

CALL for PROPOSALS

Economic and Social Value Creation with Renewables

Authorship for the Renewables 2023 Global Status Report

About REN21

REN21 is the only global community of renewable energy actors from science, governments, NGOs and industry. We provide up-to-date and peer-reviewed facts, figures and analysis of global developments in technology, policies and markets to decision makers. Our goal: encourage and enable them to shift to renewable energy – now. For more information, visit www.ren21.net.

Objective

REN21 is looking for a consultant to act as a module author for GSR 2023, who will work in close consultation with the REN21 Knowledge and Data Team (KDT).

Scope and Background of the Assignment

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 hundreds of contributors, researchers, and authors. It is the most-referenced document on renewables worldwide. (For the latest edition of the GSR, see www.ren21.net/gsr.)

GSR 2023: Discover the new design and structure

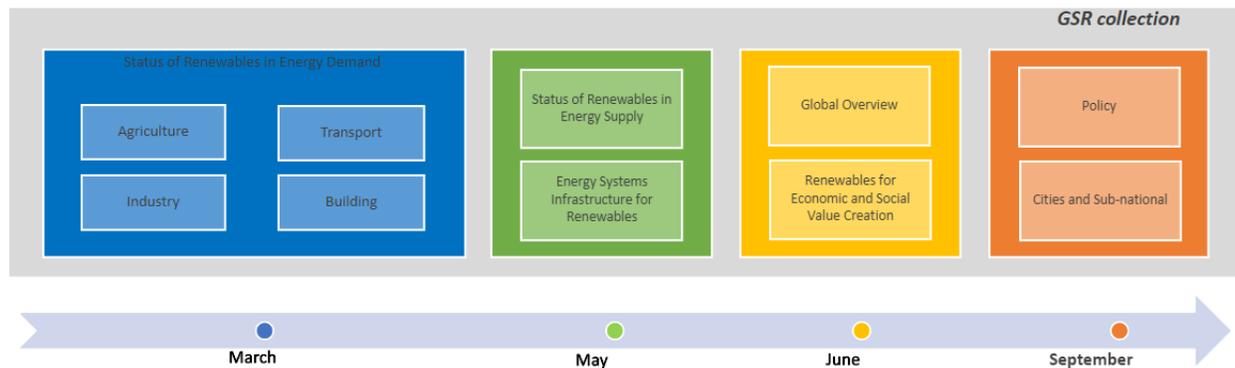
The *Renewables Global Status Report* is shifting to now become the *Renewables Global Status Report* collection. Its essence, as a summary report remains the same, but now the report will have a renewed structure. The *Renewables Global Status Report* collection will be divided into a sequence of *modules* published throughout the year. This call for proposal covers the **bolded** module shown below:

(1) Global Overview

(2) Status of Renewables in Energy Demand: Agriculture in Focus

- (3) Status of Renewables in Energy Demand: Buildings in Focus
- (4) Status of Renewables in Energy Demand: Industry in Focus
- (5) Status of Renewables in Energy Demand: Transport in Focus
- (6) Status of Renewables in Energy Supply
- (7) Energy Systems Infrastructure for Renewables
- (8) Economic and Social Value Creation with Renewables**
- (9) Special feature: Cities in Focus
- (10) Special feature: Policies in Focus

GSR Collection Structure and Timeline



Each module will cover targets and policies, finance and investment as well as market developments and trends focused on each sector. The content of the GSR 2023 will be based primarily on data from 2022 (or, if unavailable, the newest accessible data). Each module will have an executive summary and if relevant, supplementary sidebars, tables and notes. ([For more information on how the GSR is changing/evolving, stay tuned for updates on the REN21 website.](#))

We are keeping the broad-spectrum sectoral and topical content of the Global Status Report which you know and are continuously contributing to. A Global Overview overarching module will describe and link the different modules to bring the overall vision of the global status of renewable deployment and trends. In addition to this you will find target and policy data, as well as investment and market development information in each module. As we have done in the past, there will be a separate document that contains a summary for policy makers on highlights of the GSR collection.

Background of the Assignment

The GSR has previously covered the topics of **‘distributed renewables’**, **‘energy access’**, **‘energy communities’**, **‘employment’**, **‘local value chains’**, **‘gender’** and **‘education’** in the Distributed renewables for Energy Access chapter and in sidebars. This year’s Renewables for Economic and Social Value Creation module aims to cover these topics in an integrated manner and consolidate the impacts of renewable energy on local economies and society in a single stand-alone module. The focus will be on identifying the key roles renewable energy deployments, policies and investments are playing to improve the economic and social conditions of local communities.

The high-level structure of the **Economic and Social Value Creation with Renewables** module will include the following sections:

Economic and Social Value Creation with Renewables

- Module Overview (Introduction and framing)
- Targets and Policies
- Investment
- Market developments
- Case studies (to ensure geographical coverage)

Among the suggested topics that could be included in the module, the Secretariat has identified the following:

- Renewable Energy Employment
- Gender in RE Employment and Energy Access
- Education and reskilling
- Energy Access and Distributed Renewable Energy
- Community-owned Renewable Energy Systems
- Local Value Chains
- Industrialisation (policy and trade agreements)
- Targets and policies to support local job creation, energy access and gender equality
- Finance and investments in manufacturing and local value creation
- Market developments and trends

The final topics to be included in the module are to be agreed with the Secretariat.

Description of Required Tasks and Qualifications

The contractor will support the REN21 Secretariat in conducting research for the 2023 edition of the *Renewables Global Status Report* and authoring the module.

- Expected number of working days is between 10-12

- Expected module length between 2,000-3,000 words depending on the agreed scope with the Secretariat.

Authorship of module

- Review module outline, including list of figures and relevant tables, if applicable;
- Review data collected and provided by the Secretariat, critically evaluate indicators, and propose new indicators;
- Undertake research / collect data as necessary to:
 - 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 module
- Incorporate comments following peer reviews (detailed outline and full draft)
- Produce related figures and tables
 - Critically review relevant figures & tables from the previous edition of the GSR that could fit in this new module;
 - The contractor may propose and develop new figures and tables relevant to the module that help illustrate the status of renewable energy and important trends. Changes and additions should be discussed with the Knowledge and Data Team, Special Advisors, and the co-author(s) (if any);
 - Provide data and close data gaps for relevant figures, tables, and reference tables for selected indicators
- Review module 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.
- All references must be produced using [Zotero/Mendeley](#), following 'Chicago- style 17th edition full endnotes without ibid'. Referencing for all information will be done in accordance with REN21's authoring guidelines which will be shared with the author.

Other Authorship tasks

- Communication and occasional meetings with Knowledge and Data Team, Special Advisors and Topical authors (if applicable);
- Review contributor database, data contributions, etc.;
- Review of report back matter, if needed (glossary, methodological note, etc.);
- Provide a detailed list of contributors (who provided data and information) for inclusion in the Acknowledgment section.
- Consult and collaborate closely with the Knowledge and Data 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 module
- 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

GSR Collection Tentative Project Timeline

Economic Value Creation Module

What	By When (tentative)
Outline preparation	December 2022
Peer review outline	05 December – 18 December 2022
Data Collection & Authoring	January – early April 2023
Peer review full draft	mid-April– end-April 2023
Editing and design	May – early June 2023
Launch	Mid-June 2023

Deliverables

What	By when	Est. No. of days
Final Outline	23 January 2023	1 day
First draft	3 April 2023	5-7 days
Peer review draft	9 April 2023	1 day
First draft of figures	17 April – 30 April 2023	1 day
Integrating PR comments and finalising draft	8 May 2023	1 days
Final figures	8 May 2023	½ day
Integrating editor’s comments and finalising section	14-18 May 2023	½ day

Proposal Requirements

The submission should include:

- A detailed resume of prospective author(s), highlighting related work experience.
- The contractor's specific interest in the project.
- 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 module in question. This should include a brief proposed outline of the module.
- Proposed daily rate for carrying out the work.
- VAT rate or note that explains why VAT is not applicable.

Key Selection Criteria

- Cost of the offer – 30%
- Quality of the offer – 70%
 - Writing Sample (30%)
 - Relevant experience and references (60%)
 - Flexibility and timeline – (10%)

REN21 will pay 30% of the contractor's fee at contract signature and the second 70% payment once the final deliverable is validated by the REN21 secretariat.

Proposals should be addressed to: secretariat@ren21.net. Please mention "CFP – Economic and Social Value Creation _Authorship – contractors name" in the subject line.

The **deadline date** for receipt of proposals is **11 December 2022, 23:00 (CEST)**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.