

## Call for Applications

# Report on Phosphate in Senegal

### Who we are:

The Heinrich Böll Foundation Afrique du Nord-RABAT (hbs) is part of the global Green political movement. Our main mandate is civic and political education, especially in relation to questions of sustainability, democracy, human rights and gender equality.

### We are looking for:

Journalists with extensive experience and knowledge in the field of governance and management of natural resources, especially phosphate, in Senegal.

### Context:

As part of the project called *transformAfrica* hbs is seeking to raise awareness for challenges to sustainable, fair, redistributive and inclusive governance of natural resources on the continent. The project will include case studies from Morocco, Senegal, South Africa and Tunisia. The general public, civil society as well as policy-makers are the principal target audiences.

Many African countries belong to some of the richest countries in terms of natural resource wealth worldwide. These resources include not only oil and minerals but also fish and other wildlife. However, routinely the benefits of such resource wealth are distributed very unevenly across their societies. Short term political and economic interests often prevail over the interests of the local population and environmental protection, fueling social tension and conflict between locals, international companies, and local and national government. The impacts of climate change are set to only exacerbate the situation.

Against this background, the aim of this project also is to identify alternative approaches and pathways to resource governance that would ensure fairer, more environmentally and socially just outcomes.

The various activities that will be implemented as part of this project include:

- The publication of reports covering the management of selected resources in Morocco, Tunisia, South Africa and Senegal.
- The compilation and presentation of statistical data on natural resource management in an easily accessible way.
- The publication of short cartoons on the challenges of natural resource management in Africa.

### **Objectives of the report:**

The report on phosphate in Senegal should provide comprehensive insight into the current challenges highlighting the weaknesses and strengths of the governance system in place. At the same time, it should also contribute to the debate and provide to the Senegalese public an insight into the challenges and regulatory barriers, but also potential strategies for a participatory phosphate management in Senegal.

More specifically, the objectives of the report are:

- To provide an overview of the state of phosphate and related regulations in Senegal, pointing out strength and weakness of the current governance system.
- To analyze the political, social, economic, environmental and gender-related aspects and impacts of phosphate in Senegal.
- To point out key actors whose interests are at stake when it comes to the management of phosphate, highlighting their perspectives, specific interests, as well as their strategies/actions.
- To identify best practices and initiatives in Senegal that might be replicated elsewhere, e.g. a model that led to meaningful mitigation of negative externalities.
- To outline possible pathways out of Senegal's dependency on phosphate.
- To analyze how the most recent projects in Senegal, especially in Lam Lam and Ndendory, affected the communities living in the area.
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### **Approach:**

The report should be based on interviews with selected stakeholders and especially local actors (activists, local communities). It should be a narrative story interwoven with key facts and background information on phosphate in Senegal. The language of the article is supposed to be informative, precise and facilitate the easy understanding of the topic.

The Heinrich Böll Foundation can help establish contacts to civil society actors who are working on the topic. However, own contacts/networks are desirable. The sources of the

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information used must be duly cited. In case of plagiarism, the author will be held responsible.

The report will be published on the website of the Rabat and Dakar offices of the foundation ([www.ma.boell.org](http://www.ma.boell.org) and [www.sn.boell.org](http://www.sn.boell.org)) and also offered to media outlets.

Hbs also intends to use the report for capacity development and knowledge dissemination, and will distribute it widely via hbs and partner networks.

The report should be written in French and be 2.000 to 3.000 words long.

Submission deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2018.

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Complete application documents should be submitted by **1st October 2018**.  
(CV, Methodology, Financial proposal, Timeline)