CALL FOR PROPOSAL

Topical Researchers for the Renewables 2025 Global Status Report (GSR 2025)

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 consultants to act as researchers for the GSR 2025, who will work in close collaboration 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. This piece will map out the key trends and set the basis for topical deep dives throughout the year
   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	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.

This call for proposals covers primary research on key developments in renewable energy supply and demand sectors, as well as enabling technologies and infrastructure.

For each topic, researchers will provide **data (key numbers)**, **trends** and **case studies** on **policy, investment, markets and industry developments.** The high-level structure includes the following topics:

Renewables in energy supply:

- Bioenergy – power, direct heat and fuels
- Geothermal – power and direct heat
- Heat Pumps – direct heat
- Hydro – power
- Ocean – power
- Concentrated Solar – power and direct heat
- Solar PV – power
- Solar Thermal – direct heat
- Wind – power
- Energy storage
- Grids

Renewables in energy demand sectors:

- Agriculture

- ☐ Buildings & Cities
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Transport
- ☐ Sector coupling

Investment in renewable energy:

- ☐ Key trends on global renewable energy investment

Description of Required Tasks and Qualifications

The contractor will support the REN21 Secretariat in conducting research for the 2025 edition of the *Renewables Global Status Report collection*. Tasks include:

- Undertake research following the structure provided by the REN21 Secretariat.
- Review data collection and structure provided by the Secretariat, critically evaluate indicators, and propose new indicators.
- Proivede data and close data gaps on trends, case studies, policies, investments, markets and industry developments.
- Provide data and close data gaps for relevant figures, tables, and reference tables for selected indicators.
- Complement data collection and analysis with interviews with experts.
- 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 and Special Advisors.
- **Provide a final, detailed outline containing the results of the research**.
- 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 authors.

Other Researcher's tasks

- Communication and occasional meetings with Knowledge and Data Team, Authors, Special Advisors and GSR authors and co-researchers.
- Review contributor database, data contributions, etc.
- Review of report back matter, if needed (glossary, methodological note, etc.).
- Provide a detailed list of contributors (who provided data and information) for inclusion in the Acknowledgment 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.
- Capacity to conduct high quality research and ability to write coherently following REN21 style.
- Related work experience.
- Proficiency in English.
- Openness to the collaborative nature of the project.

Project Timeline

What	By When (tentative)
Data Collection incl. figures	February 2025
Detailed outline incl. references	March 2025
Review	May 2025
Launch	June 2025

Proposal Requirements

The submission should include:

- A detailed resume of the candidate, highlighting related work experience.
- The candidate's specific interest in the project, and **the topics of her/his interest.**
- A writing sample that illustrates the contractor's knowledge of the renewable energy field.
- Indication of time availability between end of February 2025 and June 2025.
- 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 (30%)
    - Writing sample (60%)
    - Flexibility and Timeline (10%)

Payment Schedule

Deliverables	Payment	Date
Deliverable 1: - Data collection (Excel)	30%	February 2025
Deliverable 2: - Detailed outline with references	30%	March 2025
Deliverable 3: - Final Reviews and report launch	40%	June 2025

Proposals should be addressed to: secretariat@ren21.net. **Please mention "CFP – GSR 2025 Topical Researchers" in the subject line.**

The **deadline date** for receipt of proposals is **26 January 2025, 23:00 (CEST)**. Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Due to the high number of applications, only short-listed candidates will be contacted. If you don't receive a response by 15 February 2025, please consider your application has not been successful.