

CALL for PROPOSALS

General Special Advisor(s) 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 General Special Advisor for GSR 2024, 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 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 publications, 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 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 2024 will be based primarily on data from 2023 (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 GSR Collection. The expected number of days of this contract is twenty-two (22) days.

The contractor will be responsible for the following tasks related to the preparation and review of the text for the Global Overview (GO), Demand modules (Agriculture, Buildings, Industry and Transport), Energy Systems & Infrastructure, Supply and Economic and Social Value creation:

- Participate in early discussions on **outline, figures, and content**.
- **Review** the outline, first draft, peer-review draft, and near-final draft:
 - 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.

- 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 authors to **identify relevant trends and share information** with the KDT within the defined budget.
- 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 and 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 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	January 2024 - February 2024
Editing and design	March 2024
Launch	April 2024

Module 3: Energy Systems and Infrastructure for Renewables

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

Module 4: Renewables in Energy Supply

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

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

What	By When (tentative)
Outline preparation	November 2023
Peer review outline	December 2023
Data Collection & Authoring	January – March 2024
Peer review full draft	April 2024
Editing and design	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.
- 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 50% of the contractor's fee at contract signature and the second 50% 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 **22 October 2023, 23:00 (CEST)**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.