Terms of reference (ToRs) for Impact Monitoring of SAPCC Activities in Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh

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0. List of abbreviations

AVB	General Terms and Conditions of Contract (AVB) for supplying services and work 2020
CAFRI	Climate Adaptation and Finance in Rural India
DEMPs	District Environment Management Plans
DEST	Department of Environment, Science and Technology in Himachal Pradesh
DoE	Directorate of Environment in Uttar Pradesh
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit
GoI	Government of India
HP	Himachal Pradesh
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MoEFCC	Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
NAPCC	National Action Plan on Climate Change
NDC	Nationally Determined Contributions
NGT	National Green Tribunal
SAPCC	State Action Plan on Climate Change
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
ToRs	Terms of reference
UP	Uttar Pradesh

1. Context

Adaptation planning efforts in the country have become a key component of India's National development agenda. In addition to the national-level planning documents (NDC and the National Action Plan on Climate Change, NAPCC), in particular the State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCCs) have become the central planning framework for adaptation action at the sub-national level. For each state, SAPCCs describe in detail the climate change impacts and vulnerability assessments, adaptation and mitigation options as well as financing and capacity building needs to implement the identified interventions. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India (GoI) has advised all states to revise their SAPCCs to keep up with the latest commitments at national (Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), international level (such as Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Sendai Framework), state government priorities (SDG 2030 Vision document) and came out with guidelines in May 2019.

Against this background, under the framework of the Indo-German bilateral cooperation project "Climate Adaptation and Finance in Rural India" (CAFRI), GIZ has been supporting two states, the Department of Environment, Science and Technology (DEST) in Himachal Pradesh (HP) and the Directorate of Environment (DoE) in Uttar Pradesh (UP), in the revision of their respective SAPCCs, and in the implementation of the plans. Part of this support, moreover, relates to the **development and operationalization of a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system for the revised SAPCCs for both the states**.

In Uttar Pradesh, GIZ India will additionally be providing technical support to the DoE, UP in preparing District Environment Management Plans (DEMPs) for seven districts viz., Meerut, Moradabad, Bareilly, Gorakhpur, Prayagraj, Jhansi and Agra (Letter No: 683/DEMP/Parya/2020). Given this context, it is envisioned that the UP SAPCC revision process and development of seven DEMPs offers a unique opportunity for developing M&E system for UP SAPCC through DEMPs.

In Himachal Pradesh, with technical support from GIZ, the revision of the SAPCC has been completed in 2020. Further, in collaboration with DEST, Government of Himachal Pradesh, GIZ India aims to develop a monitoring & evaluation strategy for the revised State Action Plan on Climate Change. The M&E strategy is envisioned to be developed taking into consideration the synergies with ongoing monitoring mechanisms in the state such as state SDG indicators and after identifying capacity needs of line departments that are relevant to SAPCC activities.

The developed M&E strategies for the revised SAPCCs of HP and UP will be containing a list of indicators and, when implemented, should allow for comprehensive monitoring of all the activities listed in the revised SAPCC. Once the M&E strategies are developed, the hired technical agency is expected to develop an implementation mechanism for **operationalizing the state-level M&E system**. In this context GIZ in consultation with DoE and DEST, envisions the consultancy to perform the following tasks:

Task I: Develop a Strategy for Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) of Revised HP SAPCC

Task II: Develop a Strategy for Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) of Revised UP SAPCC

Task III: Implementation of the Developed M&E Strategies in HP & UP

2. Tasks to be performed by the Hired Technical Agency

Task I: Developing a strategy for Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) of the revised HP SAPCC

CAFRI has in consultation with DEST already prepared a first draft of a concept note for the M&E system of the revised HP SAPCC. This concept note includes a mapping of adaptation-relevant SAPCC activities against relevant state SDG indicators, examples of indicators and different options for an M&E system. The consulting agency shall further develop this concept note into a full strategy. This includes the following aspects:

- Review and refinement of already existing M&E concept system for the HP SAPCC
- Develop an M&E strategy by minimizing additional data collection burdens by exploiting related data collection and reporting/ monitoring exercises that exist in the state, such as primarily for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Map all the SAPCC activities (both mitigation & adaptation) against relevant state SDG indicators. Harnessing this overlap by extracting, synthesizing and communicating data on adaptation and mitigation-relevant outcomes that will be collected under the SDG monitoring framework would be a central task of the assignment
- Develop an M&E strategy clearly answering the following aspects,
    - SAPCC M&E system target audience and purpose for this audience
    - M&E approach to assessing mitigation and adaptation results, linking relevant state SDG indicators and SAPCC missions/ strategies/ activities – e.g. via shortlisting approx. 50 pre-defined state SDG indicators most relevant to the SAPCC adaptation & mitigation outcomes
    - M&E approach to tracking SAPCC implementation (adaptation & mitigation *processes*)
    - Approach and/or assumptions involved for linking adaptation & mitigation results indicators and process indicators, i.e., for attribution of results to schemes and activities included in the SAPCC
    - Operability, (inter-departmental) information flows and processes involved in applying the M&E system (including information on how data is collected, by whom, how often, what kind of system (online or offline), how data will be fed into the system) targeting an easy-to-use and efficient M&E system while not being too simplistic
- Identification of concerned departments and engagement with all relevant stakeholders, organisation of stakeholder consultations; organisation of stakeholder consultations
- Definition of relevant indicators for M&E system of HP SAPCC
- Definition of processes for data collection, methodology, by whom and its frequency

Expected Output for Task I: Strategy for the state-level SAPCC M&E system, defining

- Relevant indicators for tracking for both implementation processes and adaptation results (impacts) and mitigation benefits according to the HP SAPCC
- Data collection and communication responsibilities
- Causal chains (attributing impacts to processes, to the extent possible)

Task II: Developing a strategy for Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) of the revised UP SAPCC

The NGT defined 5 major criteria for assessing the DEMPs which are *i) Health and Nutrition, ii) Education, iii) Basic Infrastructure, iv) Agriculture & Water Resources and v) Financial Inclusion & Skill Development*. In addition, the NGT has also identified 7 thematic areas (which are exclusively related to "Clean Environment") which define the scope of the DEMPs. Data for these 7 thematic areas is collected by capturing basic information on 64 action areas with 220 data points. While the 7 thematic areas in the DEMP guidance document (Format) mainly focus on "Clean Environment" component, the 5 major criteria on which the DEMP assessment is based on emphasises climate change adaptation and mitigation components in addition to "Clean Environment". These 5 major criteria that are mandated to be monitored by the district authorities are included in the District Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Plan which is part of the Format provided by the UP Pollution Control Board. The District Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Plan can have strong synergies with SAPCC priority activities at state level. The UP SAPCC has 93 priority actions (including both adaptation & mitigation) under 7 missions, which are identified through district vulnerability assessments.

Utilizing international/ German best practices and experiences and based on further desk-based research, the consulting agency is expected to develop an M&E strategy for the revised UP SAPCC that addresses:

- M&E system target audience and purpose for this audience
- M&E approach to assessing all SAPCC activities (including adaptation and mitigation results), linking relevant state DEMP indicators, vulnerability indicators and SAPCC missions/ strategies/ activities – e.g., via shortlisting vulnerability indicators most relevant to the SAPCC adaptation outcomes
- M&E approach to tracking SAPCC implementation (adaptation & mitigation processes)
- Approach and/or assumptions involved for linking adaptation results indicators and process indicators, i.e., for attribution of results to schemes and activities included in the SAPCC
- Operability, (inter-departmental) information flows and processes involved in applying the M&E system; data collection and communication responsibilities, causal chains (attributing impacts to processes, to the extent possible)

Expected outputs for Task II:

- An M&E strategy for the revised UP SAPCC using DEMP monitoring
- A detailed report describing the entire process

Task III: Implementation of M&E strategies for the revised HP and UP SAPCCs

A) Based on the M&E strategies developed and after including inputs from the DoE, UP and DEST, HP and from other SAPCC relevant line departments, Management Information System (MIS) should be developed for their implementation in UP and HP. This includes

- Initial kick-off meetings with GIZ, HP DEST, UP DoE and line departments (one kick-off in UP, one kick-off in HP) can be conducted to identify nodal personnel and coordinating centres in each department responsible for data collection and storage for relevant SAPCC activities, to identify frequency of data availability and flow of information between departments responsible for different SAPCC activities

B) Based on the developed M&E Strategies and the chosen MIS tool for implementation the contractor will prepare implementation road maps for UP and HP which define objectives, timelines, trainings, responsibilities and resources required for implementation. This would also include potential challenges and success factors for a successful implementation of the M&E strategy

- A half day in person training (in UP and HP) need to be organized for the nodal department personnel to introduce and train on the use of the MIS tools and system
- A half day training (in UP and HP) for the personnel of each line department which are relevant o SAPCC activities need to be organized separately to introduce and train them on MIS tools and system

C) Follow-up support in use of the MIS system

- During the implementation of the M&E strategy using the tool (MIS system) developed the technical agency will provide support to the nodal department and line department personnel by providing technical assistance either through in person support or online help.

D) Review of prepared M&E System

- After having used the developed MIS system for a defined period the consultant will provide online assistance in the review and evaluation of results. Based on the review, written recommendations would be provided to the nodal department for further refinement and improvement. The time after which the review support would be provided can be determined during the kick-off meeting

Expected Outputs for Task III

- Comprehensive (separate) MIS for UP SAPCC and HP SAPCC, which are implementable and can measure the impact of all the SAPCC activities
- A report of the implementation road map
- In person trainings and a training manual for future reference by the nodal department and line department personnel
- In person and online support post the training phase
- Written report on review of data collected and its usefulness in monitoring & evaluation of the SAPCC activities in both states

Certain milestones, as laid out in the table below, are to be achieved by certain dates during the contract term, and at particular locations:

Milestone	Deadline
Inception meeting and submission of report	December 2021
Report on M&E strategy for HP SAPCC	February 2022
report describing the entire process for M&E system of UP SAPCC	March 2022
Report on M&E strategy for UP SAPCC utilizing DEMPs	May 2022
Report on Implementation mechanism for the HP and UP M&E strategies	November 2022
Final report on the entire assignment in English and Hindi	January 2023

The period of assignment is from 25th November 2021 to 31st March 2023

3. Concept

In the bid, the bidder is required to show how the objectives defined in Chapter 2 are to be achieved, if applicable under consideration of further specific method-related requirements (technical-methodological concept). In addition, the bidder must describe the project management system for service provision.

Technical-methodological concept

Strategy: The bidder is required to consider the tasks to be performed with reference to the objectives of the services put out to tender (see Chapter 1). Following this, the bidder presents and justifies the strategy with which it intends to provide the services for which it is responsible (see Chapter 2).

The bidder is required to present the actors relevant for the services for which it is responsible and describe the **cooperation** with them.

The bidder is required to present and explain its approach to **steering** the measures with the project partners and its contribution to the results-based monitoring system.

The bidder is required to describe the key **processes** for the services for which it is responsible and create a schedule that describes how the services according to Chapter 2 are to be provided. In particular, the bidder is required to describe the necessary work steps and, if applicable, take account of the milestones and contributions of other actors in accordance with Chapter 2.

The bidder is required to describe its contribution to knowledge management for the partner and GIZ and promote scaling-up effects **(learning and innovation).**

Project management of the contractor

The bidder is required to explain its approach for coordination with the GIZ project.

- The contractor is responsible for selecting, preparing, training and steering the experts (international and national) assigned to perform the advisory tasks.
- The contractor makes available equipment and supplies (consumables) and assumes the associated operating and administrative costs.

- The contractor manages costs and expenditures, accounting processes and invoicing in line with the requirements of GIZ.

The contractor reports regularly to GIZ in accordance with the AVB of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH from 2020. In addition to the reports required by GIZ in accordance with AVB, the contractor submits the following reports:

- Report on M&E strategy for HP SAPCC
- Report on M&E strategy for UP SAPCC utilizing DEMPs
- Report on implementation of M&E strategies in UP and HP
- Final report on the entire assignment

The bidder is required to draw up a **personnel assignment plan** with explanatory notes that lists all the experts proposed in the bid; the plan includes information on assignment dates (duration and expert days) and locations of the individual members of the team complete with the allocation of work steps as set out in the schedule.

The bidder is required to describe its backstopping concept. The following services are part of the standard backstopping package:

Please note that no backstopping costs shall be paid.

- Service-delivery control
- Managing adaptations to changing conditions
- Ensuring the flow of information between GIZ and field staff
- Contractor's responsibility for seconded personnel
- Process-oriented technical-conceptual steering of the consultancy inputs
- Securing the administrative conclusion of the project
- Ensuring compliance with reporting requirements
- Providing specialist support for the on-site team by staff at company headquarters
- Sharing the lessons learned by the contractor and leveraging the value of lessons learned on site

4. Eligibility of Consulting Firms

The bidder is required to submit documentary evidence for the below :

- Be a registered as national organization or entity
- Average annual turnover for the last three financial years should be at least 70,000 Euros
- The agency should have minimum 10 employees as on previous year
- The agency must have handled at least 2 reference projects in the area of climate change adaptation and 2 reference projects with M&E in the last three years with minimum commission value of Euro 20,000.
- The agency should have minimum 3 years experience in adaptation to climate change
- The agency should have minimum 2 years experience in mitigation to climate change
- The agency should have minimum 2 years experience in development of M&E systems
- The agency should have regional experience in India
- The agency should have experience in Other Development Assignments

5. **Personnel concept**

The bidder is required to provide personnel who are suited to filling the positions described, based on their CVs the range of tasks involved and the required qualifications.
The below specified ".
A gender balance within the team is an asset.

One Team leader (2.1) with Climate change (with focus on Adaptation) M&E experience

Tasks of the team leader

- Overall responsibility for all the packages (tasks I, II, III) of the contractor
- Coordinating and ensuring communication with GIZ, partners and others involved in the project
- Provision of technical guidance and quality control
- Personnel management, in particular identifying the need for short-term assignments within the available budget, as well as planning and steering assignments and supporting local and international short-term experts
- Regular reporting in accordance with deadlines

Qualifications of the team leader

- Education/training (2.1.1): University qualification (German 'Diplom'/Master) in Environmental Sciences/Economics/Natural Resource Management
- Language (2.1.2): Good business language skills in English and Hindi
- General professional experience (2.1.3): 15 years of professional experience in the climate change and environmental management sectors working with local governments and local government institutions
- Specific professional experience (2.1.4): 6 years' experience on climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies, development of M&E frameworks for climate change
- Leadership/management experience (2.1.5): 6 years of management/leadership experience as project team leader or manager in a company
- Regional experience (2.1.6): 4 years of experience in India
- Development Cooperation (DC) experience (2.1.7): 6 years of experience in DC projects

Expert 1: Two Environment Management Experts (One expert to be based in Shimla and another expert to be based in Lucknow) (2.2)

Tasks of the two Environmental Managements Experts on Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation

- Responsibility for Tasks I & II (Developing Monitoring & Evaluation Strategies for Adaptation & Mitigation Activities in UP and HP) and
- Providing inputs to Task III (Implementation of M&E strategy for HP & UP SAPCC) based on learnings from tasks I & II
- Internal coordination of responsibilities especially with Knowledge Management Expert and short-term Expert Pool
- Coordinating and ensuring communication with GIZ, partners and others involved in the project

- Regular reporting in accordance with deadlines

Qualifications:

- Education and Training (2.2.1): University qualification (German 'Diplom'/Master) in Environmental Sciences or another field relevant to this consultancy, preferably with a specialisation in climate change adaptation & mitigation impact monitoring
- Language (2.2.2): Fluency in English & Hindi
- General professional experience (2.2.3): 10 years of experience in Adaptation to Climate Change, Mitigation of Climate Change as well as Monitoring and Evaluation
- Specific professional experience (2.2.4): Impact Monitoring and Reporting of Adaptation to Climate Change; experience with international standards of Impact Monitoring of adaptation to climate change as well as experience with Monitoring & Adaptation in India
- Regional experience (2.2.6): 5 years of regional experience in Himachal Pradesh/Uttar Pradesh

Expert 2: Knowledge Management Expert (2.3)

Tasks of the Knowledge Management Expert for Establishing Climate Change M&E Systems

- Responsibility for Task III (Implementing Monitoring & Evaluation Strategies Developed in Tasks I & II): Development of M&E Portal (MIS system)
- Internal coordination of responsibilities especially with two Environment Management Experts and short-term expert pool
- Coordinating and ensuring communication with GIZ, partners and others involved in the project
- Regular reporting in accordance with deadlines

Qualifications:

- General qualifications (2.3.1): University qualification (German 'Diplom'/Master) in Economics, Environmental Sciences or another field relevant to this consultancy, preferably with a specialisation in Information Technology and digital innovations in implementing MIS based solutions in development sector
- Language (2.3.2): Fluency in English and Hindi
- General professional experience (2.3.3): 10 years of experience in Developing Knowledge Management Systems
- Specific professional experience (2.3.4): 4 years of experience in Impact Monitoring and Reporting of Adaptation & mitigation to Climate Change; experience with rolling out ICT based initiatives to monitor and enable service delivery in development initiatives in India
- Regional experience (2.3.6): 2 years' experience in Northern India
- Development cooperation experience (2.3.7): 5 years of experience with development cooperation projects

Expert 3: Three Mid-Level Environment Management Experts (2.4)

Tasks of the mid-level Monitoring & Evaluation Expert

(**Personnel based out of Lucknow and Shimla will be preferred)**

- Working in coordination with the Team Leader, Environment Management Experts and Knowledge Management Expert
- Organisation of stakeholder consultations and review meetings
- Quality control and data collection
- Helping senior expert assigned for tasks III and IV with regular reporting in accordance with deadlines

Qualifications:

- General qualifications (2.4.1): University qualification (German 'Diplom'/Master) in Environmental Sciences or another field relevant to this consultancy, preferably with a specialisation in climate change adaptation and impact monitoring
- Language (2.4.2): Fluency in English and Hindi
- General professional experience (2.4.3): 7 years of experience in Adaptation to Climate Change, Mitigation of climate change as well as Monitoring and Evaluation in India
- Specific professional experience (2.4.4): 2 years of experience in working with government stakeholders
- Regional experience (2.4.6): 2 years' experience in Uttar Pradesh/ Himachal Pradesh
- Development cooperation experience (2.4.7): 3 years of experience with development cooperation projects

The bidder must provide a clear overview of all proposed experts and their individual qualifications.

6. Costing requirements

Assignment of personnel

- Team leader: For 50 expert days
- Expert 1, Two Environment Management Experts : For 80 expert days (60 expert days for expert in Uttar Pradesh and 20 expert days for expert in Himachal Pradesh)
- Expert 2, Knowledge Management Expert: For 30 expert days
- Expert 3, Three Mid-Level Environment Management Experts: For 60 expert days (20 days for each expert)

Travel

The bidder is required to calculate the travel by the specified experts and the experts it has proposed based on the places of performance stipulated in Chapter 2 and list the expenses separately by daily allowance, accommodation expenses, flight costs and other travel expenses.

A total of 10 round trips are to be budgeted for the team leader/knowledge management expert to Shimla/Lucknow.

For Other Local Experts, accommodation, local travel and per diem are to be budgeted for total of 94 days

Workshops and Trainings
6 consultations or workshops at state level are to be organised (3 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and 3 in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh). Hence the bidder should incorporate the costs as well.

7. Inputs of GIZ or other actors

Directorate of Environment (DoE), Government of UP and Department of Environment, Science and Technology (DEST), Government of HP & GIZ will support the group of consultants for this study. The team leader will coordinate and submit technical and financial reports to GIZ at intervals identified in the agreement. Each consultant will submit technical and financial reports to the lead consultant who will in turn synthesize and ensure a coherent report is submitted. Each consultant will be expected to ensure accountability to the group and lead consultant.

8. Requirements on the format of the bid

The structure of the bid must correspond to the structure of the ToRs. In particular, the detailed structure of the concept (Chapter 3) is to be organised in accordance with the positively weighted criteria in the assessment grid (not with zero). It must be legible (font size 11 or larger) and clearly formulated. The bid is drawn up in English. The selected consultants will be required to ensure that they are fully guided by DoE, UP and DEST, HP and DoE & DEST are informed of all meetings and progress. DoE, UP & DEST, HP will facilitate coordination with all the stakeholders, as needed. The consultant is required to make a request for DoE & GIZ participation in meetings or interviews, at least 10 days in advance.

The complete bid shall not exceed 30 pages (excluding CVs and other supporting comapy documents). The CVs of the personnel proposed in accordance with Chapter 4 of the ToRs must be submitted using the format specified in the terms and conditions for application. The CVs shall not exceed 4 pages. The CVs must clearly show the position and job the proposed person held in the reference project and for how long. The CVs can also be submitted in English (language).

Please calculate your price bid based exactly on the afore mentioned costing requirements. In the contract the contractor has no claim to fully exhaust the days/travel/workshops/ budgets. The number of days/travel/workshops and the budget amount shall be agreed in the contract as ‘up to’ amounts. The specifications for pricing are defined in the price schedule.

9. Annexures- Specific Conditions pertain to Covid- 19 Measures

The specific conditions pertain to Covid- 19 measures are integral part of contract and shall act as binding under special agreement and interpreted along with GTCC.

In addition to the provisions as detailed in clause 09 of The General Terms of Contract governing the delivery of works and services commissioned by **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (local),** the Consultant confirms that he/she

accepts the Consulting engagement with full knowledge and understanding of the travel and other requirements of the engagement including specifically the need, on the part of the Consultant, to take all required precautions (including prevention and risk mitigation measures) against the risks arising from the ongoing Novel Corona Virus (CoVid - 19) Pandemic

The Consultant shall provide to the GIZ an RT-PCR Negative Test Report for Novel Corona Virus (CoVid - 19) prior to starting the Consulting Engagement and shall additionally comply with the following at all times in the course of the Consulting Engagement:

1. Obtain Medical and other Insurance Cover in respect of the Novel Corona Virus (CoVid - 19) Infection/Disease and consequences thereof – (GIZ will reimburse the insurance cover up to 5000 Indian Rupees on actual basis)
2. Strictly follow and comply with the prescribed Mask, Hand Washing/Sanitization and Social Distancing Protocols.
3. Take safe and secure mode of transportation.
4. Observe all local restrictions/precautions as applicable for the specific areas of travel covered by the Consulting Engagement.
5. If eligible, get vaccinated against the Novel Corona Virus (CoVid - 19).
6. Install and maintain as active at all times the Government of India's Arogya Setu App.
7. If exposed to any active case of Novel Corona Virus (CoVid - 19) to take all steps as advised by the Government of India's advisories in such case.
8. If feeling unwell and experiencing any of the symptoms of Novel Corona Virus (CoVid - 19) infection - to take all steps as advised by the Government of India's advisories in such cases including but not limited to getting an RT-PCR Test for Novel Corona Virus (CoVid - 19), self-isolation, notifying the GIZ and also the concerned local Novel Corona Virus (CoVid - 19) isolation/treatment facility.
9. Other compliance as may be notified by the GIZ and the Government of India from time to time in relation to Novel Corona Virus (CoVid - 19) infection/disease.

Furthermore, The Consultant accepts the Consulting Engagement on a best and informed judgement basis with full knowledge of the tasks to be performed, the place of performance and the precautions and safeguards to be reasonably taken try the Consultant to mitigate all types of risks associated with the said Consulting Engagement. The Consultant undertakes the Consulting Engagement at his/her own risk and responsibility and shall not, under any circumstances, and at any time, be entitled to assert any liability or other claims whatsoever against the GIZ, its Management, Officers and Employees for any consequences or risks or harm that may arise to the Consultant in the course of or as a consequence of undertaking the Consulting Engagement or any actions or consequences arising in relation to such Consulting Engagement.