

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title of Consultancy: Update Assessment to the governance review of global climate funds

Application Closing Date: 11 July 2021

Consultancy Start and End Date: 2 August 2021 – 30 October 2021 (**end date to be confirmed with selected consultant*)

Location of Consultancy: Remote

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.

Through Transparency International Secretariat (TI-S)'s climate governance integrity work since 2011, TI has been actively contributing to promoting anti-corruption, transparency, accountability and public oversight in the development and implementation of global and national climate governance and financing policy and processes for adaptation, mitigation and REDD+ actions.

TI-S is now seeking a consultant to prepare an update to a governance assessment conducted in 2017 titled, "[A Tale of Four Funds](#)". The report reviewed four multilateral trust funds with large climate finance portfolios; the Adaptation Fund, the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) on the best practices of multilateral funds in safe-guarding climate finance. A further assessment on the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) and the DRC'S National REDD+ Fund (FONAREDD) for which a [standalone governance assessment](#) was conducted in 2020, may also be included in the updated assessment. The additional bodies incorporation and relevance can be subsequently discussed together with TI and the selected consultant.

The subsequent assessment update should holistically review the same categories as those used in the global assessment report in 2017, such as transparency, accountability, integrity and anti-corruption policies and procedures with a view to identifying improvements made since the report, existing or new shortcomings and supply further recommendations on promoting best practices for the effective governance of the four major climate finance portfolios and including an update on CAFI and FONAREDD.

OBJECTIVES

The overall purpose of the assignment is to provide an updated comparative analysis to identify the changes, advancements, and areas still needing improvement. The 2017 global funds assessment shall be used as a baseline upon which the assessment of progress or lack thereof has taken place in the governing structures, policies, and implementation practices of the funds.

The findings of this assessment update are intended to spotlight the remaining areas requiring improvement as well as formulate clear and transferable recommendations for strengthening policies and practices across all funds, from the findings. Those will then be disseminated to key stakeholders, including civil society organisations and public and private sector actors and further engagement with the funds themselves will support them to improve their performance.

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The consultant should build the following assessment edition methodology based on the existing TI's methodology mentioned above. This can be shared upon request and can be found in the Tale of Funds [report](#).

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINE

The consultant(s) will be expected to

- (1) Develop a comprehensive review assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the multilateral climate finance portfolios governance framework based on TI's previous anti-corruption assessment of the climate funds, in coordination with TI-S. This will be presented in an inception report, together with a list of desired interviewees, a plan for data collection and an outline for the proposed final product.
- (2) Collect the data (desk review of main documents and decisions, interviews with key stakeholders), in close consultation with TI-S.
- (3) Analyse the data and validate findings with TI-S and those engaged in the process.
- (4) Submit the report, presenting a comparative view of the fund's best policies and practices, and to identify strengths and weaknesses of the four climate finance funds and CAFI governance frameworks, overall lessons learned, and policy recommendations.

The consultant is expected to work very closely with TI Climate Integrity team. A timeline for the delivery of the different deliverables will be agreed during contract negotiation but the work is expected to start immediately. The consultant's expected level of effort for the duration of the consultancy is around 20 days.

All presentations and reports are to be submitted in English, in electronic form, in accordance with 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:

- An advanced university degree in a relevant field
- Over ten years of relevant 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
- Experience with civil society advocacy work
- Demonstrated experience in Fund evaluations, preferably multi-donor funds with a focus on development.
- Five years' experience and knowledge of climate finance.
- Strong writing skills

- Fluency in English is required (written and spoken), French language skills are considered an asset.

REMUNERATION AND COSTS

The Consultants should provide their estimated total fee as a lump sum or as standard daily or hourly rates as gross inclusive of taxes and other charges.

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

OTHER INFORMATION

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

The application should include the following documents in English:

- A cover letter outlining motivation and evidence that the consultant is qualified to undertake this assessment.
- A brief description on the planned approach and a timetable for the assignment
- Financial proposal with estimation as to the number of days that will be spent on each task.
- Curriculum Vitae with full description of the applicant's profile and experience
- Samples of relevant previous work (confidentiality guaranteed)

Please indicate "Global climate funds assessment update" in the subject line of your email application. Applications should be sent in English by email to climate@transparency.org by close of business of 11 July 2021. Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

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