

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Chapter Authorship - Role of businesses in the global transition to renewables - for the Renewables 2021 Global Status Report

Background

REN21 is the global renewable energy policy multi-stakeholder network that connects a wide range of key actors. REN21's goal is to facilitate knowledge exchange, policy development and joint action towards a rapid global transition to renewable energy. REN21 brings together governments, nongovernmental organisations, research and academic institutions, international organisations and industry to learn from one another and build on successes that advance renewable energy. To assist policy decision making, REN21 provides high quality information, catalyses discussion and debate and supports the development of thematic networks.

First released in 2005, REN21's Renewables Global Status Report (GSR) provides a comprehensive and timely overview of renewable energy market, industry, investment and policy developments worldwide. It enables policymakers, industry, investors and civil society to make informed decisions. The Renewables Global Status Report relies on up-to-date renewable energy data provided by an international network of more than 900 contributors, researchers, and authors. It has become the most-referenced document on renewables worldwide. (For the latest edition of the GSR, see www.ren21.net/gsr.)

The **Renewables Global Status Report** is conceived as a summary report with a more or less similar chapter structure as its predecessors, and content and presentation comparable to the previous year's report. The content for GSR 2021 will be based primarily on data from 2020 (or, if unavailable, the newest accessible data), and similarly with subsequent year's data for GSR 2022.

In addition, the report will have an executive summary and supplementary sidebars, tables and notes. Also, there will be a separate document that contains a summary for policy makers based on highlights of the report.

Objective

REN21 is looking for a consultant(s) to act as chapter author for the chapter of the GSR 2021 on the role of businesses in the global transition to renewables, and who will work in close consultation with the REN21 Research Direction Team and GSR Special Advisors.

Description of Required Tasks

1. Authorship of chapter/section

- Update chapter/section outline, including list of figures and tables, if applicable
- Undertake research / collect data as necessary

- Draw relevant information from the contributions collected by the REN21 Secretariat from country/regional, technology, and topical contributors; follow up with contributors as necessary to close data gaps
- Complement available information through desk research and interviews with experts
- Author chapter
- Incorporate comments following review periods
- Produce related figures and tables
 - Critically review figures & tables from the previous edition of the GSR
 - The contractor may propose and develop new figures and tables relevant to the section that help to illustrate the status of renewable energy and important trends. Changes and additions should be discussed with the Research Direction Team, Special Advisors, and the co-author (if any).
 - Provide data for relevant figures, tables, and reference tables for selected indicators
- Review chapter in layout to check for errors, inconsistencies in data and messaging, etc.
- Ensure that references/citations are provided for all statistics and other information/data, and noted in full as endnotes. All references will be included in the final report. Referencing for all information will be done in accordance to REN21's authoring guidelines.
- Support the Research Direction Team in the authoring of cross-cutting pieces of the GSR

For indicative length, see chapter/section from last GSR (www.ren21.net/gsr).

2. Other Authorship tasks

- Communication with Research Direction Team and Special Advisors
- Review contributor database, data contributions, etc.
- Review of report back matter (glossary, methodological note, etc.)
- Recognise in the Acknowledgement section all contributors who provided data for the chapter/section
- Consult and collaborate closely with the Research Direction Team on report preparation and incorporation of comments received during the peer review process
- Make available all relevant background information and data to REN21

Qualification requirements of contractor

- Proven track record of knowledge about the renewable energy sector, in particular topics relevant to the chapter/section
- Capacity to conduct high quality research and ability to write coherently following GSR style
- Related work experience
- Proficiency in English
- Openness to the collaborative nature of the project

Proposal Requirements

The submission should include:

- The contractor's specific interest in the project
- A detailed résumé of prospective author(s), highlighting related work experience
- An overview of written reports covering similar scope and focus
- A writing sample that illustrates the contractor's knowledge of the renewable energy field and the specific chapter/section in question
- The contractor's daily rate

Selection Criteria

- Cost of the offer (70% weight)
- Quality of the offer (20%)
 - Relevant experience and references (75%)
 - Brief presentation of ideas in cover letter indicating authoring direction (25%)
- Ability for contractor to meet short timeline (10%)

Proposals should be addressed to gsm@ren21.net. Please mention “Submission of proposal: GSR 2021 Chapter on the role of Businesses” in the subject line.

The **deadline date** for receipt of proposals is **22 January 2021, 23:00 (CEST)**. All received proposals will be acknowledged but only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

GSR Tentative Timeline

September-December	Round 1 Data Collection & Authoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy Landscape - Distributed Renewable Energy for Energy Access - Enabling Technologies & Systems Integration - Energy Efficiency - Round 1 sidebars
Early/mid-January	Round 1 Peer Review
January-early May	Round 2 Data Collection & Authoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global Overview - Market and Industry Trends (technology sections) - Investment Flows - Role of businesses in the global transition to renewables - Round 2 sidebars
End March/early April	Round 2 Peer Review
Early/mid June	Launch of Final Report