

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Copy Editor for the 2023 RESR Renewable Energy and Sustainability Report

About REN21

REN21 is the only global renewable energy community of 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. Our goal: encourage and enable them to shift to renewable energy happen - now. Visit www.ren21.net.

Background & Objective

The transition towards an efficient, renewables-based energy system is not happening quickly enough. The world is far from being on track to reach the 1.5°C targets or achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Reinforcing societal support for the deployment of renewable energy and the necessary infrastructure and tackling the arguments against it is, therefore, more urgent than ever. While a massive uptake of renewables brings clear benefits, like any technology or infrastructure, it creates pressures on both the environment and human well-being. Addressing these pressures is crucial to ensure that the transition to a renewables-based energy system fulfils its objectives of a more inclusive, fair, and clean economy and society.

The Renewable Energy & Sustainability Report (RESR2023) aims to build a shared understanding of the existing analysis of the environmental, economic, and social sustainability of renewable energy. Based on REN21's approach, the project brings together diverse voices that take part in the current debate and rely on crowd-sourced data collection and expert peer review. It identifies challenges and debates and sheds light on workable solutions. Rather than creating new standards, the project will provide insights into good practices of policy, regulations, and responses from industry and civil society.

Project Outline

This first edition of the RESR will count **approximately 130 pages** (excl. References and acknowledgements). It will unfold the following sections and subsections:

1 - Introduction

2 - Executive Summary

3 - Section Ecosystems

Introduction

Land Use and Land Use Change.

- Renewable energy and land use / land use change
- Land use footprint of different energy technologies and infrastructures
- Solutions - Sustainable land use practices

Water Use and Water Access.

- Water in the energy value chain
- Energy in water value chain
- Solutions - Sustainable water-energy management practices

Energy for Agriculture.

Renewable energy and Biodiversity (on land and in water).

- Co-existence of RE with terrestrial biodiversity
- Habitat endangerment
- Biodiversity impacts of RE on water and air
- Solutions - Sustainable ecosystem management and rewilding practices
- Solutions - Development constraints

Renewable energy and human health (One Health)

Climate Change, Ecosystems and Renewable Energy

Existing Sustainability Standards and Criteria.

Solutions: Discussion of solutions and case studies proposed in the chapter

Conclusions / Questions.

4 - Section Materials of Renewable Energy

Introduction

Materials availability and criticality

- Materials of renewable energy
- Renewable energy materials' criticality.
- What are the critical materials of the renewable energy transition?

Minerals extraction

- Conventional mining of renewable energy materials.
- Challenges of renewable energy materials' mining.
- Alternative extraction techniques.

Circularity

- What is circularity and how can it be applied to renewable energy?
- Solutions to improve mineral circularity (financial incentives, national and company level policies)

Solutions: discussion of solutions and case studies proposed in the chapter

Conclusions/Questions.

5 - Section Energy Justice

Introduction.

Status of Energy Justice.

Distribution of Costs & Benefits: Questions surrounding Access and Labor

- Access to finance, affordability, revenues of RE
- Alleviation of energy poverty and increased energy access
- Jobs
- Solutions and best-practices

Recognition and in-recognition: The Case of Human Rights in the Energy Transition.

- Working conditions and forced labor
- Indigenous people's rights and population displacement
- Gender equality
- Solutions and best-practices

Community engagement.

- Citizen's participation
- Engagement vehicles at various scales
- Alternative governance and business models
- Solutions and best-practices

Solutions: discussion of solutions and case studies proposed in the chapter

Conclusions/Questions.

6 - Boxes and Sidebars (cross-cutting sections)

- i. Policy Landscape
- ii. Rights of Nature
- iii. Business models

- iv. Climate change and adaptation (role of renewables and adaptation of renewable energy infrastructure)
- v. Sufficiency and energy conservation
- vi. Lifecycle Analysis
- vii. Precautionary principle and reversibility
- viii. Energy infrastructures as common goods

Description of Required Tasks

The editor may be requested to roughly copy-edit earlier chapter drafts to prepare the chapters for a more efficient review of the content by the Knowledge & Data Team and Special Advisors, and/or prior to peer review.

The editor will copy-edit the full Renewable Energy and Sustainability Report and supporting documents in a way that is consistent with other REN21 publications.

(see <https://www.ren21.net/reports/ren21-reports/> for reference).

The result will be a clean and proof-read version that is ready for final layout work.

The draft report will be provided by the REN21 Secretariat for copy-editing.

The report should be copy-edited in English (British) and follow OECD style/Chicago style.

Qualification requirements of contractor:

- Proven track record of knowledge about renewable energy, sustainability and related sectors
- Over 5 years of editing experience
- Capacity to conduct high quality research and ability to write coherently
- Proficiency in English
- Openness to the collaborative nature of the project

Proposal Requirements

The submission should include:

- The contractor's specific interest in the project.
- A detailed résumé of prospective editor(s), highlighting related work experience.
- A writing sample that illustrates the contractor's ability to edit/write clearly; a writing sample covering similar scope and focus would be highly recommended.
- The contractor's daily rate, and please clarify if VAT is applicable or not.

The selection of the contractor will depend on:

- Price – 30%

- Relevant experience and quality – 65 %
 - Relevant experience and references
 - Writing sample
- Flexibility and ability to meet timeline – 15%

Proposals should be emailed to secretariat@ren21.net with the subject line “Proposal for RESR 2023 Editor” in the subject line.

The **deadline** for receipt of proposals is **23:59 CEST, 10 January 2023**.

Report Timeline & Deliverables

The assignment of the contractor will be spread out between **February-June 2023**.

The contractor’s assignment schedule shall closely align with the agreed schedule for RESR 2023. To allow for publication of information in a timely fashion, the report production timeline is very tight. In order to reach the publication deadline, the contractor will be expected to respond within a reasonable amount of time when contacted by REN21.

Below is the proposed timeline to produce the **Renewable Energy and Sustainability Report** as envisaged by REN21:

By when	What	By whom
January 2023 (end of the month)	Contracting of editor	REN21
February 2023 (early to mid Feb.)	Roughly harmonising the chapters of the first draft of the report prior to peer review	Editors, REN21
April - June 2023	Design and copy-editing of the report	Designers, Editors, REN21
June 2023	Launch of the RESR 2023	REN21