

NOTICE

Department of National Planning

Notification of Calling Applications for Short-Term Consultancy for Reviewing

Public Investment Management Directives

Department of National Planning

This Department has identified a need for short-term consultancy services to assist in Reviewing Directives for the Submission of Public Investment Projects, which are to be issued under the Public Financial Management Act No. 44 of 2024.

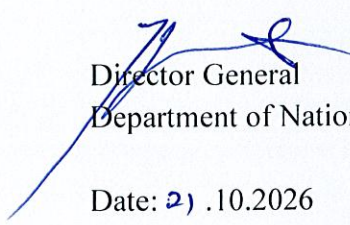
To provide technical guidance and oversight for this process, the Department intends to engage a retired senior Government official who possesses extensive experience in public investment planning and project appraisal from the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Department of National Planning or another relevant public sector institution.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for this assignment are provided in Annex 01.

Qualified and interested applicants should submit their applications, along with the required documentation mentioned in the Item No 10 of Terms of Reference (TOR) to the address below either by registered post or by hand on or before 31st October 2026. Alternatively, it may be sent via email to dgnp@npd.treasury.gov.lk.

Address for submission of applications:

Director General,
Department of National Planning,
The Secretariat,
Colombo 01.


Director General
Department of National Planning

Date: 21.10.2026

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Short-Term Consultancy for Reviewing Public Investment Management Directives

Department of National Planning

Issuing Authority- Department of National Planning

Assignment Title- Consultancy for Reviewing Public Investment Management Directives

Consultant Category- Short-Term Individual Consultant (Retired Senior Official of the Government)

Duration -Two (02) Months

1. Background

The Department of National Planning (NPD) is responsible for the formulation of national and sectoral policies, preparation of the Public Investment Programme (PIP), and appraisal of public investment projects submitted by line ministries, departments, and Government institutions.

With the enactment of the Public Financial Management Act No. 44 and the introduction of a new Public Investment Management (PIM) framework, NPD is required to develop operational directives and procedures to guide the implementation of provisions related to project identification, screening, appraisal, prioritization, selection and monitoring of public investment projects.

To support this process, NPD intends to engage retired senior officials of NPD or Ministry of Finance with extensive experience in public investment planning and project appraisal to provide technical guidance and oversight in reviewing the drafted directives consistent with international good practices and national requirements.

2. Objectives of the Assignment

The objectives of this consultancy are to:

- a) Provide technical guidance and supervision in reviewing Public Investment Management Directives required for implementing the Public Financial Management Act.
- b) Incorporate the best international practices and lessons learned in public investment management.
- c) Strengthening the technical capacity of NPD officers through knowledge sharing and mentoring during the reviewing process.
- d) Review and provide recommendations on appraisal tools, templates, formats, and technical guidance materials.

3. Scope of Work

The consultant shall undertake the following tasks during the assignment period:

A. Reviewing of Public Investment Management Directives

Review relevant provisions of the Public Financial Management Act, Regulations, and related policy documents in consultation with the cluster heads, sector directors and other relevant officials,

B. Capacity Building and Knowledge Transfer

Work closely with assigned NPD officers throughout the reviewing process.

Participate in technical discussions, working sessions, and progress review meetings.

Provide practical guidance on applying directives and best international practices.

4. Deliverables

The consultant shall provide:

- Finalized Public Investment Management Directives.
- Recommendations on appraisal tools, templates, scoring frameworks, and evaluation criteria.

5. Qualifications and Experience

The consultant should possess:

- Extensive experience in national planning, public investment management, project appraisal, or development planning.
- At least 05 year working experience as in a Senior Special Grade Officer or professional position within the Ministry of Finance, Department of National Planning, or a related public sector institution.
- Sound knowledge of public investment planning processes, project appraisal methodologies and PFM Act No. 44 of 2024
- Familiarity with economic and financial analysis of development projects.
- Previous experience in developing national or sectoral policies, guidelines, manuals, directives, or operational frameworks.
- Strong analytical, report-writing, and advisory skills.

6. Reporting Arrangement

The consultant shall report to the Director General, Department of National Planning, or an senior officer designated by the Director General.

The consultant shall work closely with the relevant sector or divisions and officers assigned by NPD for the reviewing of directives.

7. Expected Outcome

At the conclusion of the assignment, NPD shall have:

Finalized Public Investment Management Directives ready for consideration and adoption;

Improved institutional capacity within NPD to undertake Public Investment Management in a consistent and transparent manner.

8. Duration and Schedule

The assignment shall be for a period of two (02) months commencing from the date of signing the consultancy agreement. The specific schedule of visits to the Department shall be mutually agreed upon between the consultant and the Director General, based on operational requirements.

9. Remuneration and Payment

The consultancy shall be provided on a short-term basis not exceeding 90 days in accordance with the applicable provisions of the relevant Ministry of Finance circular. The total remuneration payable for the consultancy shall not exceed Rs. 150,000 as applicable under the said provisions. No advance payment shall be made, and payment shall be made only upon satisfactory completion of the assigned services and submission of the required deliverables subject to the approval of the relevant authority.

10. Application Procedure

Eligible and interested officers are invited to submit the following documents:

- A brief expression of interest (not exceeding one page) indicating sector expertise and motivation.
- Updated curriculum vitae (CV) highlighting relevant experience at NPD.
- Copy of retirement letter or service record confirming date of retirement.

Applications should be addressed to the Director General, Department of National Planning, and submitted to the NPD Administration Division. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for further discussion.