review meetings and discussions related to project implementation, monitoring and follow-up and document their proceedings.

- ix. Any other duty and responsibility assigned by the Team Lead/Project Implementation Lead(PMU) and the City Project Coordinator (CPC).

In addition to the above, the incumbent shall extend support to all activities being undertaken by the NbS expert.

**B. QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE:**

- i. Master's degree in Urban Design/ Urban Planning or other related fields, with an understanding of NMT planning, integrated sustainable and inclusive planning, etc.
- ii. Proficiency in use of office software packages (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.), AdobePhotoshop, InDesign etc.
- iii. Good communication, interpersonal and presentation skills, with an ability to work in a diverseenvironment.
- iv. Previous work experience in research, design and implementation of urban design projects.
- v. Ability to work independently and under pressure.

**C. DESIRABLE:**

- i. Experience of working with Central Govt./ State Govt./ National Urban Missions (SMART City, AMRUT, etc.)/ Multilateral and bilateral organizations/ Local Bodies/ Resource centers/ NGOsor Communities.
- ii. Experience in developing Urban Design policy/ guidelines for coastal cities with focus on NMT infrastructure, street improvement and place-making projects will be an added advantage.
- iii. Working knowledge of GIS softwares (ArcMap, AutoCAD Map, QGIS, etc.) will be an added advantage.
- iv. Proficiency in spoken and written English. A good command over Gujarati and Hindi is desirable.

**D. AGE LIMIT:** Upper age limit for the post shall be less than 30 years.

**E. REPORTING STRUCTURE:** The **Urban Designer** will report to the Team Lead, PMU and the City Project Coordinator (CPC)