

Invitation to Submit a Request for Proposal (RFP)

Consultancy Services for Carrying out an Endline Study

Project: Bamboo for Climate Action (B4CA) – Phase 1

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Ref: RFP No: B4CA-CNRS/2026/01

Type of assignment	Conduct Endline Study
Overall purpose	<p>The endline study will assess the extent to which the project has achieved its intended outcomes in strengthening livelihoods, climate resilience and environmental rehabilitation among host and refugee communities in Cox’s Bazar. In addition to baseline comparison, it will evaluate the effectiveness of bamboo-based Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in enhancing carbon sequestration potential, DRR/CCA capacities, and plantation sustainability, alongside improvements in skills, market linkage, and diversified livelihoods.</p> <p>The study will also consider inclusiveness and supply chain dynamics of bamboo for settlement needs. It will identify gaps, sustainability prospects, and scalability potential including carbon trading potential at different stage of growth, providing actionable recommendations and strategic directions for way forward, including strengthening market linkages, community governance, and climate-resilient livelihood expansion.</p>
Project title	Bamboo for Climate Action – Phase 1
Project goal	The project contributes to a green and healthy environment and the reduction of greenhouse gases, while improving the livelihoods of the host communities and refugees.
Component highlights	<p>1. Climate-Resilient Bamboo Ecosystems and Environmental Rehabilitation Focuses on climate-smart nurseries, producing high quality saplings, bamboo afforestation, and plantation management to support bamboo-based livelihoods, rehabilitate environment through integrating climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) for a healthier ecosystem.</p> <p>2. Livelihood Development and Market Linkages Focuses on promoting diversified and sustainable income opportunities through bamboo-based enterprises, strengthening market systems, improving access to quality inputs and services, and fostering linkages between producers, buyers, and public/private actors.</p> <p>3. Capacity Development and Community Resilience Strengthens the technical, business, and adaptive capacities of association including contract farmers, core growers to improve bamboo production, processing, institutional capacity and host/refugee communities to improve resilience to climate and disaster risks through awareness campaign, day celebration.</p>

Funding Agency	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
Implementing Agency	Center for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS)
Implementing Partner	International Development Enterprises (iDE)
Project location	Host Core: Core working area- Teknaf, Ukhiya and Ramu upazilas Host Outreach: Outreach working areas- Chakaria and Cox's Bazar Sadar (including Eidgaon) Upazilas Camp: 2W, 4 EXT, 26, 27
Project duration	From 01 April 2023 to 31 December 2026
Evaluation time coverage	Phase I of the project (01 April 2023 to 31 March 2026)
Technical & financial proposal submission date	01 June 2026
Duration of assignment	60 days from the date of signing contract
Report recipient	Center for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS)

Background

Center for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS) stands as one of the foremost pro-environmental national non-governmental organizations in Bangladesh. Since its inception in 1994, CNRS has been dedicated to advancing environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive development approaches. Through innovative and adaptive programming and evidence-based learning with changing times, CNRS has garnered recognition from local, national, and international stakeholders, including governmental institutions, development partners and academicians. CNRS envisions a society in which individuals and nature coexist harmoniously, devoid of exploitation and exclusion, and strives to empower marginalized communities to attain pro-poor, inclusive, and sustainable development while ensuring the protection of natural resources.

With the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), CNRS, in partnership with iDE Bangladesh, has been implementing the Bamboo for Climate Action (B4CA) project titled "Climate Action through Bamboo Afforestation in Restoring Degraded Landscapes of Cox's Bazar." The project aims to enhance climate change resilience for refugees and host communities by promoting bamboo as an effective nature-based solution that delivers environmental restoration, disaster risk reduction, and livelihood diversification benefits.

As the current phase nears completion, CNRS plans to conduct an endline study to assess the extent to which the project has achieved its intended outcomes in strengthening livelihoods, climate resilience, and environmental rehabilitation among host and refugee communities in Cox's Bazar. Beyond baseline comparison, the study will evaluate progress against the Logical Framework, examining the effectiveness of bamboo-based NbS in enhancing carbon sequestration potential, DRR/CCA capacities, plantation sustainability, skills development, market linkages, and diversified livelihoods. It will also assess inclusiveness and bamboo supply chain dynamics for settlement needs, while identifying gaps, sustainability, and scalability including carbon trading potential across growth stages. Findings will generate actionable recommendations for future programming, market strengthening, and community governance.

To undertake this assignment, CNRS seeks to engage a qualified firm or individual consultant with strong expertise in mixed-method research, impact evaluation, and data analysis. This Terms of Reference (ToR) outlines the scope, objectives, methodology, and requirements for conducting the

endline study of the B4CA project. Demonstrated experience in assessing and quantifying carbon sequestration from plantations will be an added advantage.

1. Project Profile

The influx of refugees in 2017 led to 7000 Ha of forest land degraded including a significant depletion of local bamboo resources in Cox's Bazar, prompting an increased demand for specific bamboo species. However, the supply chain expansion to the Chittagong Hill Tracts and northern regions strained the availability of bamboo. Irregular supply and variable quality are common issues due to the lack of differential pricing mechanisms. As the local reserve depleted along with settlement needs, betel leaf (cash crop) plantation and HH uses, resource pressure continues to intensify.

This underscores the need for improved bamboo cultivation and sustainable harvesting practices, particularly for women whose contributions remain undervalued.

Access to quality planting materials, training on durable product manufacturing, and stronger market linkages against the monopoly is limited, leaving the region's physiological footprint in bamboo growth suitability and potential for bamboo-based handicrafts largely untapped. Bamboo depletion has also accelerated soil erosion, flooding, and other environmental stresses. Addressing these challenges requires community-led market governance, equitable resource management, gender-responsive approaches, and stronger local institutions such as cooperatives and producer associations to enhance market access and reduce costs.

Considering the above, in partnership with iDE Bangladesh, CNRS has initiated a three-year Bamboo for Climate Action (B4CA) project titled 'Climate Action through Bamboo Afforestation in Restoring Degraded Landscapes of Cox's Bazar' with the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). The Theory of Change of the project is that if the afforestation of bamboo is piloted as an environment-friendly and equitable solution to adapt to climate change impacts and support disaster risk reduction and if the promotion of bamboo is able to become a sustainable business model in support of economic development that diversifies the livelihoods of disadvantaged communities then the bamboo plantations will reduce greenhouse gas emission and contribute to a greener and healthier environment as well as support income generating activities for both host and refugee communities, because resilience to climate change will increase, disaster risk will be reduced, and the socio-economic well-being via increased market linkages will be enhanced.

Project goal: Improved resilience to climate change for refugees and host communities through bamboo as effective nature-based solution with multi-purpose effects

Project outcomes and outputs: The project intended to achieve the following outcomes and outputs-

Outcome-1: The afforestation of bamboo contributes to the effective sequestration of greenhouse gas emissions and a healthy environment while simultaneously integrating DRR.

- Output 1.1: Bamboo plantations are propagated and climate smart nurseries are established and maintained to enhance survival rate and sustainability
- Output 1.2: Strengthened capacity of contract farmers and core growers from host and refugee communities on bamboo farming and business development to enhance production, treatment, and processing capacities
- Output 1.3: Enhanced capacity of host communities and refugees to adapt to climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) activities
- Output 1.4: Rohingya and host communities benefit from the bamboo plantations as a means to reduce their vulnerabilities to disasters and other climate change risks and impacts

Outcome-2: Host communities and refugees benefit from diversified livelihoods and market linkages through bamboo processing and the development of a bamboo value chain.

- Output 2.1: Sustainable and diversified livelihood options are promoted through the establishment of linkage between contact farmers, core bamboo growers and complementary skill development project
- Output 2.2: Local market ecosystems are strengthened between buyers and host communities as well as private and public actors to support and improve commercial relationships
- Output 2.3: Increased availability of quality inputs and services in bamboo market
- Output 2.4: Increase in investment and trade in bamboo focused enterprises from private/public/social sector actors

Project location: Bamboo for Climate Action (B4CA) project has been implemented in 05 upazilas under Cox’s Bazar district (**Core:** Ukhiya, Teknaf, Ramu) and **Outreach:** Cox’s Bazar Sadar including Eidgaon, Chakaria Upazilas of Cox’s Bazar district for both Refugee Camps and Host community areas)

2. Overall purpose and objective of the endline study

The purpose of this endline survey is to assess the outcomes and impacts of the project “Improved Resilience to Climate Change for Refugees and Host Communities through Bamboo as an Effective Nature-Based Solution.” Specifically, the survey aims to:

- Evaluate climate-resilient bamboo ecosystems and capacity development by examining the survival and health of bamboo plantations, site-species suitability, effectiveness of climate-smart nurseries, contributions to carbon sequestration, and improvements in community knowledge and practices related to climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction (DRR). Under this specific objective, the assessment should measure the effectiveness and sustainability of bamboo-based ecosystem restoration interventions in strengthening climate resilience and community adaptive capacity across both host and refugee communities.
- Assess support on livelihoods and market linkages by examining how bamboo-based interventions have enhanced income opportunities, strengthened local enterprises, improved access to inputs and services, and promoted sustainable, diversified livelihoods for both host and refugee communities. Under this specific objective, the assessment should measure the evolution of market actors that include core market actors, ranging from input suppliers, support service providers, entities involved in government rules and regulations, and bamboo growers and nursery associations, but excludes bamboo producers and end customers both in the host communities and refugee camps. Measurement factors include backward and forward market linkage choices for households and business entities, product diversification, opportunities for scale up, and access and utilization of financing options.
- Analyze the changes in socio-economic and environmental outcomes including improvements in community resilience, ecological restoration, inclusiveness (with attention to youth and vulnerable groups), and the reason behind adoption of bamboo-based solutions, climate adaptation, and risk reduction.
- Estimate and predict carbon sequestration potential by evaluating biomass growth, species composition, and plantation management practices, and determining their contribution to long-term climate mitigation, environmental sustainability, and potential carbon financing opportunities across different growth stages.
- Identify gaps, sustainability, and scalability pathways by assessing supply chain dynamics, governance mechanisms, and investment potential, and by providing actionable, evidence-based recommendations to inform future phases, scaling strategies, and institutional advocacy for bamboo-based NbS in humanitarian and climate-vulnerable contexts. This also entails an analysis of awareness, knowledge, and access to quality critical inputs and services (including

multiple avenues for financial services) among core market actors in the bamboo sector – particularly the backward linkage of bamboo producers and market actors.

Based on the objectives of the study delineated above, the consultant will be provided with the project logical framework detailing specific output and outcome indicators, and relevant existing databases to aid the analysis.

3. Methodology

The firm/individual consultant shall be required to propose a comprehensive and context-specific methodology to achieve the objectives of the endline survey. The proposed methodology should clearly demonstrate how the consultant intends to assess project outcomes and impacts related to climate resilience, bamboo afforestation, market system strengthening, and livelihood diversification among refugee and host communities.

The methodology must be sufficiently rigorous to generate credible, reliable, and verifiable findings, and must explain how data quality, validity, and triangulation will be ensured. The consultant shall justify the choice of methods and tools in relation to the evaluation objectives, project context, and available data sources.

At a minimum, the proposed methodology shall address the following methodological components:

i. Review of Secondary Information

The consultant shall outline an approach for reviewing relevant secondary data and documentation required to inform the endline assessment. This should include an explanation of how existing project documents, monitoring data, and sectoral information will be used to contextualize findings, validate primary data, and ensure alignment with the project's results framework and indicators.

ii. Primary Data Collection – Quantitative Component

The consultant shall propose an appropriate quantitative data collection strategy capable of measuring changes in key project-level indicators. The proposal must clearly describe the rationale for the selected sampling approach, data collection instruments, and analytical methods, and explain how representativeness, statistical reliability, and ethical considerations will be ensured across project locations.

iii. Primary Data Collection - Qualitative Component

The consultant shall propose suitable qualitative approaches to capture stakeholder perspectives and contextual insights relevant to project outcomes and impacts. The methodology should explain how different stakeholder groups will be engaged, how qualitative data will complement quantitative findings, and how in-depth analysis of selected themes or outcomes will be conducted.

iv. Assessment of Carbon Sequestration Outcomes

The consultant shall propose a technically sound approach for assessing carbon-related outcomes associated with project-supported bamboo plantations. The proposal should describe how carbon stocks and sequestration potential will be estimated, including the underlying assumptions, data sources, and analytical methods, and explain how the results will contribute to understanding environmental and climate-related impacts of the project.

4. Scope of Work

The firm/individual consultant is expected to perform the following activities-

- Submit a detailed inception report and work plan outlining the proposed timeline and clearly defined roles and responsibilities, including a proposed study methodology, data collection

tools, and sampling strategy aligned with OECD evaluation criteria, for review by the B4CA team and incorporation of feedback into the final design plan.

- Participate in planning meetings with relevant project staff of B4CA project, review relevant project documents, and secondary research.
- Finalize data collection tools (questionnaire, checklist, guidelines) for the study in consultation with the B4CA team. The firm/individual consultant will be responsible for the pre-test and finalization of tools and techniques for the survey.
- The data collection tool will have both Bengali and English language.
- Engage qualified and context oriented local enumerators and train them in quantitative and qualitative data collection and quality control.
- Administer data collection in the study areas, including supervision, cross-validation, quality control, and data transcription.
- Data management and analysis in terms of coding, computer entry, cleaning, transcription, and analysis as per study objectives.
- Provide raw data, transcripts, survey forms, and photographic documentation collected during the assessment and a clean version with ‘do file’ (syntax files).
- Share a presentation with major trends, key findings and submit a draft report of the study along with necessary maps to the B4CA team.
- Facilitate a workshop to address feedback before submission of the final report.

B4CA will review the draft report and provide necessary feedback. The study team will submit the final report addressing the feedback received from B4CA project.

5. Duration of Assignment

The assignment is expected to commence on June 15, 2026, and be completed by August 15, 2026, covering a total of 2 months

6. Sampling

The firm/organization should propose an appropriate sampling methodology that is statistically representative, considering the confidence level, margin of error, and population size for livelihoods and self-reliance categories in the table below.

Specification	Level	Remarks
Confidence Level:	95%	
Margin of Error	5%	
Population Proportion	50	or as determined in consultation with B4CA
Population Size	Host Community: 52000 Rohingya Camps: 350 Market Actors: 500+	or as determined in consultation with B4CA

While the sampling strategy above is indicative, the consultant is welcome to propose other appropriate approaches, ensuring that in addition to the sample for the quantitative component of the study, other relevant stakeholders (including local government entities, financial institutions, etc.) are included in the sample.

7. Team qualification and management responsibilities

The required qualifications and experience for firm/individual of consultants are as follows-

- The firm or individual must have at least five years of experience in conducting and leading baseline and end-line studies encompassing quantitative and qualitative methodologies. This experience should be gained with reputable organizations, including INGOs, NGOs, UN agencies, and other donor entities.

- The firm/individual of consultants should possess all necessary legal documentation, including a valid trade license, **the latest audit report** (if available), BIN certificate and a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) certificate, Bank Account information, NID.
- Key team members should demonstrate expertise in climate change and Nature-Based Solutions (NbS), including carbon sequestration assessment, livelihood development, and market linkages, alongside evolving understanding of community development and governance. They must have a proven track record in applying participatory approaches at the grassroots level, supported by solid skills in mixed-method research design, data analysis, and statistical interpretation.
- Proficiency in required skills, particularly tools for questionnaire designing, data analysis, spatial mapping and strong writing and analytical skills are prerequisites.

8. Checklist for Proposal Submission

The firm/individual of consultants is required to provide a detailed proposal outlining the methodology and technical approach, including component-wise evaluation questions aligned with OECD criteria.

The **proposal** should encompass the following sections:

1. A technical proposal of no more than 10–15 pages, including all relevant sections, along with the Curriculum Vitae (CV) of each proposed consultant (maximum 2 pages per CV) or, where applicable, a firm profile demonstrating relevant experience and qualifications.
2. Tentative work plan with number of days, timeframe and deadlines for deliverables
3. Evidence of similar assignments containing the following information:
 - Name of organization
 - Title of the assignment
 - Duration and location of the assignment
 - Proposed Solutions and Outcome – include reports, visuals, links, etc.
 - Brief methodology
 - Relevant Reference /Contact person details (at least 2)
4. Tax Identification number and other legal documents (viz. NID/license/registration/work-permit, Tax Return, Bank Solvency etc)
5. Detailed budget breakdown (Financial breakdown)

9. Bid submission

- a) The bid submission can be done via **Hard copy submission or electronic submission**.
- b) The bidders need to keep the hard copy technical and financial proposals in sealed envelopes. Please mention the RFP reference on the top of the envelope along with the name and particulars of the bidder and recipient. The email submission must comply with RFP reference number is clearly mentioned in the email subject line and bidder information in the email body, along with complete contact details.
- c) Bidders are required to submit any request for clarification in respect of this RFP by e-mail to procurement@cnrs.org.bd.
- d) **Bidder must send their bids in hard copy and soft copy to the address provided below:**
 The Chairman
 Central Procurement Committee (CPC)
 Center for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS)
 House-13 (4th-6th Floor), Road-17, Block-D,
 Banani, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh

Electronic submissions should be sent by e-mail to: procurement@cnrs.org.bd

10. Outputs/Deliverables and Payment Schedule

The firm/individual of consultants will be responsible for submission of the following deliverables/reports after signing the contract:

Sl. No.	Outputs / Deliverables	Description	Timeline	Payment
1	Inception Report	A detailed report reflecting the consultant's understanding of the assignment, refined methodology, data collection and management plan, stakeholder engagement strategy, and ethical considerations.	By 5 th day of agreement signing	30% after completion of inception report, tools development and sharing of field plan.
2	Field Tools and Data collection plan	Finalized data collection tools along with component-wise evaluation questions based on OECD criteria (e.g., survey forms, FGD and KII checklists), sampling strategy, and protocols for field-level research in host communities adjacent to Rohingya camps.	By 7 th day of agreement signing	
3	Draft Report	Preliminary findings including executive summary, key figures including necessary maps, relevant statistics, and initial analysis based on field data.	By day 30	20% after submitted draft reports, evidences in raw and organized form
4	Documentary Evidence and Raw Data	Submission of all raw data, transcripts, survey forms, and photographic documentation collected during the assessment.	By day 30	
5	Final Report	Comprehensive final report that incorporates stakeholder feedback and presents validated findings, clear conclusions, and strategic, evidence-based recommendations to inform future programming, scaling pathways, and institutional engagement.	By day 45	50% after submitting the final base line Report and having this accepted by CNRS subject to concurrence of Project/SDC.

Note: The timeline may be revised upon mutual agreement between both parties.

11. Disqualification

Any statements that are known to be, or are subsequently discovered to be, inaccurate or misleading may result in the disqualification of the bidder from further participation in the evaluation process. Furthermore, any failure to comply with the instructions or mandatory criteria set forth in this RFP shall lead to disqualification.

12. Selection and evaluation process

This will follow fixed budget procurement procedure. An independent Evaluation committee will be formed and assigned by the CNRS to carry out the selection process. This committee will review the technical proposal and the evaluation process will follow the requirements as outlined above.

Criteria	Score
Technical Approach, Methodology and Work Plan	
Technical Capacity	20
Approach & Methodology	20
Contextual Understanding	10
Sub-total Score: Technical Approach	50
Management and Key Personnel	
Personnel Qualifications: Please attached the CV of key personnel, including Team Leader	25
Sub-total Score: Key Personnel	25
Firm/individual of consultants Capabilities, Experience, and Past Performance	
Firm or organization Background and Experience, please provide at least 3 similar nature agreement copies or completion certificates	25
Sub-total Score: Experience	25
Total Score	100

13. Deliverables/Reporting

The selected firm/individual consultant will be responsible for delivering the following items with a focus on digital accessibility:

- An inception report including a detailed and improved study approach, methodology, data management plan, and work plan
- Data collection tools both in Bengali and English
- A field plan/data collection plan
- Draft report copies in MS Word and PDF formats
- Final report in both soft (in MS Word and PDF formats) and hard copies
- A PowerPoint presentation on Key Findings
- A digital version (in Excel) of the database

14. Budget and Payment Modalities

The budget for this project is fixed amounting BDT 15,00,000.00 (Fifteen Lac Taka Only) Including VAT and Tax. **We invite interested parties to submit their detailed financial proposals separately providing a comprehensive breakdown of all costs associated to perform the study.** This should cover all relevant categories, such as personnel, materials, equipment, travel, overhead, and any other costs specific to the study. Since the budget is fixed, **the selection will be based entirely on the highest technical score** among proposals that meet the fixed budget requirement.

The payment will be made through the A/C Payee Cheque in favor of the contract holder, that will cover everything i.e. remuneration, field work cost, conveyance, printing, other administrative cost etc. All expenditure during survey time will be taken care of by the consultancy firm. CNRS will deduct tax, according to the TAX and VAT Regulation of the Government of Bangladesh. The payment will be made according to the following schedule:

- 30% after completion of the inception report, tools development and sharing of the field plan.
- 20% after submitted draft reports, evidence in raw and organized form.
- 50% after submitting the final baseline report and having this accepted by CNRS, subject to concurrence of Project/SDC.

15. Ethical Standards and Compliances

The selected firm/ organization is expected to maintain the highest ethical standards throughout the study. Minimum standards include:

- Providing respondents with a verbal or written informed consent process, to ensure they are aware of and understand the purpose of the data collection, benefits and risks of participation, what will be done with their data, that their participation is completely voluntary, that they can withdraw from the research at any point throughout the project, and any other information they need about the data collection process to make an informed decision about participation. This includes transparent communication with involved communities about the purpose and use of data, obtaining informed consent, adhering to the principle of ‘do no harm’.
- The consultant must implement a strict de-identification protocol. All raw data, qualitative transcripts, and photographic documentation must be devoid of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) before being transferred to CNRS or iDE. All digital data containing refugee information must be stored on encrypted, password-protected servers with access restricted only to the core research team.
- Photographic documentation involving refugees must follow strict protection guidelines. No photos of faces or identifiable locations (like shelter numbers) may be taken without a specific, signed (or thumb-printed) Media Release Form.
- Data privacy, community feedback and cultural sensitivity are integral to this process. Data instruments and interactions with respondents and study participants should be culturally sensitive, relevant, account for linguistic diversity and literacy levels, and free of offensive, discriminatory, or other unacceptable language.
- Data collected and stored will be in adherence to all local and national data protection regulations and laws.
- Data collection staff must be properly trained to respect the dignity of participants and to provide support in the case that any research activities cause unanticipated harm.

Moreover, the selected firm/organization needs to be complied with following CNRS’s policies:

- a) Gender Policy
- b) Anti-Sexual Harassments Policy
- c) Suppliers Code of Conduct
- d) Anti-Fraud Policy
- e) Child Protection Policy and
- f) Safeguarding Policy

16. Penalty clause

If the firm/ organization fails to meet the agreed-upon deadline or deliverables, they will face financial penalties affecting their payment. The penalties are outlined as follows:

- If the deliverables are submitted within one month after the final submission deadline, a penalty of 30% of the total contract value will be applied as a penalty.
- The firm/ organization is required to maintain the confidentiality of all aspects of the assignment at all times.

17. Disclosure of information

CNRS reserves the right to amend the terms of reference at any time as required upon mutual discussion with the contracted firm/ organization. Additionally, CNRS reserves the right to terminate the contract at its sole discretion in case of non-compliance with the terms and conditions that will finally be agreed upon. The contracted firm/ organization will never use this Endline Study information for their own needs. However, if required, the contracted firm/organization must obtain prior permission from the concerned CNRS.

18. Procurement/ Hiring method

The Consultant/Firm will be hired following a fixed budget procurement method.

19. CNRS representative for communication

The consultant will report directly to the Director of CNRS through Project Manager and will maintain close coordination with relevant project officials throughout the assignment period. The consultant will be fully responsible and accountable for the timely execution of assigned tasks and delivery of outputs as outlined in the agreed schedule. Payment will be made upon satisfactory completion of each task and submission of the corresponding deliverables, in accordance with the timeline specified in the deliverables schedule. In the event of unsatisfactory performance or non-compliance with agreed terms, CNRS reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time, without prior notice and reasoning. Furthermore, CNRS retains the authority to cancel the procurement process at its sole discretion, without providing any justification.

1. Ownership

Owner of this assignment is Bamboo for Climate Action (B4CA) Project funded by SDC and therefore reserves exclusive right to all information, ideas and results, which the Consultant cannot divulge to others or utilize otherwise. The consultant will have no right to claim ownership of the assignment or its outputs once the assignment is completed. Any reports/ research reports/ process documents produced as a part of this assignment shall be deemed to be the property of B4CA Project and the consultant will not have any claims and will not use or reproduce the contents of the above documents without prior permission of the designated authority. In addition, the consultant, shall not use data derived from this assignment for any purpose outside the scope of this Agreement, including but not limited to: (i) marketing or promotional activities; (ii) solicitation of goods or services; or (iii) contacting individuals outside of project activities, unless it has been specifically authorized.

2. Conflict of Interest

The consultant is required to openly communicate any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during their involvement in the project. This includes any personal or professional affiliations, financial interests, or other circumstances that might influence their objectivity or impartiality in decision-making. By disclosing such conflicts transparently, the consultant helps maintain the integrity and credibility of the project, allowing stakeholders to address any concerns and ensure fair and unbiased outcomes.

3. Amendment and Termination

Any amendments to the RFP shall be mutually agreed upon by all parties. Either party may terminate the consultancy with prior written notice and mutual agreement on settlement terms.

4. Deadline for Submission of Application

CNRS is expecting a detailed proposal against this RFP which will be evaluated as a final submission from the participating individuals. RFP can be submitted in hard copy or soft copy **by 01 June 2026**.

20. Disclaimer

CNRS reserves the authority to either accept or decline any or all proposals or applications without the obligation to provide any specific rationale

21. Confidentiality

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