

CALL for PROPOSALS

Topical Author on Investment Flows for the Renewables 2024 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 a topical author on Investment Flows for GSR 2023, who will work in close consultation with the REN21 Knowledge and Data Team (KDT) and the *module* authors (see below for more information about the structure).

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 2024 Collection 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) Economic and Social Value Creation with Renewables

GSR 2024 Collection Timeline

The GSR Collection is planned to launch five (5) separate publication, as follows:

1. Global Overview – March 2024
2. Renewables in Energy Demand (Agriculture, Buildings, Industry and Transport) – April 2024
3. Energy Systems and Infrastructure for Renewables – June 2024
4. Renewables in Energy Supply – June 2024
5. Economic and Social Value Creation with Renewables – September 2024

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 2024 will be based primarily on data from 2023 (or, if unavailable, the newest accessible data). Each module will have an introduction and if relevant, supplementary sidebars, tables and notes. [\(For more information, please check GSR2023\).](#)

We will be continuing our reporting on the overall picture of renewables in the broader energy context. The Global Overview module will describe and link the different modules to bring forward the overall vision of the global status of renewable deployment and trends. In addition to this it will comprise 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 high-level structure of modules (1-8) will include the following chapters:

GSR 2024 Module Structure

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

It is the responsibility of the topical author under this contract to ensure the authoring of the investment flows chapters for these modules. These pieces will then be integrated into each module by the module author with the support of the GSR team.

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

Description of Required Tasks

The contractor will support the REN21 Secretariat in conducting research for the 2024 edition of the *Renewables Global Status Report* and authoring the investment section of each module.

- Expected number of working days: up to twenty-three days (22)
- Expected investment related length is 5,500-6,300 words divided into each module as follows:

Modules	Estimated number of words for Investment flows Chapter in each Module
Global Overview	1,500
Agriculture	300-500
Buildings	500-600
Industry	600-800
Transport	500-600
Renewable Energy Supply	1,500
Energy Systems Infrastructure	300-500
Industrialisation and Economic Value Creation	300-500

Authorship of Investment flows Chapters

- Prepare Investment flows outline for each module, including list of figures/graphs 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 investment flows chapters for each module
- Incorporate comments following peer reviews and copy-editing for both the detailed outline and full draft of the module
- 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 chapter 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 module author(s);
 - Provide data and close data gaps for relevant figures, tables, and reference tables for selected indicators

- Provide the GSR team with the investment flows chapters in a timely manner and coordinate with the module author if necessary
- Review chapters 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 (if needed) with Research Direction Team, Special Advisors and Module authors;
- Review contributor database, data contributions, etc.;
- Review of report back matter, if needed (glossary, methodological note, etc.);
- Provide a detailed list of all contributors (who provided data and information) for inclusion in the Acknowledgements 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 the REN21 “GSR style”
- Related work experience
- Proficiency in English
- Openness to the collaborative nature of the project

GSR Collection Project Timeline

Module 1: Global Overview

What	By When (tentative)
Outline preparation	October 2023
Review outline	November 2023
Data Collection & Authoring	November –December 2023
Review full draft	January 2024
Editing and design	January – February 2024
Launch	March 2024

Module 2: Status of Renewables in Energy Demand: Agriculture, Buildings, Industry and Transport

What	By When (tentative)
Outline preparation	October 2023
Peer review outline	November 2023
Data Collection & Authoring	November 2023 –January 2024
Peer review full draft	February 2024
Editing and design	February – March 2024
Launch	April 2024

Module 3: Energy Systems and Infrastructure for Renewables

What	By When (tentative)
Outline preparation	January 2024
Peer review outline	January 2024
Data Collection & Authoring	January – March 2024
Peer review full draft	April 2024
Editing and design	April – May 2024
Launch	June 2024

Module 4: Renewables in Energy Supply

What	By When (tentative)
Outline preparation	January 2024
Peer review outline	January 2024
Data Collection & Authoring	January – March 2024
Peer review full draft	April 2024
Editing and design	April – May 2024
Launch	June 2024

Module 5: Status of the Economic and Social Value Creation with Renewables

What	By When (tentative)
Outline preparation	January 2024
Peer review outline	January 2024
Data Collection & Authoring	January – April 2024
Peer review full draft	April 2024
Editing and design	May – June 2024
Launch	September 2024

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.
- A brief proposed outline.
- 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%)

Tentative Payment Schedule

Deliverables	Payment	Date
Deliverable 1: - Draft Outline - Module 1 & 2 - Final Outline - Module 1 & 2 - First Draft - Module 1 - Draft Outline - Module 3, 4 & 5	30%	December 2023
Deliverable 2: - First Draft - Module 2	30%	May 2024

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final Draft - Modules 1 & 2 - Final Outline - Module 3, 4 & 5 - First Draft - Module 3, 4 & 5 		
Deliverable 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final Draft - Modules 3, 4 & 5 	40%	July 2024

Proposals should be addressed to: secretariat@ren21.net. Please mention “GSR2024 CFP – Topical_Author_Investment–contractors name” in the subject line.

The **deadline date** for receipt of proposals is **8 October 2023, 23:00 (CEST)**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.