

CALL for PROPOSALS

General Special Advisor(s) 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(s) to act as General Special Advisor for GSR 2023, who will work in close consultation with the REN21 Knowledge and Data Team (KDT).

Scope and Background of the Assignment

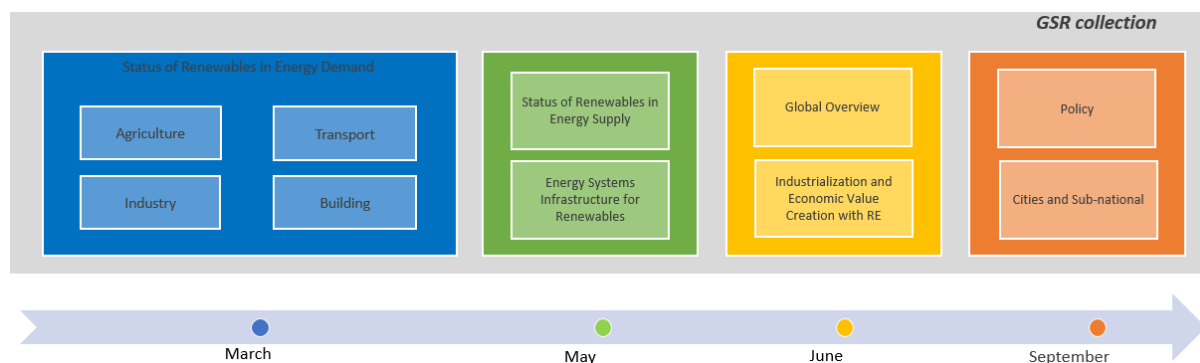
First released in 2005, REN21's *Renewables Global Status Report* (GSR) provides a comprehensive and timely overview of renewable energy market, industry, investment and policy developments worldwide. It enables policymakers, industry, investors and civil society to make informed decisions. The *Renewables 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 including:

- (1) Global Overview
- (2) Renewables in Energy Demand: Agriculture
- (3) Renewables in Energy Demand: Buildings
- (4) Renewables in Energy Demand: Industry
- (5) Renewables in Energy Demand: Transport
- (6) Renewables in Energy Supply
- (7) Energy Systems and Infrastructure for Renewables
- (8) Renewables for Economic and Social Value Creation
- (9) Special Feature: Policies in Focus
- (10) Special Feature: Cities in Focus

GSR Collection Structure and Timeline



Each module within the collection will cover the three key areas of renewable energy policy and targets, finance and investment, and market developments, in addition to providing an overview and case studies. The content of the GSR 2023 will be based primarily on data from 2022 (or, if unavailable, the latest available data). Each module will have an executive summary and, if relevant, supplementary sidebars, figures, 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.

The GSR report is aimed to be modular and each module will be structured, as much as possible, as follows:

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

Each module author will be in charge of conducting research, authoring and developing the narrative to cover the module overview, the market developments and case studies. The author will be in close communication with the topical authors in charge of the targets and policies as well as investment and finance content (with the support of the GSR team) to include the content in the module.

The responsibilities of the contractor are described in the sections that follow.

Description of Required Tasks

The contractor will be responsible for being the primary special advisor for the Global Overview module and general special advisor for other modules.

The contractor shall assume the following tasks concerning the assignment for the GSR:

Primary Special Advisor to the GSR Global Overview

The contractor will be responsible for the following tasks related to the preparation of the text for the Global Overview (GO):

- Participate in early discussions on **outline, figures, and content** of the GO.
- **Review** the first draft, peer-review draft, and near-final draft of GO.
- Support the Secretariat in the global narrative to **ensure coherence** with the content of the GSR collection.
- Over the course of production, provide input to help the KDT/chapter authors to **identify relevant trends and share information** with the KDT within the defined budget.

General Special Advisor to the GSR

Review of the following GSR modules: Demand modules (Agriculture, Buildings, Industry and Transport), Energy Systems & Infrastructure and Supply and Economic and Social Value creation modules depending on the scope defined by the Secretariat.

- Reviews will be required of the following stages in the module's authorship – detailed outline, peer review draft, final designed version.
- Comments will be delivered to KDT.

Suggest **individual expert reviewers** for (specific pieces of) the modules - in particular Agriculture, Industry, or specific Renewable Energy technologies - preferably prior to the formal review. For this, the contractor will suggest identified experts to review (parts) of the modules and incorporate their suggestions after cross-verifying them.

Additional Special Advisor Tasks

- Miscellaneous communications
- Communication with KDT
- Identification and sharing of info & sources with REN21 team and/or other authors

Qualification requirements of contractor

- Proven track record of knowledge about the renewable energy sector, in particular topics relevant to the modules;
- Capacity to provide strategic guidance in the framing of the overall report;
- Related work experience;
- Proficiency in English;
- Openness to the collaborative nature of the project.

GSR Collection Tentative Project Timeline

Round 1: Status of Renewables in Energy Demand: Agriculture, Buildings, Industry and Transport

What	By When (tentative)
Outline preparation	Early October 2022
Peer review outline	10-23 October 2022
Data Collection & Authoring	Early October – Mid-December
Peer review full draft	2 - 15 January 2023
Editing and design	Mid-January – end-January 2023
Launch	Early March 2023

Round 2: Renewable Energy Supply and Energy Systems Infrastructure Modules

What	By When (tentative)
Outline preparation	November 2022
Peer review outline	End-November – December 2022
Data Collection & Authoring	November 2022 – March 2023
Peer review full draft	End-March – April 2023
Editing and design	April – early May 2023
Launch	Mid-May 2023

Round 3: Global Overview and [Industrialisation and Economic Value Creation] * Modules

What	By When (tentative)
Outline preparation	November 2022
Peer review outline	End-November – December 2022
Data Collection & Authoring	November 2022 – March 2023
Peer review full draft	End-March – April 2023
Editing and design	April – early May 2023
Launch	Mid-June 2023

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.
- 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 – General Special Advisor – contractors name" in the subject line.

The **deadline date** for receipt of proposals is **31 October 2022, 23:00 (CEST)**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.