

Terms of Reference:

A step-change in financial and technical assistance in the power sector.

We are seeking to contract a consultant to support the development of a series of recommendations for a step-change in the coordination, effectiveness and availability of international financial and technical assistance, delivered under the Energy Transition Council (ETC) as part of the Power Breakthrough.

This project is contracted by Loughborough University, as a part of the Climate Compatible Growth (CCG) Programme Flexible Research Fund, in collaboration with the Energy Transition Council.

1. Introduction

Mobilising the financial and technical assistance required to accelerate the clean energy transition at the pace required globally is a huge challenge. The Energy Transition Council has identified key challenges surrounding the access to and availability of international development assistance to support that transition, as well as its coordination and deployment. Addressing this challenge will be crucial to reaching our international climate goals under the Paris Agreement, particularly for energy which accounts for the majority of global GHG emissions.

2. Background Information

The Energy Transition Council (ETC) was formulated as a priority power sector initiative for the UK's COP26 Presidency to address key challenges identified in the mobilisation, coordination and deployment of financial and technical assistance. Morocco has been a partner country of the ETC since its establishment in 2020 and is currently working with ETC partners to support improved dialogue and deliver a range of technical assistance projects.

Morocco is now also a co-chair of the Power Breakthrough alongside the UK, as part of the wider Glasgow Breakthrough Agenda also launched for COP26. The Power Breakthrough seeks to make clean power the most affordable and reliable option for all countries to meet their power needs efficiently by 2030 – a mission aligned with that of the ETC.

As a priority initiative within the Power Breakthrough, the ETC is taking forward Priority Action 2, of the Actions launched at COP27. This Action encompasses action on finance that will:

“support a step-change in the coordination, effectiveness and availability of international financial and related technical assistance; identify opportunities to reinforce the current assistance offer and identify support needs that require reinforcing across the landscape; help mobilise private sector investment behind clean power transitions towards net zero emissions, including collaborative mechanisms for aggregating assistance and mobilising investments at scale.”

As part of the ETC's efforts since 2020, the Council's Secretariat have begun work on a set of principles for improved deployment of finance from multilateral development banks and Governments with large International Climate Finance portfolios. The report that will be delivered through the completion of the work described under this TOR will build on this existing work, drawing in Morocco's perspectives on the challenge. The successful candidate will be required to work closely with the Moroccan ETC team, including potentially working closely with a Moroccan consultant (subject to FCDO Phenomenal funding approval) in order to draw in crucial insights from Morocco as an ETC

partner country and co-chair of the Power Breakthrough and ensure the report is responsive to key country needs for accelerating the transition, including in their potential integration through the Council into the future.

Purpose and Objectives

- Respond to the growing need to identify opportunities to bring about a step-change in the way that financial and technical support for the energy transition is deployed, including through harnessing interest from the UAE COP28 Presidency.
- Support the development of robust UK–Morocco leadership of the Power Breakthrough delivery, contributing to UK legitimacy in leading this agenda and for our partnership with Morocco – evidenced in a well-coordinated report resulting from collaboration between UK & Moroccan consultants/input.
- Strengthen the role of the Energy Transition Council as a core institution in the energy landscape in the longer term, one that is able to initiate work that secures positive outcomes for key partners.

3. The Recipient

The recipient of the funds will be the appointed consultant.

4. Methodology

It is proposed that the work be undertaken in three phases:

- i) Phase One: Re-scoping, expanding on parameters of initial research**
In a first inception phase the consultant will conduct further project scoping in order to ensure additional considerations take into account developments that have occurred since the initial TOR development took place and to adapt project parameters to current challenges and opportunities for implementing the recommendations, including through the Energy Transition Council.
- ii) Phase Two: Internal/External consultations**
Delivering consultation with ETC partner countries, institutions and MDBs, potentially with support from the Moroccan consultant.
- iii) Phase Three: Building out a set of approximately 6 key recommendations**
Draft and deliver a report with a core set of approx. 6 recommendations which can be taken forward by the ETC, centred around the effectiveness, coordination and availability of international financial and technical assistance with secondary aims focused on other aspects of the Priority Action (listed in (2)).
- iv) Identifying modes for delivery**
Likely to be a concurrent phase across the project, but to consider opportunities to deliver on the recommendations, including the mobilisation of ETC partners to support this (in partnership with the ETC Secretariat).

5. Deliverables.

Initial Report – short working note setting out priorities and info needs (5 pages max), incorporating plans for Phase (ii).

Final Report – Report including the six recommendations and explanatory text, as well as opportunities for implementation.

Ongoing discussion and engagement with ETC Secretariat and wider partners, including kick-off meeting at start of project, check-in meeting mid-way through and final meeting.

6. Skills and experience

The skills/experience of the consultant should include:

- At least 10-15 years of experience within the energy sector, preferably globally.
- Robust network of energy institutions, organisations and development partners.
- Strong writing and collaboration skills.
- Fluency in English language – written and spoken

7. Budget

The maximum anticipated budget is set at up to £15,000 (including VAT if applicable) but would be subject to proposals from consultants. It is estimated that the work would require 1-2 days a week for 4-6 months.

8. Constraints and dependencies

The consultant will be contracted by Loughborough University but will work with Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) staff, who will be able to facilitate connections with relevant partners.

9. Performance Requirements

CCG in collaboration with FCDO/DESNZ will set the following key performance indicators (KPIs) to ensure that the work is delivered in a timely manner and meets expected quality standards.

KPIs will relate to:

- Quality of the scoping and final report in addressing the core questions;
- Scale, depth and quality of collaboration with partners;
- Degree to which the recommendations can be taken forward by the ETC.

10. Break points

This is a short assignment with no formal breakpoints. CCG, however, retain the right to terminate the contract if performance or deliverables are below expected standards.

11. Communication and Reporting

The contractual requirements will be managed by the CCG Programme Manager of Loughborough University.

All other communications and reporting, including in-country consultation, task management and consultations on the research process, will be managed by the designated CCG Coordinator.

The consultant/organisation is expected to communicate with the CCG Coordinator regularly throughout the project via two-weekly update meetings or phone calls, and emails on:

- research progress and milestones achieved;
- anticipated challenges or changes to research plans, activities and timelines;
- upcoming activities and next steps; and
- delays or concerns on reporting.

All meetings and appointments to discuss the overall progress of the project against the contract will be agreed and arranged in advance and at mutually convenient times. Any significant changes to the approved research plan and timelines have to be discussed and approved in advance.

Loughborough University reserves the right to request the consultant/organisation to make revisions to the deliverables if they do not meet the required quality. The consultant/organisation will be required to make these revisions at no additional costs to Loughborough University.

12. Coordination and governance

The supplier will be subcontracted by Loughborough University and will report to a designated CCG Coordinator and work in partnership with Energy Transition Council Secretariat, including FCDO staff at the UK Embassy Rabat and DESNZ staff in the International Energy Transition Team.

13. Work Arrangements

The consultant is allowed to work from home and must use their own equipment and resources to deliver the tasks set out.

How to respond to this call:

Proposals are to be sent to ccg@lboro.ac.uk with the subject: 'A step-change in financial and technical assistance in the power sector'.

All responses should include the following:

1) CV

2) Proposal addressing the following:

- A description of how the proposed activities will be designed and implemented to address the research question
- A detailed breakdown of the budget in terms of personnel, materials, travel etc. Where costs have been estimated please highlight these and provide a brief explanation of the assumptions used to generate the cost.
- Details of all personnel who will be involved in the study, along with their responsibilities.
- A proposed Gantt chart of activities.

All proposals must be received by 23:59 GMT on 1 August 2023.