

ToRs for a **climate finance consultant** for the project „ **Contributions to the international debate on climate finance debate**“ (in German “Diskussionsbeiträge zur internationalen Klimafinanzierungsdebatte”)

1 Background

The Climate Finance Advisory Service (CFAS) was launched in 2012 and has been providing tailored information and advice to negotiators, policymakers and advisors from countries most affected by climate change to enable them to participate actively and effectively in the complex climate finance negotiations. The focus is on the most vulnerable countries and communities, especially the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Africa. CFAS’ goal is to strengthen the capacity of government representatives in the selected countries to facilitate better linkages between national climate strategies, the Green Climate Fund (GCF), technical discussions in the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), ongoing processes in the Adaptation Fund (AF), and climate finance negotiations under the UNFCCC. In addition, CFAS communicates general knowledge products on climate finance (background papers, fact sheets, infographics, etc.) through a knowledge portal, the 'Climate Finance Interface' (<http://cfas.info/>), with the aim of informing the broader public, especially civil society organizations, government institutions, ministries and research institutions in developing countries.

2 Purpose, Objectives and Use

As part of CFAS, Germanwatch is planning to develop up to six policy briefs to effectively contribute and further advance the negotiations on international climate finance. The thematic areas covered by the policy briefs aim to close existing knowledge gaps, discuss current crunch issues, as well as outline possible ways forward.

Germanwatch does not have the in-house capacity to provide the service alone.

3 Scope of Work

As indicated above, up to six policy briefs are planned until 2026. For 2024, the topics have already been determined. Therefore, the scope of work looks as follows:

1. CFAS Policy Brief on the NCQG contributor base (working title)

Recent publications and think pieces on the question of widening the contributor base for climate finance have a rather technical focus, proposing concrete methodologies for determining the contributor base mainly according to two main criteria: **ability to pay** (as usually measured on the basis of total/per capita incomes) and **responsibility for climate change** (as usually measured on the basis of total/per capita cumulative territorial emissions). It is undisputed that these two criteria play an important role in the debate. Yet, there are a range of considerations that show the limitations of only using income and cumulative territorial emissions as sole indicators to determine capability and responsibility respectively.

A COP29 decision on the NCQG and its contributor base will most likely not make specific reference to a concrete methodology and technical details to define the contributor base, but rather be a political compromise that contains rather general wording. Most likely all methodologies to determine the contributor base will face certain shortcomings as these are merely an attempt to translate a complex reality into a technical approach that can be applied equally to all countries. A range of considerations

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to better reflect capability and responsibility probably cannot be easily incorporated into technical approaches to ‘calculate’ the contributor base. Yet, those considerations are still relevant and could influence the political debates and contentions during the negotiations on the contributor base.

The CFAS Policy Brief aims to analyze some of these considerations and will elaborate how they could be integrated into determining a broader contributor base for climate finance, taking into account the pros and cons of different methodologies. It will also focus on the political discussions and general considerations that should be contemplated during the UNFCCC negotiations when trying to find a compromise for a COP29 decision on the NCQG and its contributor base.

- **Length:** max. 10 pages
- **Timeline:** Launch before the 11th Technical Expert Dialogue, likely September 2024
- **Outreach:** Publication accompanied by a dedicated webinar

2. The quality of climate finance (working title)

In debates around climate finance and deliberations on the provision of financial support, qualitative elements play an increasingly important role. This holds especially true for debates around the NCQG. In the absence of a clear definition of what constitutes climate finance, a crucial question is how ‘quality’ of climate finance can be ensured in the formulation of a new global goal for climate finance and how ‘effectiveness’ of climate finance can be measured.

Throughout the years, various methodologies for measuring impact and ‘effectiveness’ of climate finance have emerged, applied by different bilateral and multilateral institutions, international climate funds, etc. The CFAS Policy Brief will take a closer look at some of these measures and methodologies currently being applied for tracking and measuring impact. In doing that, it will discuss some of the pros and cons of current methodologies, identify gaps and challenges and provide suggestions on whether and how methodologies can be harmonized. Last but not least, it will formulate suggestions on how these findings can be reflected in a COP29 decision on the NCQG.

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3. Up to four additional policy briefs 2025-2026

Potential topics for policy briefs in 2025 and 2026 will be determined in consultation with the CFAS consortium and take into account the developments in the international deliberation on climate finance.

4 Outputs and Deliverables

To support CFAS’ work, Germanwatch is looking for an individual consultant or a consortium to either lead or support on the elaboration of up to six policy briefs. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Developing a concept and draft outline for the two policy briefs in 2024 together with Germanwatch by end of July 2024 (tbc);

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- Contributing to or leading on the elaboration of a first draft for the two policy briefs in 2024 by end of August 2024 (tbc);
- Discussing the first draft with relevant stakeholders and incorporating comments received into a finalized version of the two policy briefs in 2024 by mid-September 2024 (tbc);
- Presenting the policy brief in two dedicated webinars in 2024 (tbd);
- Brainstorm on potential topics for CFAS policy briefs in 2025 and 2026
- Develop concepts and draft outlines for up to four policy briefs in 2025 and 2026
- Contributing to or leading on the elaboration of up to four policy briefs in 2025 and 2026

5 Expert Profile

- Advanced degree in economics, finance, environmental studies, geography, or a related field
- Excellent oral and written communications and presentations skills in English
- Minimum wage compliance if staff are employed

6 Award criteria

- Working experience in the field of public climate finance, in particular relevant expertise in the climate finance negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Standing Committee on Finance, the Green Climate Fund and other multilateral climate finance delivery channels, such as multilateral development banks. The bidding proponent should be able to represent a diverse set of perspectives and positions from the Global North and Global South.
- Price
- Overall impression of the offer

7 Documents to be submitted

- Self-Confirmation of compliance with minimum wage if staff are employed (Template will be provided if desired)
- Financial Offer (Daily rates, number of days, and total amount must be indicated. Daily rate corresponds to 8 hours.)
- Reference projects
- CV(s)

8 Decision on the most economical offer and time frame of the call for tenders

The contract will be awarded to the most economically advantageous tender, i.e. the tender offering the best price-quality ratio.

The evaluation of offers will be based on:

60% required work experience, 25% price, 15% overall impression of the offer (based on following criteria: professional, result-orientated, well-structured, focused and concise language)

Please send your offer as official document with your letterhead and as one pdf-file via email.

Deadline for applying is **15th July, 2024 by 11:59pm CET** and offers should be sent to: eckstein@germanwatch.org, with copy to morgner@germanwatch.org

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.