

INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CLIMATE CHAMPIONS TEAM

CCT seeks consultant(s) for research and advisory to inform the development of the SAA Adaptation Tracking Framework

Contract type: PRO BONO SUPPORT OPPORTUNITY, estimated 60 consulting work days - either as an individual or a team

Location: remote

Reports to: the CCT Tracking Team and the CCT Adaptation and Resilience Sharm Adaptation Agenda Lead

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The work will commence as soon as possible and run to the end of July 2024.

About the Climate Champions Team

The Climate Champions Team provides support to the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions to deliver on the mandate from Parties: to drive climate action and enhance ambition by non-state actors. Working with the Marrakech Partnership and other partners, we mobilise businesses, investors, cities, regions and civil society and act as a bridge between non-state actors and national governments to reach the goals of the Paris Agreement. At COP26, the two serving High Level Climate Champions launched [a five-year plan](#) to deliver on the mandate from Parties. It sets out objectives and details of the tools employed to achieve them, across six key functions for the work of the Climate Champions Team for the period 2021 - 2025.

The global team is delivering the major campaigns [Race to Resilience](#) and [Race to Zero](#), as well as sector-focused systems transformation using the [Climate Action Pathways, 2030 Breakthroughs](#) and [Sharm Adaptation Agenda](#).

About Race to Resilience

Race to Resilience (RtR) is a global Campaign led by the High-Level Climate Champions Team (CCT). The campaign sets out to catalyse a step-change in global ambition for climate resilience, putting people and nature first in pursuit of a resilient world where we don't just survive climate shocks and stresses but thrive in spite of them. The campaign's vision by 2050 is to live in a world where all communities thrive in the face of the multiple risks and uncertainty posed by climate change. The campaign's goal is to catalyse action by non-state actors that builds the resilience of 4 billion people from groups and communities vulnerable to climate risks by 2030.

The Campaign has a Technical Secretariat (TS) whose role is advising on metrics, providing transparency and scientific robustness to the campaign, and coordinating the advisory groups Expert Review Group (ERG) that reviews candidates applying to RtR and the Methodological Advisory Group (MAG) that supports the improvement and validation of the RtR framework and metrics.

About the Sharm el Sheikh Adaptation Agenda

Extreme weather events from heat waves, floods, and forest fires have become an everyday reality of our lives. Enhanced global action on adaptation and resilience is an utmost priority. Recognizing that progress towards adapting to climate consequences and enhancing resilience is crucially needed, the COP27 Presidency in November 2023 launched the Sharm-El-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda (SAA).

The agenda portrays a total of 40 global adaptation outcome targets by 2030 that are urgently needed to increase the Race to Resilience's goal of building the resilience of 4 billion people to accelerate transformation across five impact systems. These are: food and agriculture, water and nature, coastal and oceans, human settlements, and infrastructure, and including enabling solutions for planning and finance.

The SAA will serve as aspirational adaptation outcomes for global adaptation action towards 2030, and to inform state and non-Party adaptation agendas. The 40 global adaptation outcome targets will continue to be enhanced and refined based on scientific results.

The COP Presidency, through the collaboration with High-Level Champions, Marrakech Partnership, partners and a number of specialised UN agencies, will track progress achieved in implementing the SAA. Our key driver is placing adaptation and resilience at the forefront of global climate action.

The scope of work

The Consultant(s) will be expected to identify, collect, synthesise and organise existing metrics, indicators, methodologies and sources of information available in international literature, frameworks, and adaptation- or resilience-focused organisations to develop an

approach for the Sharm el Sheikh Adaptation Agenda (SAA) to track progress of the target outcomes in a consistent and comparable manner. Specifically:

- Identify, collect, collate and synthesise methodologies to assess progress of the 40+ SAA adaptation solutions with outcome targets across SAA systems.
- Identify, collect, collate and synthesise methodologies to assess progress at the 'micro' level from planning to implementation of actions that generate results accruing to one or multiple adaptation outcomes
- Identify and build a theoretical-analytical framework explaining the theory of change and what are the signals of change of adaptation implementation progress at the 'macro' level that reflect systematic transformations in planning and policy, finance, technology, investments, and partnerships and other categories supporting the delivery of the adaptation outcomes.
- Identify primary and secondary sources of data to inform annual progress tracking, as well as which leading organisations need to be engaged by A&R CCT Team to advance progress tracking.
- Map an approach for working with the task forces of SAA and a subgroup of Race to Resilience (RtR) Partners to provide information on the signals of change at the 'macro' level, and identify relevant indicators and secondary data that supports tracking at the 'macro' level.
- Synthesise the findings and recommendations into a Synthesis Report (max 20 pages) for the Adaptation Tracking Framework as per guidance of the CCT Tracking Team with inputs from the CCT A&R Team.

The consultant(s) will be supervised by the Tracking Team, working in close collaboration with the A&R Team.

Responsibilities

- Meet with SAA taskforces co-leads and members, Race to Resilience Partners, Race to Resilience Partners' member organisations, System Transformation partners and other Marrakech Partnership and external organisations working on adaptation and resilience metrics to understand past bodies of work and build consensus.
- Collect, analyse, interpret, and present qualitative and quantitative analysis to inform the SAA Tracking Framework.
- Prepare well-presented, compelling reports that include synthesis, recommendations and compiled data.
- Present the findings and recommendations internally and externally as necessary.

Requirements

- Experience working on adaptation and resilience.
- Experience working on or developing M&E systems, preferable tracking adaptation progress at macro and micro levels.

- Experience working with quantitative metrics is required. Experience working also in qualitative or mixed metrics is a plus.
- Previous experience in collecting, analysing and reporting data
- Must have exceptional interpersonal and communication skills to meet with local/global/mission-driven organisations from different sectors and disciplines.
- A proactive approach and can work independently to deliver tasks and achieve objectives.
- An excellent level of written and spoken English

Deliverables

- A synthesis report (15-20 pages, excluding appendices) that summarises existing research and provides guidelines and methodologies to define the Adaptation Tracking Framework
- A presentation (15-20 slides, excluding appendices) that summarises the findings and recommendations on assessing and quantifying impacts