

TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONSULTANCY: SHORT-TERM CONSULTANT TO DELIVER GOLD STANDARD'S TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR ADAPTATION REQUIREMENTS

Date 23 March 2023

Position Title Short term Consultant

Position Location International but willing to travel to Cape Town South Africa to deliver the workshop

General Terms of Reference

Gold Standard is a standards body and thought leader that promotes the best that can be achieved in climate and development projects. It was established in 2003 by [WWF](#) and other international NGOs as a best practice standard to ensure projects that reduced carbon emissions under the UN’s Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) also delivered sustainable development benefits. Gold Standard now has a broad NGO Supporter Network and 1400+ projects in over 80 countries, creating billions of dollars of shared value from climate and development action worldwide.

The Gold Standard Foundation has developed the Adaptation Requirements and Guidance to help project developers manage the risk from climate hazards and extreme events. As part of the capacity-building efforts to promote the uptake of the requirements and train potential users in the application of the requirements, the Gold Standard Foundation supported by the Subnational Climate Finance Initiative will be conducting a workshop for 30 – 40 participants in Cape Town, South Africa.

Objective of the Assignment

The Adaptation Requirements were developed by Gold Standard and Resilient Cities Catalyst to define an adaptation project preparation process that outlines methods for risk assessment, hazard analysis, data collection and stakeholder engagement. Providing a roadmap for project developers to successfully assess adaptation at the project level, taking into account future climate risks and aligning with the aim of impact investors.

It is envisaged that these requirements will help accelerate the development of quality adaptation project pipelines. This assignment should therefore initiate the process of improving the capacity of project developers, auditors and adaptation specialists in the use of these Adaptation Requirements to achieve this necessary project development. For the Adaptation Requirements to succeed in their goal, they must be applicable to each of the key actors working in this space.

Gold Standard is organising an Adaptation Workshop in Cape Town South Africa from 18-19 April 2023. The Adaptation Workshop is inclusive of multiple stakeholder types with varying knowledge in the field of adaptation. The workshop would introduce the key elements of the Adaptation Requirements and support participants in understanding

the methods and approaches used to address some of the challenges of integrating adaptation into projects.

Gold Standard, therefore, seeks an expert who would be responsible for developing and delivering this training workshop on the use of the Adaptation Requirements.

Primary Responsibilities – Development

Deliver Adaptation Workshop in Cape Town.

The service provider shall deliver, in-person, a two-day interactive workshop for 30 – 40 participants currently or wanting to work in the area of adaptation. Providing hands-on experience in the use of the Adaptation Requirements to consider and address adaptation in project preparation and design. In completing this task, the service provider is expected to carry out the following activities:

1. Carry out a desktop review of the Adaptation Requirements and Adaptation Guidance documents to obtain the necessary background knowledge required to carry out the workshop.
2. Based on the learnings from activity (i) and the information on participants above, draft a detailed agenda for the workshop to be agreed with Gold Standard.
3. The workshop design will aim to support participants in overcoming some of the challenges in preparing an adaptation project, including:
 - a. Science availability and quality.
 - b. Multi-hazard realities.
 - c. Inclusiveness and equity.
 - d. Measuring and claiming impact.
 - e. Managing uncertainty and evolving realities.
4. Based on the agreed agenda, deliver the adaptation workshop to participants.

Output

The service provider shall prepare and deliver a workshop to train participants in the use of the Adaptation Requirements. The detailed agenda will be agreed with Gold Standard prior to workshop delivery in-person on the 18th to the 19th of April 2023.

Required Skills and Experience

- At least 15 years of experience in climate mitigation and adaptation.
- Good understanding of adaptation project design and preparation, including stakeholder engagement.
- Prior experience in delivering workshops/capacity building or active participation in the development of standards/guidelines related to social equity, adaptation or sustainable development.

Remuneration

Up to a maximum of USD 20,000, all-inclusive. Travel to Cape Town, South Africa is envisaged as part of the services to be rendered. Accommodation will be provided by Gold Standard Foundation.

Contract type

The contractor is expected to work with Gold Standard over a period of 1-2 months, therefore please include your daily fee rate in your proposal.

Individuals interested in this assignment shall submit their resume with information about their skills relevant to this assignment in a maximum of 4 pages with an all-inclusive budget.

In applying for this position, Gold Standard may also request appropriate candidates if they would agree to be included on the Gold Standard roster of associated experts so that we can inform the candidate of future work assignments.

Closing Date

Please send complete proposals to tanaka.tabassum@goldstandard.org by COB 05 April 2023, CET with the subject line as Adaptation Workshop _ Your Name. We regret that we cannot confirm receipt of your application by email. Successful candidates will be contacted for an interview.