

Call for proposals: support to strengthen Financial Sector Policy in Indonesia

World news story

British Embassy in Jakarta is looking for a supplier to provide technical support in its G20 Presidency and on key financial sector policy reform.



UK Government

Background and objective

Indonesia's financial services sector is growing, but the sector still only represents 5% of GDP. The shallowness of the Indonesian financial sector and the low penetration indicates that Indonesia, as a country with high growth of middle class and youth, still has untapped potential to grow its financial services. Financial services regulation also faces challenges presented by advancement in technology, which has both positive and negative implications. There is also an increasing need to ensure a level playing field between the traditional financial services and those that are more technology focussed. In addition, there is a need to ensure that financial services regulation evolves, to support innovation and ensure consumer protection.

This project will focus on two work strands. The first is to support the Government of Indonesia in key G20 working groups focussed on financial inclusion (including but not limited to the Global Partnership in Financial Inclusion (GPFI)). The Government of Indonesia currently holds the G20 Presidency and the UK Government is keen to provide support for a successful G20 Presidency.

The second work strand is focussed on supporting the Indonesian Ministry of Finance (and other relevant ministries/ regulators) by providing technical assistance in financial services sector regulation. The Government of Indonesia is currently in the process of revising key financial services law, namely the Omnibus Law in the Financial Sector (including Banking Law, Bank Indonesia Law, Financial Services Law) covering areas such as FinTech, insurance, pension funds, and sovereign wealth funds. The Law has been included in the 2022 National Legislation Program (Prolegnas) and will regulate comprehensive matters related to reform, development, and strengthening of the financial sector. This Omnibus Law has great potential to influence Indonesia's economic transformation, and we aim to provide positive and timely support, utilising international best practice whilst also considering the local context.

Timing and indication budget

The project must be completed by 31 December 2022. The budget for this project is up to £60,000 inclusive of all expenses and taxes. Value for money is an important factor, therefore pricing will be considered in the selection process. For further details on the time line please see attached.

Assessment / evaluation criteria of the proposals

1. Experience and knowledge
2. Project management
3. Understanding and methodology
4. Duty of Care and code of conduct

How to submit

Bids should be sent to Susan Cunningham at Susan.cunningham@fcdo.gov.uk and Laura Wijaya at laura.wijaya@fcdo.gov.uk using the reference "Support for Indonesia on Financial Services". The deadline for bids is 11 April 2022 at 07.00am Jakarta time. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Please see the [proposal guidance](#) (ODT, 292 KB) for more information including assessment score and evaluation criteria as well as terms and conditions.

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Net Zero ambitions move a step closer in Wales

Secretary of State for Wales Simon Hart opened an event on Monday 28 March to showcase the work the South Wales Industrial Cluster (SWIC) and welcome the creation of a new membership organisation, Net Zero Industry Wales that will run SWIC.

SWIC has been awarded more than £20 million by the UK Government.

The South Wales region is the second largest industrial emitter in the UK, releasing the equivalent of 16 million tonnes of carbon dioxide per year across industry and energy generation. In 2019, the UK became one of the first countries in the world to legislate that it will reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

If the UK is to hit this target, we need new ways of heating homes, powering businesses and industry and fuelling transport. This requires reducing emissions as far as possible using methods such as energy efficiency, fuel switching and carbon capture utilisation and storage as well as offsetting carbon dioxide by other means, such as negative emissions technologies.

Simon Hart, Secretary of State for Wales, said:

It's fantastic to see this project moving forward with our partners in Welsh Government, industry and academia coming together to help deliver our Net Zero ambitions.

The UK Government has invested £21.5m pounds in this project, a sign of just how vital this work is. There is a huge challenge ahead of us and the plan to decarbonise a swathe of heavy industry across south Wales is extremely ambitious.

But I'm confident that our Net Zero targets will be achieved, in part by the establishment of projects like the South Wales Industrial Cluster that utilise the innovation and collective strength of business and industry.

Dr Chris Williams, Head of Industrial Decarbonisation at Industry Wales, said:

This announcement today is the product of many years of hard work by many Welsh companies, Governments, Universities and like-minded people who realised that to achieve a restorative and net zero economy in Wales we would have to work together to map out what is

needed from every sector in Wales.

What we are working on isn't about changing the industrial make up of Wales, it's about innovating it, being ahead of the curve when it comes to decarbonisation to ensure that we keep these industries and jobs in Wales. It is also about examining opportunities to create exciting new industries in Wales, as well as revitalising and sustaining existing ones.

Wales has a long and rich industrial heritage, leading the way in the manufacturing and engineering revolution. Now we plan to be a leader of the green revolution and the creation of Net Zero Industry Wales is certainly going to help us achieve that in a more joined up and cohesive way.

More information about the South Wales Industrial Cluster can be read [here](#)

[Gay and bisexual men and those aged 15 and over to receive 2 doses of HPV vaccine](#)

News story

From today, gay and bisexual men and those aged 15 and over only need to receive 2 doses of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine – instead of 3 – to be fully vaccinated.



This HPV vaccine update is based on advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

People with HIV or who are known to be immunocompromised will continue to receive 3 doses.

The vaccine helps to prevent HPV infection which can cause genital warts and HPV-associated cancers, such as cervical cancer, some other cancers of the genital areas and anus, along with some cancers of the head and neck.

Those who are eligible for the HPV vaccine can get it free on the NHS up until their 25th birthday.

There is also a HPV vaccination programme for gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men (MSM) up to 45 years of age, who attend sexual health or HIV clinics.

The routine adolescent HPV vaccination programme that is offered to 12 to 13 year olds in school has been following a 2-dose schedule since September 2014.

In May 2020 the JCVI, who regularly review all vaccination programmes, advised that the 2-dose schedule could be extended to adults as the evidence showed 2 doses offers good protection in older individuals. The 2 doses should be given at least 6 months apart.

The JCVI also advised that the 3-dose schedule should continue to be offered to eligible individuals living with HIV or known to be immunocompromised at the time of vaccination.

Dr Vanessa Saliba, Consultant Epidemiologist at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

It is great news that from today almost all those eligible for the HPV vaccine will need just 2 doses to be fully vaccinated. This has already been the case for several years for 12 and 13 year olds but now the evidence is clear that 2 doses offers very good protection in all age groups.

We know that the HPV vaccine offers excellent protection against HPV infections and some cancers in men and women and we urge everyone who is eligible to get this potentially life-saving vaccine when it is offered.

It also remains important for all women to attend their cervical screening appointment when they are invited as this can detect if you are at risk of cancer and save lives.

These changes come into effect from today.

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UK Minister for Asia visits Vietnam to forge closer economic ties and address global issues

The UK's Minister of State for Asia, Amanda Milling, made her first visit to Vietnam this week (27-30 March) to promote collaboration on bilateral and global issues as well as discuss the serious consequences of Russian invasion of Ukraine.

During her visit, the Minister had a courtesy meeting with Vietnam's Foreign Minister, Bui Thanh Son and co-chaired the 'UK-Vietnam Strategic Dialogue' with Vietnamese Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Pham Quang Hieu. The dialogue covered trade and investment; cooperation on climate, education, science and technology. They also exchanged views on regional security and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The Minister also met the Head of the Central Commission for External Relations of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Le Hoai Trung, and Deputy Minister for Public Security, Luong Tam Quang to discuss tackling global security issues, human trafficking and transnational crime.

During her visit, Minister for Asia, Amanda Milling, said:

I am delighted to be here in Hanoi to hold the UK-Vietnam Strategic Dialogue, and strengthen our cooperation.

There are big opportunities for the UK and Vietnam to boost our economic ties, build back better from COVID-19, and tackle global challenges such as climate change and serious organised crime.

We also need to work together on threats to international peace and security, such as the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

While in Hanoi, the Minister delivered opening remarks at the launch of the Vietnam's National Trade Repository. Supported by the UK Government, this free-to-access online information platform provides the latest trade regulations and information for businesses, who export and import to and from Vietnam.

Ahead of the UK hosting the first 'Safe To Be Me: A Global Equality Conference' in June, the Minister attended a LGBT+ Roundtable, co-organised by the British Embassy Hanoi and the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and attended a reception with LGBT+ activists.

UN Human Rights Council 49: UK statement for the interactive dialogue on the human rights situation in the Central African Republic

World news story

The UK delivered this statement condemning the high levels of violence and the violations and abuses of human rights, including acts of sexual violence, forced displacement of civilians, and attacks against humanitarian personnel and UN peacekeepers.



Thank you, Mr President.

The United Kingdom is concerned by the indiscriminate killings of civilians and continued violations and abuses of human rights in the Central African Republic, and by the presence of mercenaries from the Wagner Group. These mercenaries are responsible for multiple human rights abuses, including the targeting of Fulani populations. This undermines the work of UN Peacekeepers,

and adds to the suffering that the people of CAR continue to experience as a result of this protracted and dire conflict.

Both the Central African Armed Forces (FACA) and Non-State Armed Groups, in particular the Coalition des Patriotes pour le Changement (CPC), have perpetrated widespread violations of international humanitarian law. We call for accountability for the victims and an end to the violence.

We condemn the high levels of violence and the violations and abuses of human rights, including acts of sexual violence, forced displacement of civilians, and attacks against humanitarian personnel and UN peacekeepers.

The UK will continue to work with international partners to urge the Government of CAR to make progress implementing the peace agreement and initiate dialogue between all political actors in CAR, in order to end violence, build stability and protect human rights.

High Commissioner,

What is your assessment of the opportunities and risks from the upcoming local elections on the peace process? Thank you.

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