

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## Topical Special Advisor to the Renewables 2021 Global Status Report and the Renewables 2022 Global Status Report

### Background

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REN21 is the only global renewable energy community of actors from science, governments, NGOs and industry. We provide up-to-date facts, figures and peer-reviewed analysis of global developments in technology, policies and markets to decision-makers. Our goal: encourage and enable them to shift to renewable energy happen - now.

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 more than 900 contributors, researchers, and authors. It has become the most-referenced document on renewables worldwide. (For the latest edition of the GSR, see [www.ren21.net/gsr](http://www.ren21.net/gsr).)

The **Renewables Global Status Report** is conceived as a summary report with a more or less similar chapter structure as its predecessors, and content and presentation comparable to the previous year's report. The content for GSR 2021 will be based primarily on data from 2020 (or, if unavailable, the newest accessible data), and similarly with subsequent year's data for GSR 2022.

In addition, the report will have an executive summary and supplementary sidebars, tables and notes. Also, there will be a separate document that contains a summary for policy makers based on highlights of the report.

### Objective

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REN21 is looking for a consultant(s) to act as Topical Special Advisor to GSR 2021 and GSR 2022<sup>1</sup>, and who will work in close consultation with the REN21 Research Direction Team.

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<sup>1</sup> Contract may be renewed for the second year dependent upon performance review following the first year.

## Description of Required Tasks

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### 1. *Serve as Topical Special Advisor for the GSR*

The contractor will support the Research Direction Team and Chapter Authors through the following activities:

- **Critical review of the following GSR chapters: Global Overview, Policy Landscape, Energy Systems Integration & Enabling Technologies, Energy Efficiency**
  - Critical reviews will be required of the following stages in the chapter authorship – Outline, Draft 1, peer review draft, final designed version.
  - Comments will be delivered to the Chapter Author and RDT.
- **Review and balancing of the sections**
  - Prior to authoring, discuss with author(s) the overall direction of the chapters/sections and which aspects may be critical to highlight
  - Critically review **sections** and discuss with the RDT on balance, orientation, and possible issues
  - Critically review **figures, tables and reference tables** and suggest possible improvements to help illustrate the status of renewable energies as well as trends
- Suggest **individual expert reviewers** for (specific pieces of) the section, preferably prior to the formal review. For this, the contractor will suggest identified experts to review (parts) of the section and incorporate their suggestions after cross-verifying them
- **Participate in the expert review** to review all pieces of the GSR, including peer review period
- As **follow-up to expert reviews**, the contractor will review the comments and consult with the Chapter Author and Research Direction Team on how to address critical comments, topics or how to close remaining data gaps
- **Support the RDT in defining the content of cross-cutting pieces of the GSR** by potentially reviewing summaries of sections prepared by the section authors to be used for the Executive Summary, the Policy Brief as well as the press release

For these tasks, the contractor will work in close collaboration with the Research Direction Team and Chapter Authors and maintain a regular exchange regarding content, status, and how he can contribute.

### 2. *Follow-up and Outreach Activities*

- Where possible, the contractor should collaborate in GSR dissemination and communication activities at the country and/or regional level. Ideally, this should include:
  - **Presentation of the report on the contractor's website**, and if existing, blogs, social media along with a link to [www.ren21.net/gsr](http://www.ren21.net/gsr).
  - **Organisation of and/or participation in GSR outreach events** – Regional events to promote the GSR and your role in its production along with linking the GSR to the national and regional debate. This can be done through standalone workshops, media launch events, side events at conferences, etc.

### Qualification requirements of contractor

- Proven track record of knowledge about the renewable energy sector, in particular topics relevant to the chapters
- Related work experience
- Proficiency in English
- Openness to the collaborative nature of the project

### Proposal Requirements

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#### The submission should include:

- The contractor's specific interest in the project
- A detailed résumé, highlighting related work experience
- An overview of written reports covering similar scope and focus
- The contractor's daily rate

Proposals should be addressed to [secretariat@ren21.net](mailto:secretariat@ren21.net) with the subject line "Proposal for Topical Special Advisor to GSR 2020/2021".

The **deadline date** for receipt of proposals is **28 September 2020, 23:00 (CEST)**.

### GSR Tentative Timeline

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October-December	<b>Round 1 Data Collection &amp; Authoring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy Landscape</li> <li>- Distributed Renewable Energy for Energy Access</li> <li>- Enabling Technologies &amp; Systems Integration</li> <li>- Energy Efficiency</li> <li>- Feature</li> <li>- Round 1 sidebars</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Early/mid-January	<b>Round 1 Peer Review</b>
January-early May	<b>Round 2 Data Collection &amp; Authoring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global Overview</li> <li>- Market and Industry Trends (technology sections)</li> <li>- Investment Flows</li> <li>- Round 2 sidebars</li> </ul>
End March/early April	<b>Round 2 Peer Review</b>
Early June	<b>Launch of Final Report</b>

