

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Research and Project Management Assistant for the Renewables 2026 Global Status Report Collection

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 research assistant for the GSR 2026, 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 the 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 <https://www.ren21.net/reports/global-status-report/>.)

REN21 is looking for a consultant to support the REN21 Secretariat in research and project management for REN21's work on the *Renewables 2026 Global Status Report*, as well as other tasks within the REN21 Secretariat. The contractor(s) will work in close consultation with the REN21 Knowledge and Data Team between September 2025 and July 2026, with the option of a part-time commitment for the ideal candidate. The contractor will be expected to work 120 days over that period. Depending on performance, this contract can be extended.

GSR Collection Structure and Tentative Timeline

The *Renewables 2026 Global Status Report* collection will be divided into a sequence of modules published throughout the year including:

- (1) REN21 Policy Database
- (2) Global Overview

- (3) Status of Renewables in Energy Demand: Agriculture
- (4) Status of Renewables in Energy Demand: Buildings
- (5) Status of Renewables in Energy Demand: Industry
- (6) Status of Renewables in Energy Demand: Transport
- (7) Status of Renewables in Energy Supply
- (8) Energy Systems Infrastructure for Renewables
- (9) Economic and Social Value Creation with Renewables

1. Publication of the REN21 Policy Database	September – July
2. Module: Global Overview Narrative	September – March
3. Module: Status of Renewables in Energy Demand a. Agriculture b. Industry c. Buildings d. Transport	October – April
4. Module: Status of Renewables in Energy Supply (Power, direct heat and fuels)	November – May
5. Module: Systems Infrastructure for renewables	
6. Module: Economic and Social Value Creation with Renewables	December – July

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 2026 will be based primarily on data from 2025 (or, if unavailable, the newest accessible data). Each module will have an executive summary and, if relevant, supplementary sidebars, tables and notes.

Description of Required Deliverables and Qualifications

The contractor will support the REN21 Secretariat in providing research and project management support for the 2026 edition of the *Renewables Global Status Report Collection*. Specifically, the contractor is expected to fulfil the following tasks:

- **REN21 research support:** Participate in defining and further developing REN21’s renewable energy reporting; undertake research, data collection and analysis as necessary
 - Undertake qualitative and quantitative analysis of energy trends (as well as other related topics) for inclusion in REN21 activities, especially the REN21’s *Renewables Global Status Report* and as input for other REN21 reports and projects. This mainly entails updating the REN21 Policy Database as well as any research relevant for the content of all the GSR Modules.
 - Undertake the data cleaning, structuring, expansion and documentation of the REN21 Policy Database. This includes critically reviewing the current process and suggesting

- improvements on the coherence, accessibility and shareability of the database.
 - Draw relevant information from the contributions collected by the REN21 Secretariat from contributors.
 - Conduct desk research and follow up with contributors to close data gaps.
 - Author short pieces in REN21 reports as opportunities arise and suggest possible topics that could be included, according to the contractor's interests.
 - Ensure that references/citations are provided for all statistics and other information/data and noted in full as endnotes.
- **Project and data management support: work collaboratively in the Knowledge and Data team to support the production of REN21's knowledge products, such as the *Renewables Global Status Report***
 - Support the production of REN21 knowledge products, including facilitating collaboration between researchers; carrying out critical review of text, figures, tables, and report content, etc.
 - Support the day-to-day management of REN21's knowledge products production process, including monitoring of milestones and timelines.
 - **Support REN21 in reaching out and mobilising contributors** to participate in the data collection process.
 - **Outreach and mobilisation events:** support the preparation of REN21 events and related outreach and provide knowledge input if needed.
 - Other needs of the REN21 Secretariat.

Qualification requirements of contractor

- Proven track record of knowledge about the renewable energy sector.
- Capacity to conduct high-quality research, analysis and referencing.
- Knowledge and experience in database management. Knowledge and experience in programming languages is a plus.
- Ability to write coherently following REN21 style.
- Related work experience.
- Proficiency in English. Knowledge of other languages is an advantage.
- Openness to the collaborative nature of the project.

Proposal Requirements

The submission should include:

- A detailed resume of the candidate, highlighting related work experience

- The candidate's specific interest in the project
- A writing sample that illustrates the contractor's knowledge of the renewable energy field
- Indication of time availability between September 2025 and end of July 2026.
- Proposed daily rate for carrying out the work, including VAT (if applicable).

Key Selection Criteria

- Cost of the offer (30% weight)
- Quality of the offer (70%)
 - Relevant experience and references (50%)
 - Writing sample (50%)

Proposals should be addressed to: secretariat@ren21.net. Please mention "CFP – GSR 2026 Research and Project Management" in the subject line.

The **deadline date** for receipt of proposals is **31 August 2025, 23:59 (CEST)**. Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.