

Q&A on the Information Call held on April 30th 2025 for the RIT Expressions of Interest for the GFWA

Question 1: What is the relationship between the RIT and the recipients of large grants (administered under Strategic Directions 1 – 4)? Will the RIT launch the call for large grants, grant the funds, and supervise the recipients?

Answer 1: CI (the CEPF Secretariat) holds the contractual relationship with all recipients of large grants, while the RIT does not have any contractual relationship with the recipients of large grants. However; the RIT does have a role to supervise and monitor the large grants in collaboration with the Grant Director, as part of the overall program.

Question 2: Is grant-making expected to be spread over the 11 countries of the hotspot?

Answer 2: In the next bidders conference, when we release the Request for Proposals (RfP), we will go into this type of question in more detail. In the RfP, we will be asking applicants to tell us their vision and to propose ideas of how the work and grants (both thematically and geographically) may be spread throughout the 5 years, with the \$1.5 million available for the RIT.

Question 3: Is there a minimum number of countries in which the RIT needs to have to presence ?

Answer 3: No. There is no minimum number. For the RIT, we will look at the ability of your organization / consortium to hire staff, manage small grants, communicate in the hotspot languages and ability to cover the hotspot overall, regardless of presence in the hotspot.

Question 4: Once contracted, will the RIT have leeway to engage other people/consultants?

Answer 4: The funding provided to the RIT is a grant and as such there is flexibility to make adaptations if needed in order to achieve the goals set out.

Question 5: Can the RIT be two or more orgs? Is there a definitive number of organizations and/or people in the RIT?

Answer 5: Yes the RIT can be two or more organizations and there is not definitive number of organizations or people in RIT. . The contractual relationship between CEPF and the RIT will be with just one organization, but that organization may have as many sub-grantees as part of a consortium as needed. This will be discussed in more detail at the bidders conference call when the Request for Proposals is launched.

Question 6: Is the Ecosystem Profile still open for comments?

Answer 6: At this stage the Ecosystem Profile is not open for comment. However, the Ecosystem Profile is seen as a living document and can be reviewed periodically. Moreover results that come out of a work conducted with CEPF grants may provide the opportunity to also influence the updates to the Ecosystem Profile.