## Background

For twenty years, PWYP has campaigned for open and accountable extractive industries that benefit all citizens. As we pursue a just transition to a cleaner future, this fight is more important than ever. As the climate crisis accelerates, a radical energy transition needs to take place fast. We need to shift from fossil fuels to cleaner and safer energy sources such as wind and sun. This is an opportunity for us all. But it has risks too. Oil and gas currently provide core income for resource dependent countries. As fossil fuels go offline, jobs will be lost and revenues could halve by 2040. Demand for precious transition minerals will rise dramatically. Governments and businesses need to plan for this by diversifying economies, strategically phasing out fossil fuels, and actively pursuing opportunities for cleaner and more affordable energy. The wealthiest countries that are most responsible for the climate crisis need to lead the way and support lower-income nations to plan for and manage the transition. With the right backing, many resource-dependent countries that currently export oil and gas could also be leaders on renewables. The views of vulnerable people who depend on oil and gas extraction must be heard throughout this transition, and the impact on their lives taken into account.

The PWYP MENA Just Energy Transition Working Group (PWYP MENA JET WG) was formed in March 2023 in order to merge the efforts of the MENA PWYP coalitions and conduct collective advocacy campaigns calling for a just and timely fossil fuel phase out. The JET WG attended several capacity building sessions related to the principles and main aspects of energy transition and developed a draft regional roadmap which highlights potential advocacy asks.
Scope

The consultant will be responsible for finalising the draft MENA just energy transition (JET) roadmap, sharing updates with the MENA JET Working Group (JET WG) about relevant and timely matters pertaining to fossil fuels phase out, supporting members who are in the process of designing their national action plans, and mapping relevant initiatives and stakeholders in the region.

Objectives

- Share key advocacy options with the PWYP secretariat staff and the members of the working group in order to initiate a strategic discussion around fossil fuels phase out in the MENA.
- Lead the development of a regional just energy transition advocacy roadmap for the MENA in coordination with the members of the working group and the PWYP MENA RC.
- Guide and support coalitions which are in the process of producing national advocacy plans.
- Use their expertise in the field of fossil fuels phase out in order to participate in discussions with donors, led by the PWYP MENA Senior RC, and aimed at supporting fundraising for the working group.

Outputs

The consultant will deliver the following outputs:

- A regional roadmap for the MENA containing:
  - An overall MENA goal/vision for fossil fuels phase out
  - Common advocacy objective(s) that can be pursued by PWYP members in the region
  - A theory of change explaining how we can reach this objective
  - Advocacy target groups (they can be at national, regional and/or international level depending on the objective identified)
  - A set of key advocacy/communications/campaigning activities PWYP members/other MENA NGOs should take part in to reach the objective
  - A high-level calendar with key hooks and regional advocacy opportunities for the years 2024-2025
  - A draft regional advocacy narrative and key messages that can be easily used by parties engaged in the regional advocacy
  - A JET stakeholders and regional initiatives mapping table which our members could reach out to

- Provide guidance and support by identifying national advocacy opportunities for MENA coalitions which are working on developing national advocacy plans.
  - National-level objective(s) that can be pursued by local NGOs
  - Potential activities to reach this objectives
  - Identifying key stakeholders
Proposed Methodology

- The consultant will organise one monthly coordination call (nine one-hour calls throughout the consultancy) with the MENA JET WG to share updates related to just energy transition and fossil fuels phase out and the progress done with the roadmap.
- The consultant will organise one-to-one calls with selected WG members during the process of developing the regional roadmap.
- The consultant is expected to proactively reach out to and collaboratively work with the PWYP MENA senior coordinator.

Expected Deliverables

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<td>1. Providing key advocacy options to members of the working group and the PWYP secretariat staff</td>
<td>April 30, 2024</td>
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<td>2. Producing a MENA JET roadmap with a robust theory of change, clearly articulated objectives and advocacy targets, and networking opportunities</td>
<td>August 30, 2024</td>
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<td>3. Providing input to coalitions which are in the process of developing their national action plans</td>
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<td>4. Mentoring and sharing updates about the JET and FF phase out in the region with the working group through the periodic one monthly calls (up to nine calls from April to December)</td>
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<td>5. Participating in selected donor meetings in order to support the MENA RC efforts in fundraising for the WG</td>
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Experience and skills required

- A highly proactive consultant with a minimum of 5 years of previous professional experience in working on topics related to just energy transition, climate change, and environment
- Knowledge of the particular energy governance and challenges of the MENA region
- Experience and understanding of advocacy/campaigning and the energy sector
- Experience of building capacity of non-experts in the field of energy transition
- Experience of working collaboratively and productively with diverse stakeholders
- Experience of bringing together and working with diverse civil society activists, experience with networks/coalitions
- Excellent writing, interpersonal, communication skills
- Effective time and management ability
- Fluency in English and Arabic

Duration
The consultant is expected to support the MENA JET WG from April to December 2024.

How to apply
Submit a technical (including CV, cover letter, and a timetable for the deliverables) and a financial proposal (in USD) by 11 March 2024 to psaade@pwyp.org with email subject: MENA JET Consultancy

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by 15 March 2024. Interviews will be conducted between 18 and 21 March 2024.