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**MEDITERRANEAN INFORMATION OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**  
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**ANNOUNCES THE PRESENT CALL 47/2022/CP2.2 FOR OFFERS**  
**For the**

***Preparation of an Assessment on the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems  
Nexus in the Tanger-Tétouan-Al Hoceima (TTA) Region of Morocco***

**SUBMISSION OF OFFERS BY:** 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022, at 17:00h CET

**MAX AVAILABLE BUDGET:** USD 95.000 including VAT. This amount includes all other costs, income taxes, VAT and any other amount payable or cost that may be required for the completion of the work/service, including travel-related costs.

**AWARD CRITERION:** The Award criterion is the most economically advantageous tender on the basis of best price / quality ratio.

### **Description of the Assignment**

GWP-Med is announcing the present Call for Offers for the Preparation of an Assessment on the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus in the Tanger-Tétouan-Al Hoceima (TTA) Region of Morocco in the framework of the GEF/UNEP MedProgramme Child Project 2.2 “Mediterranean Coastal Zones: Managing the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystem NEXUS” implemented by the Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med).

The objective of the project is to inform the policy and management paradigm of natural resources in the Mediterranean by introducing practical assessment and consultation approaches related to Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystem Nexus (Nexus) linked with investment development, allowing the Water and Environmental policy and management approaches at the coastal and marine area to be informed by and/or inform the Energy and Agricultural decision making. The Child Project applies the Nexus approach at a “Source-to-Sea” context facilitating sectoral and spatial integration through identifying the causes and the solutions of interlinked challenges faced within and beyond the coastal zone. The project is part of a set of interconnected Child Projects (eight) contributing to a larger programmatic approach in the Mediterranean Sea called the “MedProgramme”. The aim of the Assignment under the Call is to prepare and deliver a Stakeholders Analysis, a Governance Analysis and an Assessment on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus in the Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceima (TTA) Region, identifying and analyzing key cross-sectoral interlinkages as well as concrete lines of action to

capture synergies and address trade-offs towards sustainable management of natural resources and socio-economic development.

For a detailed description of the Assignment, please refer to the respective ToR.

## Procurement

The procurement will proceed having regard to:

- ✓ General principles of EU law on procurements.
- ✓ Internal Rules and Regulations of MIO-ECSDE/GWP-MED which can be found at <https://mio-ecsde.org/about-us/our-accountability> and at <https://www.gwp.org/en/About/who/Governance-Funding/>
- ✓ The present CALL FOR OFFERS and its supporting documents.

## Offer Submission

Interested participants should submit an their offer electronically including the following:

**Folder A containing the:**

1. Technical Offer – Annex 2
2. Solemn Self Declaration - Annex 1

**Folder B (password protected) containing:**

Financial offer

**Please read carefully the section “How to submit an offer” of the present call, on how exactly you are required to submit your offer**

Offers must be submitted for the entire Assignment.

Offers for part of the Assignment will not be accepted.

The Participants shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of their offer.

The Contracting Authority will in no case be responsible or liable for such costs, whatever the conduct or outcome of the procedure.

The Contracting Authority will neither be responsible for, nor cover, any expenses or losses incurred by the participants for any site visits and inspections or any other aspect of their offer.

The Contracting Authority may ask Participants to submit supporting documents concerning their offer ( references, certificates, publications etc.)

The language of this procedure, the tender documents and the offers is English. Any documentation (certificates, etc) submitted in any other language should be accompanied by a translation in English, certified by a lawyer or public authority.

## Deadline for submission of offers

The **deadline** for submission of offers is set to be 26<sup>th</sup> **August 202, at 17:00h CET.**

The successful participant will be informed within 10 working days following the submission deadline.

The results of the present call for offers will be published at the GWP-Med Website <https://www.gwp.org/en/GWP-Mediterranean/>

## Clarifications

### 1. Clarifications on the published Call for Offers

Requests for clarifications should be submitted by email, the latest, seven (7) days before the closing date of this call for offers.

The answers / additional information will be published on the website of GWP-Med four (4) days before the closing date of this call for offers.

### 2. Clarifications during the (technical and financial) evaluation of offers

The Contracting Authority may, during the evaluation of offers, ask the Participants to provide clarifications on the documents submitted with their offers, within reasonable time.

Any clarifications and/or additional documents submitted by the Participants not in the context of a request for clarifications posed by the Contracting Authority are not taken into account for the evaluation of offers.

During the evaluation of offers the Contracting Authority, by applying the principles of equal treatment and of transparency, may request from participants, when the information or the documentation they are obliged to submit are or appear incomplete or wrong, including those in the Solemn self-declaration, to submit, to complement or to clarify the relevant information or documentation, within a time-frame of at least 10 calendar days, with a maximum of 20 calendar days from the date the participants receive the relevant request from the Contracting Authority.

## Eligibility Conditions – Participation Requirements

Participation in the present call for offers is open, on equal terms, to any natural or legal person or entity who meet the legal, financial and technical conditions laid down in this Call where they possess adequate professional experience and capacity.

## Grounds for exclusion – disqualification (ON/OFF)

Participants should verify by submitting a **solemn declaration** (annexed to the present Call) that they are not bankrupt or subject of proceeding for a declaration of bankruptcy, that they are in good standing, operate under no legal restrictions, are not under any liquidation procedure or the subject of proceedings for declaration of liquidation or any similar situation and that they have not been convicted for any one of the following legal offences: participation in a criminal organization, corruption, bribery, fraud, money laundering, terrorist, child labour and human trafficking.

Please refer to the **Solemn Self-Declaration Statement in Annex 1 which should be filled in and signed as indicated. Failure to comply with the requirements included in the Self Declaration is considered ground for exclusion.**

## Selection Criteria (Pass/Fail)

Successful participant (Natural or Legal Person or Entity):

- Must have a record of minimum 3 projects over the last 10 years of comparable nature and degree of complexity relevant to those required for this Contract.
- Must have cumulative annual turnover for the last two financial years at least equivalent to the maximum amount of this call.
- Must be enrolled in one of the official professional or trade register kept in their country of registration.
- Must have the capability to produce GIS maps.

**Failure to provide the minimum required qualifications is considered ground for disqualification.**

### Qualification and Experience

Participants in the call are required to have solid experience in developing and managing complex projects in the field related to the tasks described in the ToR. This needs to be demonstrated in the Technical Offer to be submitted as part of the application. A template for the Technical Offer form is as Annex 2

The Technical Offer Form consists of the following sections:

- Section 1: Expertise and work experience
- Section 2: Approach and Methodology

#### Regarding Section 1: Expertise and work experience:

The scope of work requires an interdisciplinary team of skilled experts with previous experience in activities similar to those that this assignment entails. The required qualifications for experts to be engaged in this assignment are presented in Table 1 below. The inclusion of experts so as the team **responds to every area** of expertise defined in the table below is mandatory. If the qualifications of an expert cover the requirements of more than one area of expertise, that expert can be also proposed for these other areas. Qualifications additional to the minimum requested per category will receive additional score under the evaluation process as described in the section Evaluation Process and Awarding Criterion. In addition, the Participant may propose -as they deem appropriate- additional experts covering other specific areas of expertise.

**Failure to provide the minimum required qualifications is considered ground for disqualification.**

Table 1 – Required qualifications for the Team of Experts

Expert no.	Areas of Expertise	Qualifications
1.	Water Resources Management expert / Team Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o At least University degree (MSc or equivalent) in water resources management, or environmental engineering/management, or a directly related field (<b>Required</b>).</li> <li>o Minimum 10 years of professional experience in the field of water resources management (<b>Required</b>).</li> <li>o Minimum 3 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to water resources management (<b>Required</b>).</li> <li>o At least 1 assignment/project directly relevant to the Nexus approach in the past 5 years (<b>Desirable</b>)</li> <li>o Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and French (<b>Required</b>). Knowledge of Arabic (<b>Desirable</b>)</li> </ul>
2.	Energy Policy expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o At least University degree in the field of Engineering or Energy Policy or a directly related field (<b>Required</b>).</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of energy <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Minimum 2 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to renewable energy or energy use efficiency in the water or agriculture sectors <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and French <b>(Required)</b>. Knowledge of Arabic <b>(Desirable)</b></li> </ul>
3.	Agriculture expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o At least University degree in the field of Agriculture, or Rural Development, or Forestry or a directly related field <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of Agriculture, or Rural Development, or Irrigation policies <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Minimum 2 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to Agriculture, or Rural Development, or Irrigation <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and French <b>(Required)</b>. Knowledge of Arabic <b>(Desirable)</b></li> </ul>
4.	Pollution expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o At least University degree in environmental engineering/management, or Chemistry or a directly related field <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of pollution <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Minimum 2 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to freshwater or marine pollution <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and French <b>(Required)</b>. Knowledge of Arabic <b>(Desirable)</b></li> </ul>
5.	Environment/Biodiversity expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o At least University degree in environmental management, or Biology or a directly related field <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of environmental policy and biodiversity <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Minimum 2 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to the environment and biodiversity <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and French <b>(Required)</b>. Knowledge of Arabic <b>(Desirable)</b></li> </ul>
6.	Institutional/Governance expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o At least University degree in Law, Political Sciences, International Relations, Water Resources, Environment or any other related field <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Minimum 7 years of relevant professional working experience in the field of governance/analysis of policy, legal and institutional frameworks and settings <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Minimum 2 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to water/environmental governance and policy <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and French <b>(Required)</b>. Knowledge of Arabic <b>(Desirable)</b></li> </ul>

7.	Socio-economic expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o At least University degree in Economics, Political Sciences or any other related field <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Minimum 7 years of relevant professional working experience in the field of socio-economic analysis <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Minimum 2 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to socio-economic analysis in the environment and/or water sector <b>(Required)</b>.</li> <li>o Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and French <b>(Required)</b>. Knowledge of Arabic <b>(Desirable)</b></li> </ul>
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### Awarding Criterion and Evaluation process

The Award criterion is the most economically advantageous tender on the basis of best price / quality ratio.

Offers qualified in terms of exclusion grounds and selection criteria will be further evaluated on the basis of the requirements presented under section “Qualification and Experience”, as follows:

(1) Criterion	(2) Weighting (w)	(3) Points of criterion (c)	(4) Score= (2) x (3)
<b>Section 1: Expertise and work experience</b>	<b>80% total</b>		
<b><u>Water Resources Management expert - Team Leader</u></b>	<b>26%</b>		
At least University degree (MSc or equivalent) in water resources management, or environmental engineering/management, or a directly related field <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>5%</b>		
Minimum 10 years of professional experience in the field of water resources management <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>8%</b>		
Minimum 3 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to water resources management <b>(Required)</b>	<b>5%</b>		
At least 1 assignment/project directly relevant to the Nexus approach in the past 5 years <b>(Required)</b>	<b>5%</b>		
Excellent communication skills in English and French. <b>(Required)</b> . Knowledge of Arabic <b>(Desirable)</b>	<b>3%</b>		
<b><u>Energy Policy expert</u></b>	<b>9%</b>		
At least University degree in the field of Engineering or Energy Policy or a directly related field <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>2%</b>		
Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of energy <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>3%</b>		

Minimum 2 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to renewable energy or energy use efficiency in the water or agriculture sectors <b>(Required)</b>	<b>3%</b>		
Excellent communication skills in English and French. <b>(Required)</b> . Knowledge of Arabic <b>(Desirable)</b>	<b>1%</b>		
<b><i>Agriculture expert</i></b>	<b>9%</b>		
At least University degree in the field of Agriculture, or Rural Development, or Forestry or a directly related field <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>2%</b>		
Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of Agriculture, or Rural Development, or Irrigation policies <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>3%</b>		
Minimum 2 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to Agriculture, or Rural Development, or Irrigation <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>3%</b>		
Excellent communication skills in English and French. <b>(Required)</b> . Knowledge of Arabic <b>(Desirable)</b>	<b>1%</b>		
<b><i>Pollution Expert</i></b>	<b>9%</b>		
At least University degree in environmental engineering/management, or Chemistry or a directly related field <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>2%</b>		
Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of pollution <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>3%</b>		
Minimum 2 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to freshwater or marine pollution <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>3%</b>		
Excellent communication skills in English and French. <b>(Required)</b> . Knowledge of Arabic <b>(Desirable)</b>	<b>1%</b>		
<b><i>Environment expert/Biodiversity Expert</i></b>	<b>9%</b>		
At least University degree in environmental management, or Biology or a directly related field <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>2%</b>		
Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of environmental policy and biodiversity <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>3%</b>		
Minimum 2 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to the environment and biodiversity <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>3%</b>		
Excellent communication skills in English and French. <b>(Required)</b> . Knowledge of Arabic <b>(Desirable)</b>	<b>1%</b>		
<b><i>Institutional/Governance expert</i></b>	<b>9%</b>		
At least University degree in Law, Political Sciences, International Relations, Water Resources, Environment or any other related field <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>2%</b>		



Minimum 7 years of relevant professional working experience in the field of governance/analysis of policy, legal and institutional frameworks and settings <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>3%</b>		
Minimum 2 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to water/environmental governance and policy <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>3%</b>		
Excellent communication skills in English and French. <b>(Required)</b> . Knowledge of Arabic <b>(Desirable)</b>	<b>1%</b>		
<b>Socio-economic expert</b>	<b>9%</b>		
At least University degree in Economics, Political Sciences or any other related field <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>2%</b>		
Minimum 7 years of relevant professional working experience in the field of socio-economic analysis <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>3%</b>		
Minimum 2 assignments/projects in Morocco relevant to socio-economic analysis in the environment and/or water sector <b>(Required)</b> .	<b>3%</b>		
Excellent communication skills in English and French. <b>(Required)</b> . Knowledge of Arabic <b>(Desirable)</b>	<b>1%</b>		
<b>Section 2: Approach and Methodology</b>	<b>20% of total</b>		
Approach to the requested Assignment: detailed description of the methodology how the Participant will achieve all objectives and tasks and deliver all outputs as described in the Terms of Reference of the assignment, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions.	<b>15%</b>		
Risks / Mitigation Measures: description of the potential risks for the implementation of this assignment that may impact achievement and timely completion of expected results as well as their quality. Describe measures that will be put in place to mitigate these risks.	<b>5%</b>		

**Failure to provide the minimum required qualifications is considered ground for disqualification.**

**Scoring** for each evaluated section will be made as following:

**Section 1** – Expertise and work experience: For Section 1 score starts at 100 points (when minimum requirements are met) and can reach 150 points depending on the description of the participant and the number of projects implemented in excess of those required as a minimum. (100p Base +10p for extra criteria over base up to 50 additional points)

**Section 2 – Approach and Methodology:** For Section 2, score starts at 100 points and can reach 150 points depending on the length, detail, depth, and structure of the information provided.

Each Section/evaluation criterion is evaluated autonomously. The final scoring of each evaluation criterion is the outcome of its scoring multiplied by the corresponding weighting factor. The overall score of the technical offer is the sum of the final scoring of all the Sections/evaluation criteria.

The overall score of the technical offer is calculated on the basis of the following formula:

$$B_i = w_1 \times c_1 + w_2 \times c_2 + \dots$$

For the overall score which will determine the ranking of offers, technical evaluation will be weighted with 80%, and the financial offer with 20%.

The final listing of the most advantageous offers will be made on the basis of the following formula:

$$\Lambda_i = 0.8 * (B_i/B_{max}) + 0.2 * (K_{min}/K_i).$$

Where:

- B<sub>max</sub>: the max score received by the best of the technical offers received
- B<sub>i</sub>: the score of the technical offer
- K<sub>min</sub>: The cost of the financial offer with the minimum price offered.
- K<sub>i</sub>: The cost of the financial offer

The most advantageous offers is the one with the greater value of  $\Lambda$ .

In case of equality of overall scores, the winning proposal is the one whose corresponding technical proposal received the highest rating.

## Duration of the Contract

The overall duration of the contract will be maximum 11 months.

## Contract Price, Deliverables and Schedule of Payment

The maximum fee for this assignment is 95.000 USD. This amount includes all other costs, income taxes and any other amount payable or cost that may be required for the completion of the work/service, including VAT.

For a detailed description of Tasks, please refer to the ToR. Deadlines to be possibly adapted based on the actual dates that the workshops will take place.

Schedule of payments:

Accomplishment of deliverable 1-2 (Refer to ToR): 20% of total contract amount

Accomplishment of deliverables 3-6(Refer to ToR): 40% of total contract amount

Accomplishment of deliverables 7-9(Refer to ToR): 20% of total contract amount

Approval of final deliverables(Refer to ToR): 20% of the total contract amount

GWP-Med may order additional services from the successful candidate to complement the task described in the ToR if specific needs arise that cannot be anticipated at this moment. In any case the value of any additional service requested cannot exceed 50% of the amount of the present call.

## Termination / cancelation / repetition / reformulation of the procurement procedure

Termination of a procurement procedure, partial cancellation and repetition of a procedure, reformulation of procedure results.

1. GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE may, by a reasoned decision, and after the opinion of the competent body, cancel the procurement procedure by annulling the respective Call, either due to failure to submit a tender or the rejection of all tenders or the exclusion of all Participants in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Call.

2. Cancellation of the procurement procedure may take place by a reasoned decision of the GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE, in the following cases:

- i. due to the irregularity of the procurement procedure
- ii. if the financial and technical parameters related to the award process have changed substantially and the execution of the contractual object is no longer of interest to GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE
- iii. if due to force majeure, the contract cannot be properly executed
- iv. if the tender selected is deemed not economically advantageous
- v. in case of expiry of the bids
- vi. in case the needs of GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE and / or of the beneficiary (-ies) of the project have changed
- vii. in case the circumstances have changed resulting in the inability to deliver the contract / project (eg local community reactions, inability to fund, etc.).
- viii. in case of other imperative reasons of public interest such as for purposes of public health or environmental protection.

3. If errors or omissions are found at any stage of the award procedure, the GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE may, after the opinion of the competent body, either cancel the proceedings partially or reshape the outcome accordingly or decide to repeat the procedure from the point where the error occurred. or omission.

4. GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE also reserves the right, after the opinion of the competent body, to decide, in addition to the cancellation of the procurement procedure or the annulment of the Call, the repetition of any phase of the concluding procedure, as well, with or without modifying its terms or recourse to the negotiation process, provided it is in conformity with the Internal Rules and Regulations of GWP-MED /MIO-ECSDE.

5. Under no circumstances shall GWP-MED /MIO-ECSDE be obliged to pay to Participants any compensation for expenses or other positive or consequential damages that may have been incurred by their participation in the proceedings.

## **Objections**

Objections against any act of the Contracting Authority can be submitted within five (5) days from the notification of the Contracting Authority's act.

An objection to the call for offers can be submitted within a period that extends up to half the period from the publication of the call in the Contracting Authority's website and the final date of submission of offers. For the calculation of this period's deadline, the dates of the publication of the call and the submission of the offers are considered. Objections are submitted in written, by courier, by fax or by email.

Objections are submitted to the Contracting Authority, which shall decide within ten (10) days from the notification of the objection. In the event of an objection to the call for offers, the Contracting Authority shall decide in any case before the closing date for the submission of offers. In case the Contracting Authority has not answered within the above deadline, the rejection of the objection is presumed.

## **How to submit an Offer**

**The submission of offers can will be done electronically via e-mail.**

Therefore, you are kindly requested to prepare and send an email to [procurement@gwpmed.org](mailto:procurement@gwpmed.org) writing in the email subject line: **Call for Offers 47/2022/CP2.2**, before the above-mentioned closing date for submission of offers the following two folders:

1. A compressed folder (**Folder A**) (.zip or .rar) containing the technical offer, the Solemn Declaration and any other supporting documents
2. **A password-protected compressed folder(Folder B) (.zip or .rar)** containing only your financial offer. The password for opening the password protected folder with your financial offer should be sent to the same email address ONLY at the request of the contracting Authority which will send a follow up email to all participants that their technical offer has passed the technical evaluation.

**In case the password is sent together with the offer file, the offer will be rejected.**

**In case the financial offer is not password protected, the offer will be rejected.**

Offers submitted after the specified date and time shall not be taken into consideration.

The Contracting Authority bears no liability whatsoever for any late delivery of offers or for the contents of its accompanying folders.

For any clarifications on the present call for offers please contact:

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The present call for offers is posted on the website of GWP-Med ([www.gwp-med.org](http://www.gwp-med.org)).

The Chairman of GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE

Prof. Michael J. Scoullios