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## Addendum No. 2

# 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:** We understand that proposal documents are to be in English, but we have also reviewed background documents in French and Arabic. Can you provide any insights on the language of most documents to be produced under this project?

**Response 1:** This question was answered in Addendum No. 1 shared earlier. See response to Question 9 of Addendum No. 1.

**Question 2:** Are we correct in assuming the areas we would be working in are Rabat-Salé-Kenitra, Marrakech-Safi, Tangier-Tétouan-Al Houceima and Souss-Messa? Do you have a map you could share that identifies the forest areas in question?

**Response 2:** This question was answered in Addendum No. 1 shared earlier. See response to Question 5 of Addendum No. 1.

**Question 3:** Do you envision all project activities as in person or are there some that you think could effectively be conducted remotely?

**Response 3:** Some activities may require physical presence, and others may be a hybrid. We expect this to reflect the bidder's understanding of the project requirements. GCA allows each bidder to propose clearly how they want to go about the project implementation and decide the use of hybrid, in-person or virtual approaches. GCA's Evaluation Committee will assess the strategy proposed, the justification for their proposal and the cost associated with the proposal.

**Question 4:** In terms of building the capacity of relevant agencies, are we correct in assuming the *Agence Nationale des Eaux et Forêts* (ANEF) is the main one? Are there others we should be considering?

**Response 4:** The ultimate decision on which (relevant) agency will be part of the planned capacity building is to be made in consultation with the country project implementation unit, AfDB and project stakeholders. ANEF and other relevant agencies are expected to be part of the capacity building.



**Question 5:** As a small firm we do not have officially audited statements, but we have financial statements signed by our external accountant who confirms that all receipts, contracts, and invoices have proper documentation in our accounting system. performs monthly reconciliation of income and expenses with banking statements, conducts a quarterly review, and reconciles our records with mandatory tax documents received and submitted each year. We can also provide a letter from our bank stating the amount of our company's credit line. Is this acceptable?

**Response 5:** Yes, this is acceptable as long as the signed financial statements allow us to run the financial capability tests (Liquidity: Current assets/Current liabilities for the last 1 year, which should be  $\geq 1$ ). Additionally, supporting documentation from your external accountant and bank can be included to further substantiate your financial standing.

**Question 6:** What is the expected budget for this activity?

**Response 6:** GCA does not disclose the expected budget for its RFPs. Bidders are encouraged to submit proposals based on their understanding of the Terms of Reference (ToR), their approach to executing the required activities, and the associated implementation costs. All proposals will be evaluated comprehensively, with a focus on technical soundness, competitiveness, and cost efficiency to identify the most effective solution, based on the established evaluation criteria.

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