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## Addendum No. 1

# GCA-PR-24-660: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO PROJECT FOR THE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST AREAS (PADIDZOF)

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**This addendum addresses and/or clarifies the following:**

### Questions and Answers:

**Question 1:** Can you please confirm whether this Technical Assistance refers to a single assignment or to a Framework Agreement?

**Response 1:** This assignment is a single assignment.

**Question 2:** TC.3.2. Climate expert/scientists: We have noticed the plural form. Are you requesting one expert with this profile or multiple experts?

**Response 2:** One expert *specifically* on climate is good enough. However, it's important that the team as a whole possesses the diverse expertise outlined in the RFP to comprehensively address the project's multidisciplinary needs.

**Question 3:** TC.3.3. Digital Climate Information Advisory Services Specialist/Expert: can you better specify the profile and competences of this expert? Is the expert also supposed to have digital skills to (support) developing tools?

**Response 3:** Not necessarily. Digital climate information advisory services expertise mentioned in the RFP is not the same as digital tools development expertise. Though, some experts may have both skills, and that is welcome. In this case, what we have asked for specifically is digital climate information advisory services expertise.

**Question 4:** TC.3.5. Other Personnel (e.g. Administrator/Finance/Support Staff etc.). Is this supposed to be the backoffice? How many experts would you expect here? Do you need the full CVs also of these experts?

**Response 4:** Examples of support personnel are provided in the RFP. These are roles not directly involved in technical delivery. The number of support staff is at the discretion of each bidder but remember that each additional staff member increases the overall cost of your financial proposal. Please include CVs for all proposed team members, including support staff, in your submission. Ensure the total number of man-days for the entire team, including support staff, adheres to the limits specified in the RFP.



**Question 5:** Please could you clarify which region in Morocco does the programme focus on or is it a national level programme? Deliverable 1 of the ToR states "A capabilities diagnostic report - with assessment of existing capabilities of the climate risks management institutions to serve the sector in the selected locations." What are the selected locations, or, would the supplier be expected to select some locations?

**Response 5:** This aspect will be clarified later in consultation with the African Development Bank (AfDB). The bidder is not expected to select locations of their own choosing. It will be done in collaboration with the AfDB.

**Question 6:** Deliverable 3 mentions a three-day training workshop. Please could you confirm who will bear the costs of the workshops? Our understanding is that we should budget for our team's cost for the workshops and GCA will budget for the cost of the participants and logistics (venue, etc.)

**Response 6:** All costs related to the training shall be fully borne by the successful service provider. Thus, the bidder is expected to include the plans and cost of the 3-day workshop in their proposal.

**Question 7:** Please could you also confirm the mode of training - can it be a mix of virtual and in-person sessions?

**Response 7:** Considering the stakeholders—forest communities in Morocco, and officials from climate adaptation support institutions—the preference will be for all sessions to be in-person. But if a bidder chooses to adopt a hybrid format, the number of in-person and virtual trainees must be explicitly stated in the proposal.

**Question 8:** In Task 2: Labour Market Assessment, c). Recommendations section page 22 of the ToR states that: "provide clear recommendations for creating adaptation jobs through the project, including a policy and a qualitative investment roadmap."

It is not clear whether we need to provide these two roadmaps (policy and investment) as part of the gap analysis report (deliverable 2)? Our understanding is that it is an output of Task 4 (policy and investment brief) and corresponds to deliverable 3 (policy and investment brief/roadmap) of the ToR.

**Response 8:** What was requested under Task 2 is to provide recommendations for creating adaptation jobs based on the skills gaps assessment. It is more of a synopsis of recommended policies and investments required. Whereas what Task 4 (Deliverable 3) is asking for is an expanded or detailed analysis, with cost forecasts, of what is required in terms of concrete investment and policy terms to implement the recommendations of the gap assessment or analysis report. Task 4a(ii) clarifies that.



**Question 9:** Please could you confirm whether we need to submit the deliverables both in English and French?

**Response 9:** Yes, considering that Morocco is a French speaking country, GCA will prioritize deliverables to be submitted in both English and French.

**All other requirements regarding the Request for Proposal remain the same.**