

Reference: GCF/RFP/2018/C/010

ADDENDUM NO. 1**Request for Proposals for Technical Advisory Services on the Piloting of Activities for the Preparation of Country Programmes and Related Processes**

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is modified as set forth in this Addendum. The original RFP Documents remains in full force and effect, except as modified by this Addendum, which is hereby made part of the RFP. Respondents shall take this Addendum into consideration when preparing and submitting their Proposal.

I. Submission deadline.

The submission deadline for the RFP has been extended to **26 May, 2018; 16:00 Hrs Korean Time**

II. Amendment to Annex 6: Timeline

Annex 6 is hereby amended as follows:-

Annex 6**Timeline**

The Green Climate Fund will follow the timeline below for this RFP. Any changes to this timeline will be posted on the GCF website. Please note that the target dates and may be adjusted.

	Event	Responsible Party	Date (and time, KST)
1	Issuance of RFP	GCF	13 April 2018
2	Last day to send completed Acknowledgement Letter of RFP	Tenderer	18 May, 2018
3	Last date for requests for clarification of the RFP	Tenderer	14 May 2018
4	Last date to reply to questions received/ Last date for amendment	GCF	17 May 2018
5	Date by which proposal must be received in Korea by GCF	Tenderer	25 May 2018; 16:00 Hrs Korean Time
6	Date of opening of Technical Proposals	GCF	25 May 2018
7**	Interviews of Shortlisted Consultants	GCF	11-15 June, 2018
8**	Notice of successful provider	GCF	20 June, 2018
9**	Contract signing	GCF/Tenderer	By 29 June, 2018
10**	Work starts	Tenderer	July 2018

**Please note that the dates are tentative target dates and may be adjusted.

III. Responses to requests for Clarification

No	Clarification requested	Response
1	We understand the Consultants will provide technical, analytical, and advisory services to NDAs in pilot countries to support the development of their Country Programmes. Could clarify how is this assignment different from the work currently undertaken under the Readiness Programme through the delivery partners?	This work will support the GCF Secretariat's Division of Country Programming (DCP) in piloting activities to strengthen the capacity of NDAs in developing their country programmes by complementing ongoing efforts. It is not expected that the Consultant develops the Country Programme for any of the selected countries. The work aims to enhance the quality of the current processes supported by GCF, including that which is being undertaken by delivery partners. An analysis of the initial country programmes submitted to GCF to-date, as well as an analysis of the country programme drafts submitted for review indicates a lack of robust technical inputs required for the elaboration of high quality country programmes that help countries identify their climate change priorities and influence the quality of the GCF pipeline. This assignment could serve as a demonstration of good practice approaches with the view to produce transformational and high-quality country programmes in line with country priorities and with the GCF mandate to provide a significant and ambitious contribution to country efforts to achieve low emissions and climate resilient development compatible with the long-term objectives set in the Paris Agreement.
2	Could you confirm if the programme outlined in the TORs aims at replacing the NDA Strengthening and Country Programme Preparation projects under the Readiness Programme?	No, in fact the TOR and the work to be delivered under this assignment aims at strengthening the current country programme exercise undertaken by countries. The programme outlined in the TORs includes assessments that build on existing work in countries and that are undertaken in collaboration with relevant national stakeholders.
3	Would the GCF see a conflict of interest in the event the country seeks further support to prepare its Country Programme?	We would not see a conflict of interest per se, but we would ensure there are no issues related to duplication of efforts. We would further take into account the coherence and complementarity associated to delivering this work effectively with ongoing and/or future requests/proposals that come to the GCF from countries for Readiness Support.

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4	How does the GCF see the consultants hired through this consultancy working with other consultants hired under the GCF readiness programme?	The GCF sees the experts (Consultants) hired through this RFP as discrete from the delivery partners hired under the GCF Readiness Programme. There may be an overlap in firms (i.e. a Readiness delivery partner may bid on this assignment and meanwhile also continue its work as needed on other readiness activities). If the winning Consultant(s) are not existing GCF Readiness delivery partners, the GCF would expect that for any ongoing work being undertaken in a pilot country, the selected Consultant would be aware of those efforts, and if necessary, hold initial discussion/call(s) with the delivery partner(s) to ensure alignment and lack of duplication or efforts.
5	Should our firm decide not to submit a proposal in response to this RFP, would this preclude us from bidding on Package 1 work for Non-pilot countries under the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme? In other words, is this RFP for all future work with the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme? This question is in reference to the rostered approach referenced on page 10 of the RFP document.	<p>No, firms may continue to work with countries on proposals to undertake Readiness activities as currently being carried-out. The work under this TOR will be a separate services contract with the Secretariat. Although the outputs of the work under this TOR are intended to strengthen and support countries for their Readiness activities, it is not being funded through the countries' envelopes for Readiness support. As such, the countries will not be contracting these services through the Readiness proposal window. This work will be contracted and funded by the Secretariat to, among others, support a pilot set of countries in their readiness activities by providing them with robust, data-driven, analytical inputs which could then be used as the basis for countries to formulate their Country Programme. The work is not intended to deliver the Country Program for the country, but rather to provide the technical inputs needed for a country to formulate it based on the outputs of this assignment.</p> <p>As for the rostered approach, qualifying firms will be placed on a roster to undertake the work under Package 1 for any subsequent requests received from non-pilot countries. The roster does not impact the existing approach for countries to contract with a delivery partner(s) of their choice when submitting a proposal through the Readiness window. Firms not placed on the roster may continue to work with countries based on the countries' choice of delivery partner.</p>
6	Deadline extension	The deadline for submission of proposals has been extended by 2 weeks. The deadline for proposal submission will be 25 th May, 2018 at 1600 hours Korean Standard Time