

Questions relating to invitation to tender – Flagship study on LT-LEDS

Scope & Methodology

1. Should the “theory of change” be developed independently by the consultant, or does 2050PP have an existing framework or guiding model to align with?

Answer: This is to be co-created with the 2050PP and tested with relevant stakeholders, including several that are part of the 2050PP long-term planning community.

2. How should “impact” be defined and measured, particularly for indirect or long-term outcomes (e.g., influence on institutional structures, fiscal frameworks, or private sector behavior)?

Answer: Impact should be understood broadly, encompassing both direct and indirect outcomes, including all those suggested. We are particularly interested in approaches that can capture real-world impacts already emerging from countries with LTS already in place, while also considering longer-term systemic changes. The methodology for defining and measuring impact will be co-developed at the start of the project, and we encourage firms to build on existing experiences and evidence rather than relying solely on theoretical models. At the same time, innovative approaches and tools that enhance robustness and usability are welcome.

3. Are there preferred indicators or benchmarks for assessing the effectiveness of LTS across countries?

Answer: There are no predefined indicators or benchmarks at this stage. These will be developed, discussed, and tested as part of this process, including by reviewing country experiences so far.

Stakeholder Engagement & Validation

4. Will 2050PP facilitate introductions or provide access to government officials, development partners, and private sector representatives for interviews?

Answer: 2050PP secretariat will support the consultant in the identification of counterparts for the study, and we will also support with initial introductions. Any further coordination and communication would ideally be taken forward independently by the consultant.

5. How many workshops are expected, and should they be regional, global, or thematic?

Answer: We aim for this process to be as participatory and co-developed as possible, engaging relevant stakeholders identified throughout the work. The number of workshops/engagements and their format are to be determined by the firm based on its proposed approach and professional judgment.

6. Will 2050PP co-host or support the organization of validation workshops (e.g., invitations, logistics, or virtual platforms)?

Answer: Yes, the 2050PP Secretariat will co-host and support the organization of validation workshops. This includes assistance with virtual platforms and coordination, and inputs into the agenda and topics where needed. However, logistical arrangements, such as invitations, scheduling, concept note development, and report from the discussions, should be prepared and managed by the selected firm.

7. Should the survey be disseminated through 2050PP's official channels to enhance response rates, or will this be handled independently by the consultant?

Answer: 2050PP can publish the survey on our website and disseminate it with the mailing list and partners, for a wider reach. Additional suggestions from the consultant on how to approach this are also welcome.

8. The ToR suggests the engagement may include a mix of virtual and in-person options as feasible. Our experience is that in-person engagement is most useful for in-depth exploration of issues, which maybe important for a deep-dive into specific countries. However, the available budget is limited in how much in-depth engagement would be possible. Is in-person engagement considered essential, or is it just a back-stop in instances where virtual engagement proves challenging?

Answer: This depends on the methodology proposed by the candidate. Please note that the indicated total budget cannot be adjusted upwards.

Deliverables & Timeline

9. Are there specific branding, layout, or formatting requirements (e.g., alignment with ECF or 2050PP templates and communication standards)?

Answer: Yes, there are requirements on the inclusion of IKI's logo on all communication materials, and 2050PP also has a branding identity that will need to be used for the final product. All relevant information will be shared with the successful candidate during the contracting process.

10. Is there flexibility in the 6-month timeline if data collection, interviews, or validation processes require additional time?

Answer: While we understand that data collection, interviews, and validation processes can sometimes require additional time, the 6-month timeline is closely tied to IKI-linked deadlines. As such, there is limited flexibility available. We will do our best to support efficient coordination and planning to ensure milestones are met within the required timeframe.

11. Are there milestone events (e.g., regional dialogues, donor roundtables) that outputs should align with for maximum visibility and relevance?

Answer: Yes, we will seek to maximize when possible visibility and engagement by aligning outputs with milestone events, including those organized by the 2050PP in 2026. Additional details on specific events and timelines will be shared with the selected firm during the inception phase to ensure effective coordination and planning.

Budget & Resources

12. Are there restrictions on how much of the budget can be allocated to travel, workshops?

Answer: No. This will depend on the methodology proposed by the candidate. Please note that travel and workshop costs are reimbursed based against real expenditure (though the completion of reimbursement forms detailing all claimed costs) and that,

to comply with funder reporting, value-adjusted tender procedures will need to be followed for all expenditure.

13. Is there flexibility to reallocate budget lines (e.g., from travel to expert facilitation) as the project evolves?

Answer: Yes, we don't have limitations on the movement between budget lines.

14. We note reference to three "Phases" of work in Section 6 and Annex 1 of the ToRs, but do not see this reflected in the scope of work. Further clarity on these three distinct phases would be very helpful.

Answer: This is a clerical mistake on our part. Please feel free to ignore the reference to phases in the budget template. Any phase of this work can be defined based on the proposed methodology.

Content & Thematic Priorities

15. How central should issues like just transition, equity, and social inclusion be, are they cross-cutting principles or specific analytical components?

Answer: The impact of LTS should be assessed comprehensively. Where possible, this assessment should also incorporate elements of just transition, equity, and social inclusion. These dimensions are critical to ensuring that LTS not only drive emissions reductions but also support inclusive, fair, and sustainable development outcomes. As such, indicators and methodologies should be designed to capture broader socio-economic impacts.

16. To what extent should financing and investment alignment (domestic or international) be explored as a determinant of LTS effectiveness?

Answer: Financing and investment alignment are important determinants (although not the only ones) of LTS effectiveness as they speak directly to its potential to support implementation.

Use of Findings & Dissemination

17. Are translations into other languages (French, Spanish, etc.) required, and if so, who bears the cost?

Answer: Translations are not required but could be proposed by the candidate. Please account for all relevant costs in the budget proposal.

Coordination, Oversight & Review Process

18. Will the consultant have opportunities to coordinate with other 2050PP or IKI project teams conducting complementary research?

Answer: 2050PP will facilitate coordination with other partners who are working on relevant studies, if such an opportunity arises. However, there is no expectation for this, and it will not be a requirement.

19. Who will serve as the main technical and administrative point of contact within 2050PP for day-to-day coordination?

Answer: The 2050PP will designate a primary focal point for technical work and another for administrative coordination. Given the breadth and relevance of this work, additional team members may also be engaged to provide specialized support as needed. This approach ensures continuity, responsiveness, and access to the appropriate expertise throughout the process.