EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NO. GCA-PR-22-174 – SENIOR CONSULTANT SERVICES –
GCA CHINA - INTEGRATING CLIMATE ADAPTATION INTO INFRASTRUCTURE
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THE GLOBAL CENTER ON ADAPTATION (GCA)

The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) is an international organization which works as a solutions
broker to catalyze action and support for climate adaptation solutions, from the international to the local,
in partnership with the public and private sector, to ensure we learn from each other and work together
for a climate resilient future.

Adapting to impacts of climate change provides a “win-win” for livelihoods, food security, water
supply, health, security, and economic growth. The work of the GCA elevates the visibility and political
importance of climate adaptation and facilitates solutions, such as smarter investments, new
technologies and better planning to become more resilient to climate related threats. GCA is a rapidly
growing organization with offices in Abidjan, Beijing, Dhaka, Groningen, and Rotterdam.

The GCA has an ambitious 2020-2025 business plan with three pillars:

- Programs and Action: Food Security; Using Nature for more resilient infrastructure; Water
  for Urban Growth and Resilience; Climate Finance; Youth Leadership
- Knowledge Acceleration: Building adaptation knowledge globally through cutting edge
  products such as the State and Trends in Adaptation Report and the Knowledge Exchange
  Platform
- Agenda Setting and Advocacy: Formulating policy messages to move the global, regional,
  and local adaptation agendas forward.

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GCA’s regional office in Beijing was launched in June 2019 by the Premier of China, Li Keqiang, Co-
Chair of the GCA Board, Ban Ki-moon and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mark
Rutte. In September 2019, the flagship report of the Global Commission on Adaptation “Adapt Now:
A Global Call for Leadership on Climate Resilience” was launched in Beijing by the then Minister of
Ecology and Environment of China, Li Ganjie and Ban Ki-moon.

Our China office works closely with the Ministry of Ecology and Environment and the National Center
on Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation. As a key international partner for the
development and implementation of China’s National Adaptation Strategy 2035, GCA China works in
partnership with international and local stakeholders to support adaptation actions in the region.

INFORMATION ON CONSULTANCY

The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) is seeking a Senior Consultant to manage activities for the
Netherlands – China knowledge exchange on “Integrating Climate Adaptation into Infrastructure
Pathways”. The project will promote international knowledge exchange between the Netherlands and
China on strategies to integrate climate adaptation for resilient infrastructure.
DELIBERABLES

In accordance with the above background, GCA seeks a senior consultant that can deliver:

i. **Deliverable 1**: Prepare for and facilitate output-oriented expert consultations/interviews to provide input to the case study report.

ii. **Deliverable 2**: Manage the design and delivery of the three technical exchange roundtables, as well as coordination of relevant partners and experts, with assistance of two coordinating personnel, to ensure smooth and structured discussions. A guiding note and a summary for each roundtable need to be prepared to facilitate meaningful exchanges and take stock of the discussion.

iii. **Deliverable 3**: Prepare the case study report, including draft and review, across the key research questions and building blocks determined, drawing upon results of provided materials, expert interviews, desk research and technical exchange roundtables. The final report should also provide recommendations of areas for further knowledge sharing.

The deliverables will be subject to review and approval by GCA.

EOI SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

If you wish to qualify to submit a proposal to provide the above services, please provide evidence of the following:

1. An advanced university degree (Master or doctorate) in MSc or equivalent in Engineering, International Development, Climate Change or similar field.
2. Minimum 10 years of experience in the area of climate resilience and adaptation, especially in integrating climate risks and resilience into infrastructure projects.
3. Proven knowledge of climate change impact on infrastructure including floods, drought and heat.
4. Demonstrated experience of integration of resilience and adaptation into the infrastructure life cycle.
5. Demonstrated experience in summarizing key research insights and data and produce high-quality outputs.
6. Proven track record in policy dialogue and cross-institutional collaboration at the highest level, including with representatives of government and non-government partners in China including senior government officials and donor organizations.
7. Experience mainstreaming climate change adaptation into national development interventions.
8. Ability to interact with senior government officials and a wide range of stakeholders, and to facilitate discovery and planning processes.
9. Fluency (oral and writing) in English and Chinese is critical.
10. Strong interpersonal skills and commitment to work in a team-oriented environment.
11. Strong analytical and quantitative skills, alongside strong conceptual, synthesis and strategic thinking skills.
12. Strong ability to deliver projects/outputs within given timelines and with high quality.

HOW TO EXPRESS INTEREST
If you wish to qualify to submit a proposal to provide the above services, please send a cover letter, and a full resume with evidence of your technical experience in the topics listed in the “EOI Submission Requirements” sections (1-12 above).

The GCA looks forward to EOI submissions with the subject line “EOI GCA-PR-22-174–Senior Consultant Services – GCA China- Integrating Climate Adaptation into Infrastructure Pathways” to the following email address only: procurement@gca.org

The closing date for submissions is **Friday, 8 July 2022, 18:00 CEST**. Please note that GCA will not enter into a detailed discussion on the requested services at this stage or respond to queries.