

**Q&A on the November 23 Call for Expressions of Interest:**

**Question 1:** Will there be a template for responding to the Call for Expression of Interest, and what are the eligible costs?

**Answer 1:** There is no template for responding to the Call for Expression of Interest. There is also no list of eligible costs. Costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred in the implementation of such a project in accordance with the terms of references are eligible. Remuneration to civil servants, for example, is not allowed.

**Question 2:** How much indirect costs are allowed?

**Answer 2:** The maximum allowed for management support costs is capped at 13%. If you charge administrative costs (MSC), you will be asked during the proposal review to provide additional information on how your organization manages these costs. CEPF will approve your methodology if it is audited.

**Question 3:** If we intend to bid as a Consortium, do we have to do so in the Call for Expressions of Interest?

**Answer 3:** Consortium members must be identified and involved in the submission of the Call for Expressions of Interest (e.g., through a letter of acceptance of collaboration).

**Question 4:** Do we get extra points if we submit as a Consortium rather than as a single organization?

**Answer 4:** The key is to be able to demonstrate knowledge and proximity to the 4 countries involved in order to successfully execute all the RIT Terms of Reference.

**Question 5:** Can CEPF modify the proposed consortium?

**Answer 5:** CEPF will not modify the proposed consortium.

**Question 6:** Can you give an idea of the operating budget of the RIT and what are the selection criteria?

**Answer 6:** I prefer not to provide a budget envelope figure at this point. However, I encourage you to budget according to your needs to conduct these ToRs. The budget amount is one of the selection criteria, but it is not the only one and not the most important. The CEPF Secretariat uses a standard set of criteria for the recruitment of RITs. We want to make sure that the successful candidate(s) will have the necessary human and organizational resources for this important role.