

Tender Title: Tender for Assessment and Measurement of Climate Co-benefits of 3 Sectors in 3 CAFRI states.

Clarifications of Pre-bid queries in form of F.A.Q

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This clarification is intended to all interested tenderers, consolidating the queries of all bidders for information of all.

No.	Subject (e.g. document section 1)	Question	Clarifications
1.	Work package 2, output 4 states, ' <i>Outline the climate co-benefit methodology, work plan and timeline of the complete assignment.</i> '	While this is mentioned in the outputs, no task can be related to achieving this output under work package 2. Kindly clarify the relevance of this output with respect to tasks mentioned in work package 2.	This is the standard output of an inception report when an assignment starts. It is a roadmap for completing the assignment
2.	work package 4, output 3 states, ' <i>One Report.....on calculating mitigation and adaptation benefits of....schemes</i>	Kindly confirm if the focus of the assignment is only on adaptation benefits or both mitigation and adaptation benefits?	Focus is on adaptation with mitigation as a co-benefit where substantial mitigation co-benefits can be foreseen
3.	Work package 4, task 3 states, ' <i>Consultations with stakeholders to get inputs on the development of this methodology</i>	We believe that undertaking this step after completion of step 7, i.e., finalizing the methodology, would help us to take feedback from key stakeholders on the entire process of developing and finalizing and arriving at the methodology and get their feedback on the same.	This should be flexible based on the workplan
4.	Work package 4, task 8 states, ' <i>Stakeholder meetings to promote potentials to quantify climate co-benefits.</i> '	Kindly explain what 'promote potentials' means in this sentence	Promote potentials mean to identify avenues where quantification of co-benefits is feasible
5.	Work package 4, output 6 states, ' <i>Pilot demonstration by applying the methodology decided by MoEFCC.</i> '	While MoEFCC appears in here, its role has not been clarified in tasks listed in work package 4. Please provide additional details	MoEFCC is our nodal partner at the national level. We need to share all details with MoEFCC.
6.	work package 6, task 2 , i.e., ' <i>Develop a study on evaluation of indicators incorporated in the climate cobenefits methodologies</i>	Can you please clarify or provide more details on what is expected under this.	A Monitoring & Evaluation mechanism should be developed for determining the effectiveness of the developed climate co-benefits methodology.
7.	Under section 5, qualifications of experts mention ' <i>xxx years of experience in projects in India in the identified states</i>	As rural parts of India, spanning across all states, often exhibit common characteristics in our focus sectors of agriculture, infrastructure, and water, we request you to accept experience in projects in any state of India, and not just in identified states of Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh	This should be ok

8.	At the end of section 2, page number 10 contains a paragraph on 'Final report of the assignment.'	Can you please give some context around this paragraph as there is no linkage of it to the preceding paragraph?	
9.	Page 12 of TOR, Criteria for Eligibility of Firms - The agency should have at least 2 reference projects in field of developing EPR based mechanisms for waste management in the last three years with a minimum commission value of 20,000 Euros.	The consultant understands that the Terms of Reference (TOR) mentions measurement of climate co-benefits in sectors: agriculture, water and rural infrastructure. The consultant requests clarification on requirement of projects in developing EPR based mechanisms for waste management as an eligibility condition.	Excel sheet containing the eligibility criteria should be referred to.
10.	Page 13 of TOR, Qualifications of the Team Leader - 5 years of experience in projects in the identified states in project design and management	The consultant would request to relax this clause and allow for experience in similar sectors across PAN India	The criteria's are non-negotiable. The ratings against each criteria is on the scale of 1-10; the evaluation shall be done based on the proposal received; Overall score of 500 in the technical evaluation shall be qualified.
11	Page 13 of TOR, Qualifications of the Team Leader - 5 years of experience in Development Cooperation (DC) projects	The consultant would like to understand what kind of projects can be included in Development Cooperation (DC) projects.	NRM, energy, sustainable development
12.	Page 4 of TOR, .1 Assignment Objective: Apply climate lens, develop climate co-benefits methodology and calculate adaptation co-benefits of schemes related to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women farmers empowerment or similar livelihood empowerment programmes/ schemes such as "Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana" (MKSP) with a focus on gender mainstreaming. Rural roads/ infrastructure related programmes/ schemes/ missions Improving irrigation/ water management such as Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)	How many such state specific schemes be assessed for calculating climate adaptation co-benefits? It will be useful for the consultant to know the specific schemes especially in category 2 and 3	It will only one scheme for one sector. The schemes need to be identified jointly as part of the assignment
13.	Page 5 of TOR, Work Package 2: Conducting a baseline study outputs 5. Brief on all the schemes (central sector schemes and state sector schemes) identified the study in the sectors.	The scope of the baseline study appears to have more holistic secondary review on existing approaches, strategies and implementation measures in the state and targeted sectors. However, the output indicates an overview of all the centre and sectoral schemes. The consultant feels that review should be limited to the selected scheme for the study. Kindly confirm?	Review has to be limited to the 3 sectors and the major schemes in the sector

14.	Page 12 of TOR, Criteria for Eligibility of firms	Please clarify whether proof of completion of the concerned projects is required.	Please share work orders and completion certificate.
15.	Page 14 of TOR, Personnel concept and Required Qualification (Expert 3)	<p>It is understood that econometric modelling involves statistical and mathematical techniques to analyze and quantify relationships between economic variables.</p> <p>Further, while there may be differences in economic structures, data availability, and specific policy contexts between jurisdictions under assessment, the fundamental principles and techniques of econometric modelling remain applicable across borders – with due consideration towards adapting model specifications and accounting to region-specific contexts and considerations. In this view, it is requested to please reconsider the requirement for regional experience of 3 years in projects in given states for Expert 3. Instead, relevant experience within India can be considered as regional experience.</p>	<p>The ratings against each criteria is on the scale of 1-10;</p> <p>the evaluation shall be done based on the proposal received;</p> <p>Overall score of 500 in the technical evaluation shall be qualified.</p>
16.	Page 14 of TOR, Personnel concept and Required Qualification [Expert 1 (Climate Change Adaptation Expert)]	<p>Please clarify if Expert 1 is required to have experience in each of the three states under consideration; or if experts with experience in one of these states can also be considered?</p> <p>Please also clarify if experience in states other than those listed, but in states with similar topography and socio-economic status can also be included instead of experience in the three specific states listed.</p>	<p>The ratings against each criteria is on the scale of 1-10;</p> <p>the evaluation shall be done based on the proposal received;</p> <p>Overall score of 500 in the technical evaluation shall be qualified.</p>
17.	Page 13 of TOR, Personnel concept and Required Qualification (Team Leader)	<p>Please clarify if the team leader is required to have experience in each of the three states under consideration; or if experts with experience in one of these states can also be considered?</p> <p>Please also clarify if experience in states other than those listed, but in states with similar topography and socio-economic status can also be included instead of experience in the three specific states listed.</p>	<p>The ratings against each criteria is on the scale of 1-10;</p> <p>the evaluation shall be done based on the proposal received;</p> <p>Overall score of 500 in the technical evaluation shall be qualified.</p>
18.	Page 14 of TOR, Personnel concept and Required Qualification {Expert 2 (Agriculture Expert)}	Please clarify if the team leader is required to have experience in each of the three states under consideration; or if experts with experience in one of these states can	<p>The ratings against each criteria is on the scale of 1-10;</p> <p>the evaluation shall be done based on</p>

		also be considered? Please also clarify if experience in states other than those listed, but in states with similar topography and socio-economic status can also be included instead of experience in the three specific states listed.	the proposal received; Overall score of 500 in the technical evaluation shall be qualified.
19.	Page 15 of TOR, Personnel concept and Required Qualification (Short term expert pool 1: Data Analyst)	Please clarify what would 'related fields' indicate given the scope of the project / role pertains to support development co-benefit methodology, data compilation & analysis, report development etc. Since the relevant experience states '2 years in specific work related to analysis of data on for climate change policies and monitoring' it is requested that the requirement is modified to also include Masters'/ PhD degree in forestry, environment, natural resources management, climate change	The ratings against each criteria is on the scale of 1-10; the evaluation shall be done based on the proposal received; Overall score of 500 in the technical evaluation shall be qualified.
20.	Page 7 of TOR, Work package 4	Please clarify if the methodology developed would be required to be piloted for one policy/programme in each state, or in one of the identified states only?	3 schemes can be piloted in 3 states (1 scheme, 1 state)
21.	Page 4 of Bidding Condition	The present deadline for submission of bid is 26th June 2023. This is to request you to please consider extension of the Bid submission deadline by 10 days. Kindly oblige.	The submission date is extended to 06 th July 2023
22.	Criteria for Eligibility of Firms -The agency should have at least 2 reference projects in field of developing EPR based mechanisms for waste management in the last three years with a minimum commission value of 20,000 Euros	We would like to reconfirm the requirement of this eligibility criteria as it is not directly linked with the scope of work as mentioned in the TOR and work packages.	Excel sheet for eligibility criteria should be referred to
23.	Workshop & Trainings	Request your to please provide estimated number of participants for the workshops and training to be organized as per the TOR requirements listed below. Work Package 2 – Total 3 workshops Work Package 4- Total 4 workshops Work Package 5 – Total 1 Workshops	15-20
24.	Annexure A- Work order and/ or Completion certificate/ Experience Certificates of assignments	As we have projects all over the world, including French speaking countries as well as countries with official languages other than English. Therefore, few of our workorder may be in French or other languages. Do we need to provide English translation of our Work Orders?	English translation is not needed

25.	<p>Annexure A - Average Annual Turnover, Financial Statements and Income Tax Compliance</p> <p>CA Certificate for Average Annual Turnover for last three financial years including UDIN No. of CA (Mandatory)</p> <p>Audited P&L Account /Income and expenditure sheet and Balance Sheet for last three F.Y along- with the respective Auditor's Reports including UDIN no. of CA (Mandatory)</p> <p>Copy of the Recent Income Tax Return submitted or Assessment Order (to compare the turnover as per financial statements with Income Tax Return submitted) (Mandatory)</p>	<p>We are a French Organisation, with our branch office registered in India.</p> <p>We request you to please allow only CA certified copies for Annual Turnover for last three financial years, Audited P&L Account /Income and expenditure sheet and Balance Sheet for last three F.Y and Copy of Income Tax return.</p> <p>We request you to please give relaxation on UDIN for the mentioned documents.</p>	<p>All commercial documents for Indian entity will also be required bearing UDIN</p>
26.	<p>Technical Proposal- Approach and Methodology</p>	<p>As we understand that CV's shall not exceed 4 pages. Request you to please clarify if there are any page limits for Approach and Methodology also.</p>	<p>No word limit but it should be comprehensive</p>
27.	<p>Travel: Number of Trips</p>	<p>Request you to please clarify if we have to consider 12 round trips of each experts or we can modify the trips (increase or decrease) as per our workplan</p>	<p>It is possible to modify as per work plan</p>
28.	<p>We request you to please clarify if all the members in Consortium need to submit Annexure A documents and proof.</p>	<p>Request for clarification</p>	<p>Only lead agency must submit. Eligibility documents of only lead agency will be considered.</p>
