

Terms of Reference: Project 2 - Development of the Western Cape Integrated Resource Plan

Sector: Clean Energy

South Africa-UK PACT

Grant value:

Project budget can be up to £500,000 per project per financial year (Apr – Mar).

Project duration:

No more than 12 months. All projects are expected to start in October 2025, and can end no later than November 2026. The projects must have a clear indication of the outputs to be achieved within the 12-month delivery timeframe.

Deadline for submission of applications:

8th August 2025, 17:00 SAST / 15:00 UTC

Apply through Call for Proposals web page:

<https://www.ukpact.co.uk/south-africa-cfp-climate-policy-governance-clean-energy-2025>

The UK and South Africa have committed to work together to accelerate action on climate change while creating green jobs. To support this partnership, the UK Government is looking to extend its UK Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions (UK PACT) programme in South Africa with technical assistance and capacity-building projects supporting the climate policy and governance and clean energy sectors.

This call for proposals aims to support activities which are strategically aligned to national priorities on climate change mitigation and key policy areas identified through consultations with government counterparts and key stakeholders.

What is South Africa-UK PACT?

UK PACT (Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions) is a unique capacity-building programme. Jointly governed and funded by the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) through the UK's International Climate Finance, it works in partnership with countries with high emissions reduction potential to support them to implement and increase their ambitions for tackling climate change.

UK PACT forms a key part of the UK's technical assistance offer under the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) in South Africa.

What is UK PACT already funding?

Since 2020 the programme has funded numerous projects in South Africa, in sectors such as clean energy, green finance, climate policy and sustainable mobility. Previous and ongoing UK PACT projects in South Africa include:

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- Supporting sectoral modelling research for the evidence base South Africa used to inform its decision to submit an enhanced NDC.
- Supporting municipalities to procure the services of independent power producers.
- Assisting eThekweni municipality with designing a regional hydrogen economy strategy.
- Stimulating the growth of an embedded energy generation initiative in intermediary municipalities.

Further information on previous and ongoing projects can be found on the [South Africa-UK PACT web page](#).

What are we looking to fund

As a demand-informed programme, the South Africa-UK PACT Country Fund aims to align its support with the Government of South Africa's existing plans and policies. Through consultation with the Government of South Africa and other stakeholders, UK PACT has identified key opportunities in climate policy and governance and clean energy. We are looking to award grant funding for projects aimed at providing technical assistance and capacity-building to support a just transition.

Unlike the 2023 and 2024 calls for proposals, this opportunity calls for proposals in response to 4 topics – 2 of these are specific project topics with **targeted** Terms of Reference, and 2 are **broad** thematic areas with broad Terms of Reference.

You are currently looking at the following opportunity identified for funding within this call for proposals:

Project title		Sector	Number of expected grant awards
Project 2:	Development of the Western Cape Integrated Resource Plan, 2025 - 2050	Clean energy	1
<p>This opportunity is defined by targeted Terms of Reference. Targeted Terms of Reference refer to a distinct scope of work which has already been well defined by the government counterpart (in this case the Western Cape Government). These Terms of Reference outline specific activities and outputs which must be achieved. While we welcome innovation and additional suggestions from the market, applications should cover the stated interventions as a minimum to ensure eligibility of their proposals. Proposals with a high degree of alignment to the Terms of Reference are more likely to be selected. Only one grant award will be made for this project.</p>			
<p>Guidance on Government engagement during the Call for Proposals for targeted Terms of Reference: The British High Commission Pretoria is leading government engagement for these targeted Terms of Reference. Targeted projects are the result of intensive consultation with the Government of South Africa. To avoid confusion with government counterparts, we therefore do not encourage applicants to have direct engagement with government on these projects during the bidding process or prior to receiving an award.</p>			

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Please note that these are a **targeted Terms of Reference**. To be eligible for funding, proposals must respond fully to the terms of reference, delivering the specific activities and outputs at a minimum

Government counterpart: Western Cape Government (WCG) Department of the Premier

Sector: Clean Energy

Project duration: No more than 12 months

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Applicants must take note of the following when considering responding to this call:

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- The British High Commission in Pretoria is leading government engagement for these targeted terms of reference. *While WCG is the key counterpart, applicants should not request a Letter of Support from WCG and should not engage directly with WCG during the bidding process or prior to receiving an award.*

Background

The Western Cape Government (WCG) is part of the middle sphere of government in South Africa's three-sphere government structure. Provinces have a constitutional mandate to make laws and deliver services (within their delegated authority) while working alongside the national and local government spheres.

The Western Cape Province is home to 6.3 million people, constituting just over 10% of South Africa's population. As part of its commitment to the Under2 Coalition, the Western Cape Government has made public its intention to become a net zero emissions province by 2050.

The WCG has developed a Growth for Jobs (G4J) strategy to support its economy and improve the quality of lives of its citizens by achieving significant and transformative economic growth. Among other priorities, the G4J Strategy seeks to:

- Reach R1 trillion Provincial GDP (with economic growth of between 4% and 6% per annum) by 2035
- Improve energy resilience and transition to net zero carbon
- Drive infrastructure development and a connected economy

Aligning with the G4J Strategy's priority focus area on energy resilience and transition to net zero carbon, the WCG has launched the Western Cape Energy Resilience Programme (WCERP), which aims to:

1. Mitigate and manage energy-related disasters in the Western Cape
2. Facilitate improved energy resilience in the Western Cape (secure, decarbonised, affordable, and financially sustainable)
 - Increasing low carbon energy generated or used in the WC by between 500MW – 750MW by 2025 (Short-term)
 - Increasing low carbon energy generated or used in the WC by between 750 MW - 1 800MW by 2027 (Medium-term)
 - Increasing low carbon energy generated or used in the WC by between 1 800MW - 5 700MW by 2035 (Long-term)

<p>Key counterparts and stakeholders</p>	<p>Main counterpart: Western Cape Government (WCG) Department of the Premier</p> <p><i>While WCG is the Government counterpart, applicants should not request a Letter of Intent from WCG and should not engage directly with WCG during the bidding process or prior to receiving an award.</i></p> <p>Examples of other key stakeholders: Other WCG departments, District municipalities in the Western Cape, City of Cape Town, National departments and agencies (including DoEE, DMRP, NTCSA, NERSA, Eskom, the Presidency, the PCC, DFFE, JET PMU, NT, DEDAT, DTIC, DSI, CSIR, DWYPD), development finance institutions / funding facilities (World Bank, DBSA, ISA, IFC, commercial banks), and various energy developers and traders (among others)</p>
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Project Description and Aims

The project aims to develop a long-term Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) for the Western Cape (WCIRP), spanning 2025 to 2050. The WCIRP will provide the evidence base to guide the Provincial Government and Western Cape municipalities on strategic priorities, targets, energy infrastructure development requirements (including the sizing and scoping of the electricity network and energy procurement), private sector participation, and optimal pricing pathways for different energy provision scenarios.

- The project aims to deliver a WCIRP that will define an optimal mix of energy capacity and projects to meet the province's capacity targets and achieve its long-term GHG emissions reductions goals, whilst meeting the growth objectives under the Growth4Jobs strategy.

- The WCIRP seeks to inform the Western Cape's response to national policies and regulations, and its positioning in regard to current sectoral developments, including Eskom coal power station performance and decommissioning, Energy Market Reform, Electricity Distribution Industry Sector Reform, the National IRP and Gas Master Plan, the Just Energy Transition (JET), JET Partnership and JET Investment Plan, NDC goals, and others.
- The WCIRP should integrate transmission and distribution, considering the distribution infrastructure development mandate of WC municipalities. The WCIRP aims to explore the possibilities for municipal investment (individual and/or collective) into alternative generation and network/storage development, among other options.
- Building on the WCG's ongoing efforts, the WCIRP should take into account the WCG's current work on mapping Eskom and municipal distribution grids in the Western Cape, as well as its wheeling work (providing guidance and toolkits to municipalities on the Use of Systems Agreements). During the inception phase, the successful applicant will engage closely with WCG to ensure that the nodal analysis of WCIRP is congruent with network mapping.
- The WCIRP will provide a basis to request prioritisation of potential connections with NTCSA in their Transmission Development Plan (i.e. to the national grid). The WCG intends to work collaboratively with the National Transmission Company of South Africa (NTCSA) and the Independent Transmission Projects (ITP) office. Based on nodal analysis, the WCIRP should also provide direction for privately built connections into municipal infrastructure (outside of the national grid) and/or into Eskom distribution and transmission.
- To meet the growth ambitions described above and the associated grid infrastructure planning required, while contributing to an accelerated just energy transition, the WCIRP seeks to address:
 - The need for more detailed modelling at a provincial level, which is not supported by existing modelling outputs at both a national or local level. Analytical modelling which provides a more detailed provincial view will allow for systemic efficiencies across both public and private sector efforts.
 - A high-level implementation plan which aims to enable more coherent public and private sector investment into networks and generation, instead of project-by-project considerations. Coordinated procurement and alignment between public and private initiatives, seeks to optimise network infrastructure planning, costing, and implementation.
- The WCIRP aims to support and tie into other components of the Western Cape Energy Resilience Programme, such as:
 - Maintenance and expansion of energy infrastructure
 - Strategic planning, development and management (particularly EDI reform)
 - Energy generation, procurement, and trading
 - Increased investment in the energy sector (including JET IP aligned investment)
 - Enabling improved energy affordability
 - Net zero emissions province

The successful applicant will be provided with further information during project inception.

- The WCIRP is also expected to consider the following:
 - Technology Agnosticism: The WCIRP should evaluate potential energy technologies to determine the most suitable mix for the province (this will need to incorporate technology learning and various levels of technology readiness).
 - Grid and Infrastructure Planning: The WCIRP should include a high-level assessment of the grid in the Western Cape, identifying areas where municipal distribution networks can be utilised or expanded and where Eskom network developments (both distribution and transmission) can be prioritised and supported.
 - Local Energy Solutions: As far as feasible/optimal, the WCIRP should progress decentralised energy solutions, such as supporting municipalities in implementing renewable energy projects and IPP procurements, as well as enhancing private sector SSEG and wheeling.

Required outputs	Main Output: Western Cape Integrated Resource Plan for 2025 – 2050
<p>While innovation and addition is welcomed, applicants must include these outputs as a minimum.</p>	<p>The project is expected to produce a Western Cape Integrated Resource Plan (WCIRP) for 2025 – 2050. In support of this, key outputs to be unpacked in the workplan include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The optimal capacity mix (in MW) by electricity generation sources and technologies to meet the current and future expected provincial electricity demand. 2. An electricity generation expansion plan, including transmission and distribution network planning. (Note: a detailed network analysis is not required for the transmission and distribution aspects, however nodal or similar analysis is required to inform the identification and expected costs of transmission and distribution expansion in line with generation expansion plans. Alignment with current provincial network mapping efforts is required to determine suitable nodes for WCIRP.). 3. WCIRP Implementation Plan, addressing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The required infrastructure investment to implement the plan (according to best suited i.e. public or private etc). ◦ A schedule of realistic potential timelines for such implementation given experience of public and private procurement of energy in SA. 4. Framework for ongoing synergy between national, provincial and local processes and priorities, addressing the WCIRP's responsiveness and contributions to developments at all levels.

<p>Scope of activities</p> <p>While innovation and addition are welcomed, applicants must include these activities as a minimum.</p>	<p>The scope of activities should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a project inception phase, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Data review and preparation ◦ Review of status quo report (which provides a detailed analysis of the state of electricity in the province including electricity supply, distribution and customer use) ◦ Model input preparation data ◦ Formation of a project steering structure and engagement with key strategic stakeholders • Stakeholder engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Development of a stakeholder management plan that details keys stakeholders and how their inputs will be considered ◦ Facilitation of series of workshops and sector engagements with key stakeholders • Conduct energy modelling, scenario planning, and constraint and risk analysis, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Stakeholder consultation and facilitation to ensure integration of stakeholder inputs into modelling and to ensure that outcomes are consistent with stakeholder expectations. ◦ Comprehensive energy modelling comprising both base and other scenarios as well as associated analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nodal analysis ▪ Interpretation and presentation of modelling results ◦ Identify investment areas/growth areas with social/GEDSI co-benefits in terms of poverty alleviation, job creation etc. especially within underserved areas etc. • Determine optimal electricity generation allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ (Draft WCIRP) Based on scenarios modelled and consultation with relevant stakeholders, develop an electricity generation allocation plan that converges on a few selected agreed scenarios, detailing appropriate high-level strategies for implementation and integration. ◦ Consider differential needs and access to energy in the mapping and allocation of energy supply. • Develop a final electricity generation expansion plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ (Final WCIRP) Provide a consolidated IRP for the Western Cape (up to 2050) based on the scenarios developed. This report should be accompanied by short-term (2030) to medium-term (2035) goals and targets, incorporating a detailed generation and associated distribution and transmission build plan and any other associated plans. • Develop a strategy for transmission and distribution alignment
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an implementation plan which can be utilised to accelerate action and investment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Develop high-level implementation roadmap of the preferred plan in the WCIRP which should include amongst others, time frames, investment requirements, etc. for both public and private sector ◦ Provide a framework for revision and review of the WCIRP to ensure that the process can be repeated, as better or updated information become available, at a national and local municipal level and aligning with relevant national and local plans such as the National IRP and gas master plan and the City of Cape Town Energy Strategy. • Consider how lessons may be shared and capabilities enhanced across provinces and at municipal level (including municipalities in other provinces), to enable broader exchange and strengthen commitment and action around the WCIRP. • As part of UK PACT's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) activities, and UK PACT's ongoing efforts to mainstream Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) considerations, the successful implementing partner will be required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Develop a project case study (UK PACT will provide guidance on the structure of this case study to the successful applicant). ◦ Report on UK PACT as well as JETP MEL indicators on a quarterly basis (templates will be provided to the successful applicant). ◦ Report on outputs, intermediate outcomes, and outcomes of the project. ◦ Develop a GEDSI Action Plan for the project (templates will be provided to the successful applicant). ◦ Develop, provide and deliver presentations for input into the WCIRP; this will include summarising the Draft/Final WCIRP report to various provincial governance structures (at least 3). ◦ Prepare and deliver capacity building for the WCG team to enable the team to interrogate the model (this is expected to be through an internet/cloud-based software platform)
<p>Expected project outcomes</p>	<p>The development and adoption of the WC IRP is expected to lead to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved availability of existing energy supply in the WC. • Accelerated private investment in generation capacity. • Accelerated procurement of new capacity from renewables, gas and battery storage. • Transformation of the WC's electricity sector to achieve long-term energy security • Enhanced capabilities and commitments among key decision makers in the public and private sector (across network and generation industries) towards meeting a provincial economic growth of 4% – 6% in the Western Cape by 2035 and accelerating a just energy transition. • Enhanced planning and capabilities that drive more ambitious, sustained and inclusive action on emissions reduction (including the WC's ability to contribute to key climate emissions goals as part of national and provincial NDC commitments). • Implementation of plans and models (including policies, practices, tools and technologies) that deliver accelerated emissions reductions and facilitate inclusive and resilient economies.

Important things to consider in your application:



Gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI)

All proposals must consider accessibility and inclusivity as a key action area in creating a more democratic, equitable and just transition to reduced emissions. As a result, **all projects are required to mainstream GEDSI** within the projects stated above and ensure adequate expertise and resources are available throughout delivery to achieve this, including developing a GEDSI Action plan during the inception period with support from the UK PACT South Africa GEDSI Advisor. Illustrative examples of potential activities include:

- Conducting a GEDSI analysis and systematically taking account of the differentiated needs, knowledge, experiences, and priorities of women, youth, and historically disadvantaged and other marginalised groups in all project activities.
- Contributing to improved evidence and policymaking to tackle energy poverty and increase inclusive energy security in South Africa.
- Ensuring project outputs/deliverables reflect evidence-informed GEDSI-specific considerations and recommendations, or discuss GEDSI impacts and outcomes.
- Conducting enhanced needs assessments and meaningfully engaging with civil society groups, including women's rights organisations, youth associations and organisations of people with disabilities, to better understand energy and employment needs and opportunities.
- Ensuring that the development of a green economy is built on inclusive supply chains, removing barriers faced by small businesses, marginalised groups, and those working in sectors which may shrink over time (e.g., fossil fuels).
- Recognising the role of marginalised groups and communities in informal sectors or roles with low visibility, including how they may be brought into the Just Transition.
- Facilitating increased engagement of women, youth, poor households, people with disabilities, and historically disadvantaged and other marginalised groups in decision-making, public consultation, and participatory planning.
- Increasing the integration of GEDSI-sensitisation and -considerations in policies, regulation, and planning processes and/or improved implementation of these.

We will score all projects using GEDSI selection criteria to ensure that projects seek to understand and address the needs and vulnerabilities of women and marginalised groups. All proposals are required to:

- Consider the key differences in the ways that local communities, youth, women, lower-income households, marginalised groups, and people with disabilities access and use energy and contribute to the Just Energy Transition. Key issues may include those of affordability, accessibility, safety, and representation.
- Identify specific outputs that would address some of the issues faced and integrate these activities through the project.
- Ensure that the project's monitoring and results framework explicitly states how GEDSI outcomes will be achieved through the project's outputs.
- To reflect FCDO's commitment to the localisation of delivery, additional consideration will be given to consortia which include local organisations, Level 1 & 2 B-BBEE contributors, women-owned entities, and entities owned by people with disabilities.

Applicants are encouraged to review [**UK PACT's GEDSI Ambition and Guidance**](#) when developing their proposals. On the UK PACT website, applicants can also find guidance on how to mainstream GEDSI in different sectors and case studies from previous programming.



Budget and funding availability

Each proposal will be assessed independently. We will support projects with grants of up to £500,000 per financial year (UK financial year, April – March).

Funding is available for up to 12 months. All projects are assumed to have a start date in October 2025. The projects must have a clear indication of the outputs expected to be achieved over the course of the year.

During the project delivery phase, should additional funding become available, we may be able to consider project extensions beyond the initial 12-month period, but this cannot be guaranteed. Budgets and workplans should therefore only be submitted for 12 months, and should deliver distinct, comprehensive, and meaningful projects and outputs as part of a 12-month delivery timeframe.

Proposals can be submitted for more than one project. However, separate applications should be prepared for each project.



Government engagement

Guidance on Government engagement during the application period for this targeted Terms of Reference:

The British High Commission Pretoria is leading government engagement for this project. The ToR are the result of intensive consultation with the Government of South Africa. To avoid confusion with government counterparts, we therefore do not encourage applicants to have direct engagement with government on this project during the bidding process or prior to receiving an award.



What is the timeline for selection?

Stage	Date
1. Terms of Reference (ToR) and application process launched	30 June 2025
2. Deadline for receipt of clarification questions	25 July 2025
3. Consolidated answers to clarification questions will be published on the 3 occasions, on the South Africa-UK PACT web page. Kindly note that clarification questions will not be answered by email.	14 July 2025 21 July 2025 28 July 2025
4. Deadline for submission of applications	8 August 2025 17:00 SAST/ 15:00 UTC
5. Applicants notified	September 2025
6. Due diligence, co-creation and grant signing	September 2025 - October 2025
7. Projects start date	October 2025

Timelines are subject to change. Changes will be communicated on the South Africa-UK PACT Call for Proposals web page.



Application guidance

All applications for this call must be submitted via the Call for Proposals web page by **8 August 2025, at 17:00 SAST / 15:00 UTC**. Projects will be selected through a one-stage open and competitive Call for Proposals. Applicants should read the Terms of Reference and Applicant Handbook to understand what is required to submit a strong proposal for this call.

Application submission process

Step 1:

Visit the respective UK PACT Call for Proposals web page.

Step 2:

Download the application pack

Step 3:

Fill out the application pack templates

Step 4:

Submit the form linked on the CfP page under the respective project

Step 5:

You will receive a link by email to submit your application. Upload the completed application pack to the link sent via email (upon the completion of Step 4)

Once you have submitted your documents on the web browser, you should see a green tick on your webpage with a message indicating that your submission was successful. Kindly note that you will not receive an email confirming receipt of your application.

What do you need to submit?

You will submit **4 key documents** using the **UK PACT templates** provided via the CfP web page. These are:

1. **Project proposal template** — please ensure that you populate the proposal template as fully as possible, to avoid submitting an incomplete application.
2. **Budget and workplan template** — note: all proposals must include an inception phase of one month in the workplan, during which time any necessary engagements with the Government of South Africa will be carried out, deliverables confirmed and theory of change finalised. At the end of this period a revised workplan may be required.
3. **Project Theory of Change form**
4. **Project risk and issue register template**

Applications MUST include each of the application documents in order to be eligible.

(For this application, you **DO NOT REQUIRE** a Letter of Support from the Government Counterpart)

Additional supporting documentation may be submitted, such as CVs of key staff.



What are the eligibility criteria?

Eligibility criteria

- Applicant**
- We invite all organisations with relevant experience in delivering technical assistance and capacity-building projects. This could be think-tanks, consultancies, academic institutions, community organisations, NGOs, professional associations, or any similar organisations that have the knowledge, skills and experience to deliver an eligible project.
 - UN agencies are eligible to apply, however please note where a UN agency is the lead applicant, project awards will be subject to signing a Contribution Arrangement with FCDO. This may impact timescales for implementation.
 - Proposals from private sector entities are welcomed, noting however that profit cannot be funded through grant funding and projects must be submitted on a not-for-profit basis. Companies are encouraged to refer to the Applicant Handbook and the Budget and Workplan Template (linked on the CfP webpage) for clarity on eligible costs.
 - Government agencies and Government departments **are not eligible** to receive UK PACT funding, either as a lead organisation or partner in a consortium. This includes state-owned enterprises.
 - However, as part of this call for proposals National and Provincial Government Enterprises (i.e. only **public institutions listed in PFMA schedules 3B and 3D for 2025, linked here**) may form part of consortia **as downstream partners**, but may not apply as the lead implementing partner.
 - Universities may apply as lead implementing partners or as part of a consortium.
 - We encourage consortia to apply. We do not restrict sub-partners from applying as part of multiple consortia.

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- Project**
- Proposals can be submitted for more than one project, but a consortium cannot apply more than once to the same project.
 - **Budgets must not include tangible assets or capital expenditure.** Including these costs may result in your application being ineligible.

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- Application**
- All applications must be coherent and legible.
 - **All relevant templates** must be completed.
 - **All relevant sections** in each template must be completed.
 - Applications must be submitted in English.
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What are the selection criteria?

Area	Heading	Criteria description	Weighting
Technical (70%)	Project description, methodology and workplan	The applicant clearly articulates how the project responds to the Terms of Reference, plans to deliver the expected outputs and lays out a project plan which includes a description of the project, activities, workplan, and stakeholder engagement plan. The applicant provides a convincing rationale for the ability of the project to deliver outcomes.	25
	Impact	The applicant clearly articulates how the project will specifically help the counterpart achieve and accelerate their goals of achieving carbon emissions reductions in relevant sectors. The applicant provides a clear impact pathway [See the Theory of Change template to be submitted] showing how their outputs will lead to the outcomes required for transformational change and identifies opportunities for replication / scaling up of activities	15
	Knowledge, skills, experience, and team structure	<p>The proposed project team has relevant knowledge and experience in the subject area and has the skills in place to deliver the project. This includes knowledge, skills and experience in the specific thematic area the proposal responds to, technical assistance/capacity building, and public sector project implementation. The core skills, experience and knowledge required to deliver all elements of the project that have been outlined (including project management, monitoring and evaluation, and GEDSI mainstreaming) are covered and the team is well structured and available to mobilise quickly.</p> <p>To ensure effective knowledge transfer and capacity building, applicants must demonstrate a strong understanding of South African priorities and delivery context, as well as bringing relevant expertise required.</p> <p>Additional consideration will be given to consortia which include local organisations, Level 1 & 2 B-BBEE contributors, women-owned entities, youth-owned entities, and entities owned by people with disabilities.</p>	15
	Gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI)	The applicant clearly identifies how the project will seek to understand and address the needs and vulnerabilities of women and marginalised groups, including considerations of race and class. The proposal has considered the key differences in the way that local communities, men, women, youth, lower-income households, marginalised groups and people with disabilities are impacted by a just transition, as well as their barriers and opportunities to participate in climate action. The proposal has successfully mainstreamed GEDSI in their project and identified specific outputs that would lead to desired GEDSI outcomes.	15

What are the selection criteria?

Area	Heading	Criteria description	Weighting
Project Management (15%)	Project Management	The proposal outlines a clear plan for mobilising the project quickly and effectively. There are robust project management mechanisms to ensure activities stay on track and deliver project results. The applicant provides a clear plan for managing consortia where applicable.	10
		The applicant has clearly outlined the key risks associated with delivery with clear plans for mitigating these and an understanding of the likelihood and impact of each. This includes impacts on marginalised/indigenous groups and changing political and security contexts.	5
	Environmental sustainability	The applicant has outlined a robust approach to minimising any negative impact on the environment due to this project. For example, through minimising travel, tracking emissions, implementing environmental policies, carbon off-setting etc.	Y/N
Financial (15%)	Budget	The budget is clearly linked to the activities and outputs outlined, with appropriate allocation of time and resources, and costs that appear reasonable for the activities proposed, including sufficient allocation for project management, reporting and data collection to allow for close coordination with UK PACT.	10
	Value for money	The application provides confidence that the project will represent good value for money, including FCDO's Four Es (economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and equity). The Four Es are detailed in the Applicant Handbook .	5

How do we score each criterion?

Score	
5	Excellent response, significant degree of confidence: extremely clear response, explicitly addresses the requirements of the call.
4	Strong response, high degree of confidence: strong response, addresses the requirements of the call to a good degree.
3	Good response, good degree of confidence: fairly strong response, addresses most of the requirements of the call.
2	Weak response, some degree of confidence: weak response, Addresses some of the requirements of the call.
1	Poor response, limited degree of confidence: doesn't address requirements of the call

What to do if you have questions?

Applicants should read this Terms of Reference together with the [Applicant Handbook](#) and other guidance documents for all the details on how to apply.

Questions related to this call for proposals can be addressed to: southafrica@ukpact.co.uk. **Answers will be published on the South Africa-UK PACT Call for Proposals web page.** Kindly note that clarification questions will not be answered by email. **Clarification questions will be accepted until 25 July 2025 at 17:00 SAST/ 15:00 UTC.**

If you have any technical issues with the **Call for Proposals web page** or the submission process, please contact: southafrica@ukpact.co.uk.

UK PACT

UK Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions (UK PACT) is a programme funded by the UK Government. UK PACT supports countries that strive to overcome barriers to clean growth and have high emissions reduction potential to accelerate their climate change mitigation efforts.
