



Issue Date: 28 July 2025

Addendum No. 1

Request for Proposals (RFP) GCA-PR-25-803

Independent Research on Climate and Security

This addendum addresses and/or clarifies the following:

Question 1: My question is the following. Although the office has ample experience with working on the SGDs, with UN organisations as well as the African Development Bank, there is little experience with working on the climate - security nexus within the office specifically. However, I have been working on the topic for almost 10 years now. Would it still be worth it to submit a proposal? Or will we be rejected anyways since the firm itself does not have the required 10+ year experience?

Response 1: The firm's direct experience in the climate-security nexus will be assessed under an Award Criterion (TC.1) rather than a pass/fail Selection Criterion. Institutional track record is definitely critical, and your individual experience of almost 10 years in this specific area is a significant asset that directly meets the key personnel requirements.

Additionally, it is crucial to note that all bidders must also demonstrate that they have at least two key staff members based in an African country with a minimum of five years of experience in the Sahel and Horn of Africa region.

The decision to submit a proposal remains at your firm's discretion. Should you choose to submit, ensure your proposal clearly articulates how your individual expertise, combined with the firm's broader relevant experience and fulfilment of all selection criteria, addresses the specific requirements of the Terms of Reference.

Question 2: What would be the expected financial range for this assignment?

Response 2: GCA does not typically disclose indicative budgets or levels of effort unless explicitly stated in the procurement documents. For this specific RFP, no budget ceiling can be communicated. Bidders are therefore encouraged to submit a competitive financial proposal that reflects realistic costing aligned with the scope and deliverables outlined in the Terms of Reference.

Question 3: We wanted to check whether there is potential to extend the deadline for submitting a tender response for this opportunity?

Response 3: Kindly be advised that we are unable to extend the current submission deadline, as we must adhere to a strict project timeline



Question 4: Could you kindly confirm whether there are specific templates to be used for the Technical and Financial Proposals? If so, we would greatly appreciate it if you could share the templates in editable Word format.

Response 4: Please note that while there is no mandatory template for the Technical Proposal, bidders should adhere to the content instructions outlined in the RFP document, particularly in Sections 4 and 9. For the Financial Proposal, strict adherence to the content and format specified in Annex 4 (Financial Proposal Form) is required.

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