

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title of Consultancy: Analysis of the Climate & Corruption Case Atlas

Application closing date: 23 October

Consultancy start and end date: 31 October – 8 December 2023

Location: home-based

BACKGROUND

Transparency International (TI) is the global civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption. Through more than 100 chapters worldwide and an international secretariat in Berlin, Germany, TI raises awareness of the damaging effects of corruption and works with partners in government, business, and civil society to develop and implement effective measures to tackle it.

The Transparency International Secretariat (TI-S) in Berlin is seeking a consultant to conduct an analysis of the [Climate & Corruption Case Atlas](#) ('Atlas'). The first instrument of its kind, the Atlas, is a digital library that illustrates how corruption negatively impacts efforts to adapt to and mitigate the climate crisis. The Atlas brings together case stories, analysis, and learning about corruption in the climate sector. Drawing on global experience – from fossil-fuel lobbying to the illegal rosewood trade – its insights can support a wide range of climate stakeholders, including policymakers, practitioners, donors, civil society, affected communities, the media and activists.

OBJECTIVE

The research aims to conduct an in-depth analysis of published cases in the Atlas, focusing on corruption in climate initiatives. It seeks to identify patterns and implications of corruption, paying special attention to conflict of interest and the significance of due diligence in climate-related initiatives. Additionally, the study will propose recommendations to enhance accountability and improve climate governance.

The findings of this analysis are intended to improve knowledge of climate-related corruption, as well as formulating clear recommendations from the findings. These will then be disseminated to key stakeholders, including civil society, public and private sectors, with further engagement to enhance policy-making processes.

The primary objectives of the study are:

1. Based on the cases available on the Climate & Corruption Atlas (and additional information publicly available) the analysis will elaborate a framework to categorize climate-related corruption practices, including:
 - a. Types of corruption and their specificities as they relate to climate;
 - b. Drivers and enabling factors (civic space challenges, poor transparency standards, etc.)
 - c. Implications on climate outcomes (around adaptation, mitigation, loss and damage) and other impacts (human rights, gender equality and social inclusion, etc.).
2. The analysis should place particular priority emphasis on understanding the significance and scale of conflict of interest, and limited due diligence enabling undue influence, in climate-related interventions.

3. The analysis will formulate and propose evidence-based recommendations to prevent corruption in climate finance initiatives that will inform TI's advocacy goals related to climate policymaking – including at UNFCCC forum.

SCOPE OF WORK

The selected consultant will be responsible for the following tasks:

1. Design a research framework with research questions. Tentative key questions are the following:
 - a. What are the types of corruption in climate initiatives and what are their impacts on climate outcomes?
 - b. What are key enabling factors, including how do opportunities for undue influence and conflict of interest appear?
 - c. How can those opportunities for corruption be limited?
2. Conduct a thorough review and study of the information available related to up to 70 cases in the Climate and Corruption Case Atlas database (the consultant can include other cases outside of the Atlas database after consulting with TI-S).
3. Examine the impact of corruption on climate outcomes and other effects with a focus on climate finance as well as undue influence.
4. Conduct a comparative analysis to identify lessons that can be learned from the cases and develop a framework to categorise different types of corruption/impacts.
5. Propose actionable recommendations and best practices to enhance transparency and integrity in climate initiatives.
6. Dedicate a section focusing on the implications of undue influence and conflicts of interest in climate initiatives and how to prevent and manage them.

DELIVERABLES

The analysis should culminate in the following deliverables:

1. An inception meeting to outline and confirm the research framework and research questions based on consultations with assigned TI-S staff.
2. Thorough review of the literature on the linkages between corruption and climate initiatives.
3. In-depth analysis of the cases in accordance with the scope of work (pt 2) above.
4. A final report of about **ten thousand words or 20 pages** (excluding references and optional appendixes) summarising the analysis's findings and providing recommendations.
5. The reports should contain an executive summary highlighting key findings and recommendations that can be shared with stakeholders, including policymakers.
6. A short presentation highlighting key insights and recommendations.

TIMELINE

The research project is expected to be completed **between 31 October - 8 December 2023**, including the below milestones:

1. Inception report by 5 November, to be further approved by TI-S.
2. Initial literature review and draft research framework by 10 November.

3. Draft key findings from the case analysis by 22 November.
4. An initial draft report and executive summary by 28 November.
5. Incorporate TI's feedback and submit a final draft of the report and presentation by 12 December.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The selected consultant will be responsible for conducting the research analysis, while Transparency International will provide access to the Climate & Corruption Case Atlas database including cases that are being reviewed, and support the consultant as required.

Transparency International will assign a team comprising of the climate lead, climate researcher and one representative from the projects team for overall communication and coordination.

All presentations and reports should be submitted in electronic form in English, per the deadlines stipulated above. The Consultant is responsible for editing and quality control of language. The TI Secretariat retains the sole rights with respect to all distribution, dissemination, and publication of the deliverables.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Consultant should have the following qualifications:

Required:

- An advanced university degree in a relevant field
- More than ten years of relevant research and policy/advocacy experience, of which at least five in the design and implementation of similar reviews ideally in the field of good governance, anti-corruption work and/or with civil society organisations
- Experience in governance-related (ideally, anti-corruption) work
- Demonstrated experience in climate/development finance mechanism evaluations
- Strong analytical skills and ability to organise large volumes of information into accessible frameworks and formats for a range of stakeholder audiences
- Strong writing skills (English)

REMUNERATION AND COSTS

The Consultants should provide their estimated total fee as a lump sum or as standard daily or hourly rates.

For candidates based in the EU, EEA, UK, and Switzerland, Transparency International e.V. (Secretariat), (TI-S) is registered as a Business Entity in Germany with VAT identification number DE273612486. EU reverse charge applies. Service providers should issue invoices with zero VAT.

Candidates who are based in Germany and do not charge German VAT must confirm their small entrepreneur status.

HOW TO APPLY

The application should include the following documents in English:

- A cover letter outlining motivation and evidence that the consultant is qualified to undertake this analysis
- A brief description on the planned approach and a timetable for the assignment
- Financial proposal with the number of days that will be spent on each task
- VAT charge and information where relevant
- Curriculum Vitae with a full description of the consultant's profile and experience
- Samples of relevant previous work (confidentiality guaranteed)
- At least two references/referees TI can approach for a testimony of previous services provided by the consultant

Please indicate "Analysis of the Climate & Corruption Case Atlas" in the subject line of your email application. Applications should be sent in English by email to consultancy@transparency.org by close of business of **23 October 2023**.

Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

The Transparency International Secretariat is committed to creating an inclusive work environment where diversity is valued and where there is equality of opportunity. We actively seek a diverse applicant pool and therefore welcome applications from qualified candidates of all regions, countries, cultures, and backgrounds.

Selection of candidates is made on a competitive basis, and we do not discriminate based on national origin, race, colour or ethnic background, religious belief, sex, gender identity and expression or sexual orientation, marital or family status, age, or ability. We kindly ask applicants to refrain from including in their application information relating to the above as well as from attaching photos.

OTHER INFORMATION

Additional reading on TI's work on climate governance can be found on our website [here](#).

DATA PROTECTION

When you respond to this tender and submit your application, you provide consent that Transparency International e. V. keeps your application materials for the period of ten years according to German legal requirements. Afterwards Transparency International will delete your application and any personal data included in it. If you have any questions, please reach out to dataprotection@transparency.org.