

CONSULTANCY OPPORTUNITY

Closing Date:	31/July/2017
Consultancy:	Fossil fuel subsidy statistics
Department:	SDG Data and Information Unit, Science Division, UN Environment
Location:	Home-based, with some travel
Remuneration:	Determined by proposal against scope of work (approximately 2 months)
Duration:	40-50 working days

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Background

Purpose

Eliminating inefficient fossil fuel subsidies is essential for achieving sustainable consumption and production. The importance of phasing out fossil fuel subsidies has been recognized in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through a dedicated Sustainable Development Goal target and indicator on fossil fuel subsidies. The specific indicator on fossil fuel subsidies for which UN Environment is the custodian is:

12.c.1 Amount of fossil-fuel subsidies per unit of GDP (production and consumption) and as a proportion of total national expenditure on fossil fuels.

As the custodian UN Environment is responsible for developing a final methodology for measuring fossil fuel subsidies; collaborating with partners to ensure that the methodology takes into account previous experiences; working with countries to ensure that the methodology meets the needs of countries across the world; and finally, for developing a mechanism for global monitoring of fossil fuel subsidies.

In this context, the Science Division and the Economy Division of UN Environment are hiring a consultant to conduct a desk review, 2 case studies and proposing a draft methodology for this indicator. The final products will include:

- An options paper on the global monitoring of fossil fuel subsidies. The options paper should include a literature review and a discussion of indicators and sub-indicators which could be compiled globally to measure fossil fuel subsidies. The paper should also include a draft guidance aimed at countries wishing to improve their national monitoring of fossil fuel subsidies.
- Two case studies should be led by the consultant, in collaboration with UN Environment staff and relevant national sectorial ministries and agencies, to build knowledge on the application of the methodology in different types of economies. The case studies should include one fossil fuel producing country and one fossil fuel importing country. In addition to the two case studies conducted under the project, the consultant should also pull together existing experiences from countries.

The consultant will also participate in a global expert group meeting on measuring fossil fuel subsidies which will provide an opportunity to obtain feedback on the products described above.

Proposed Outline of the Options Paper

Executive Summary (2 pages)

- Chapter I: Background (5-10 pages, including information related to the importance of global and national monitoring)

- Chapter II: Current methods and experiences (5-10 pages, including a comparison of current global and national experiences, bringing in the lessons from the case studies)
- Chapter III: Global monitoring: Relevant indicators and sub-indicators which could be compiled globally, including methodologies (10-15 pages)
- Chapter IV: National monitoring: Relevant methodologies and guidance for countries wishing to integrate statistics on fossil fuel subsidies in their national statistical system (5-10 pages)
- Chapter V: Conclusions and recommendations (5-10 pages on methodological gaps and any other recommendations)

Responsibilities

Under the direct supervision of the SDG Data and Information Unit, Science Division and Economic and Fiscal Policy Unit, Economy Division, the consultant will complete the following objectives:

- Review available literature and methodology;
- Develop an approach for conducting country case studies;
- Conduct country case studies in two countries;
- Present a draft option paper at an expert group meeting (to be held in October); and
- Integrate results from case studies, expert experiences and the literature review as the basis for developing the options paper.

Expected products and outputs

- An inception note and the outline of the guidance document should be submitted 3 days after the start of the contract. The note will comprise: a) identification of issues crucial to the viability of the consultancy; and c) comments on this TOR and report outline.
- A schedule for the country missions should be agreed within 1 week of the start of the contract.
- The final report should be provided at the end of the contract.
- Case study reports should be provided within 1 week of completing each country missions.
- A presentation to an expert group meeting on fossil fuel subsidies.

Administrative Arrangements

- This is a desk study which also includes some travel. The travel should be included in the budget proposal.
- All administrative costs (supplies, telecommunications, equipment, etc.) are to be borne by the consultant.
- All documentation must be produced on software compatible with that of United Nations (*i.e.*, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, MS Excel, etc.)
- All materials developed remain property of the United Nations.

Compensation

- Compensation will be paid on a product delivery basis, at the end of the project, upon receipt of invoice.
- Fees to be determined by proposal.
- It is expected that the contract will include 40-50 working days.

Background Requirements

- Extensive experience related to fossil fuel subsidies is required.
- Proposals that include more than one CV or from institutions are welcome.

Proposals and Queries

Candidates should submit the following items for consideration:

- Current resume
- Name, address, and telephone number of three references who have first-hand knowledge of your work in this area (do not attach letters of reference).

- Approximate schedule of product delivery and detailed costing table. Costing table should include proposed rate for each product mentioned under Products and Outputs section above.

Applicants are requested to submit the above package of items under “Proposals and Queries” by 30 July 2017 electronically to jillian.campbell@unep.org with the subject “Fossil Fuel Subsidy TOR”.

Due to the volume of applications, only candidates under positive consideration will be contacted.
