CALL for PROPOSALS
General Advisor(s) for the
Renewables 2025 Global Status Report - Global Overview

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 developmentsin technology, policies and markets to decision makers. Our goal: encourage and enable them to shiftto 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 the Global Overview of GSR 2025, 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.)

The *Renewables 2025 Global Status Collection* will be divided into a sequence of resources published throughout the year including:

(1) Global Overview, which will include
   a. Socio-economic context and key developments of renewables in 2024 globally, in policy, investment and industry trends
   b. Renewables' Market Trends in energy supply
(2) Renewables for Development
(3) Renewables for Systemic Energy Transitions: main trends in energy demand sectors and enabling infrastructure.
(4) REN21 Policy Database

GSR 2025 Tentative Timeline	**By When (tentative)**
#1: Global Overview	June 2025
- **#1.1**: Socio-economic context and key developments of renewables in 2024 globally, in policy, investment and industry trends	
- **#1.2**: Renewables Market Trends (supply) - factsheets	
#2: Renewables for Development	October 2025

#3: Renewables for Systemic Energy Transitions	November/ December 2025
#4: REN21 Policy Database	January 2026

The **Renewables 2025 Global Status Collection** will draw primarily on data from 2024, or the most recent available data. The *Global Overview* will present a comprehensive vision of the current global status and trends in renewable energy deployment. The *Renewables Market Trends* section will explore key industry trends and developments across all renewable energy technologies. The *Renewables for Systemic Energy Transition* will monitor the progress of factors enabling the shift to a 100% renewable energy system. The *Renewables for Development* will showcase the economic and social benefits of adopting renewable energy. Additionally, the REN21 Policy Database will be launched as an interactive, publicly accessible online resource.

The **Global Overview** will connect and outline various sections to present a comprehensive vision of the global status of renewable energy deployment and trends. It will include data on targets, policies, investments, and market developments across each section.

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 a special advisor for the GSR 2025 Global Overview. The number of days allocated for the advisory engagement will be decided jointly.

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

- Participate in early discussions on outline, figures, and content. The special advisor will build on REN21's crowd source data collection and on their own knowledge, expertise and research to help identifying key trends and issues that need to be addressed.
- Review the outline, first draft, peer-review draft, and near-final draft:
    - Reviews will be required at the following stages of 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 2025 resources.
- 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 GSR 2025 - 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 information & 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 GSR 2025;
- 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 2025 Global Overview Timeline

What	By When (tentative)
Outline preparation (discussion with REN21 K&DT)	January 2025
Outline review	February 2025
Full draft review	March - April 2025
Editing and design	May 2025
Launch	June 2025

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%)

Payment Schedule

Deliverables	Payment	Date
Deliverable 1 - Outline preparation and review	30%	January - February 2025
Deliverable 2: - Draft review	30%	April 2025
Deliverable 3: - Final Report review	40%	June 2025

Proposals should be addressed to: secretariat@ren21.net. **Please mention "CFP – GSR 2025_GO Advisor – [contractors name]" in the subject line.**

The **deadline date** for receipt of proposals is **12 January 2025, 23:00 (CEST)**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.