

Note: Answers to questions posed by bidders to the following request for proposals

[Global study on governance risks in critical minerals value chains](#)

Q1: What is the estimated number of consultant days required to conduct the study?

A1: We would appreciate an indication as to how many days of time it would take to complete the assignment, taking into consideration all of the different steps we have laid out in the TOR (including iterations with the International Secretariat to finalise the draft and get it ready for publication).

Q2: What is the maximum length of the final report anticipated to be in number of pages?

A2: 40-50 pages maximum, plus supporting annexes. As this study will be published through the EITI to a wide audience, the emphasis should be on producing something engaging, accessible, and reader friendly.

Q3: Does the EITI have a template or further guidelines for the financial proposal?

A3: Please see [section 7 of the TOR here](#) for the guidelines on the financial proposal.

Q4: How many key informant interviews would be expected to inform the study?

A4: A minimum of 25-30. These interviews should reflect diverse stakeholder perspectives, including from government, industry, civil society, and independent experts (e.g., think tanks, international organisations, academics). Ideally, we would be looking for a balanced mix between these stakeholder groups with a minimum of four interviews per stakeholder group. We would also be looking for the interviews to include both stakeholders with a global perspective and those with experience in minerals-producing countries.

Q5: The ToR requires, “identification of governance risks and opportunities in critical minerals value chains”. Could you clarify what is meant by governance opportunities in this context? Is this referring to opportunities to better govern these mineral value chains or the opportunities for the critical minerals to contribute to the energy transition and sustainable development?

A5: We would like the study to speak to both of these aspects. Our main interest would be to identify whether there are certain dynamics related to critical minerals in the context of the energy transition that present opportunities to improve governance of the sector. We would encourage the consultants to apply a broad definition of "governance" for these purposes, to include for example opportunities to improve public financial management, tackle corruption risks, better manage environmental and social impacts, or strengthen the governance of state-owned enterprises. Our assumption would be that the demand dynamics of the critical minerals sector will mostly lead to heightened governance risks, but we want to keep an open mind to understand whether in fact there are opportunities for the sector's governance to improve. That being said, the study should also capture the broader importance of critical minerals. We would look for the study to set out the opportunities that the potential growth in demand for critical minerals can present - e.g., in terms of revenues, job creation, investment - as well as the sector's importance to the energy transition and efforts to tackle climate change. We would look to the consultant to suggest how the report's structure could reflect both of these components in an effective way.

Q6: Would participation in the EITI, NRGi and OECD Expert Group on Preventing Corruption in Critical Minerals Supply Chains be considered a conflict of interests for involvement in this study?

A6: No.

Q7: Please send a copy of the EITI policy brief referred to in the TOR. The link on the EITI website appears to be broken.

A7: [en_eiti_policy_brief_preparing_for_the_energy_transition.pdf](#)

Q8: Does EITI anticipate the consultants will need to travel in order to undertake any of the following activities: interview stakeholders, conduct focus groups, attend any launch event or participate in presentations of the final report? If so, how much travel is anticipated?

A8: *No. We anticipate all of the research and engagement to be conducted remotely.*