

## TERMS OF REFERENCE:

### SOUTH AFRICA YOUTH BAROMETER KNOWLEDGE PRODUCT

<b>Location</b>	South Africa
<b>Application Deadline</b>	03 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022
<b>Category</b>	Report, Knowledge Product, Policy Analysis
<b>Languages Required</b>	English
<b>Starting Date: (date when the selected candidate is expected to start):</b>	Immediate / As soon as possible
<b>Expected Duration of Assignment:</b>	2 months

#### 1. BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is a core member of the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) together with the International Labor Organisation (ILO), UN Environment (UNEP), UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). The PAGE South Africa chapter is strengthened through the cooperation of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE); the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic); and the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI).

Since its launch in 2015, PAGE in South Africa has supported the strengthening of national coordination in green economy capabilities across Departments and sectors, to support the transition to a low-carbon and inclusive green economy. An important PAGE outcome is a deepened collaboration on green economy policy and planning processes across government and key institutions, as well as a social compact to support sectoral change on issues relating to a just transition to a green, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy.

In 2022 UNDP, funded by PAGE, implemented a “Youth Barometer” which surveyed 10 000 youth (aged 18 – 35) nationally. The survey questionnaire design was informed by previous surveys in a similar thematic area, such as the Peoples’ Climate Vote, the African Youth Survey 2020, the Afrobarometer 2018, and the 2016 South African Social Attitudes Survey. In addition, inputs were made from a wide range of stakeholders such as the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, the Presidential Climate Commission, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), and the United Nations Framework on the Convention of Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Youth coordinators in South Africa. The questionnaire included both quantitative and qualitative questions. The survey was tested before being implemented with all necessary pivots made. Each individual response was checked for validity, credibility and reliability, and the data has been cleaned and is stored in Excel for ease of access. A report providing an overview of the responses received has been developed.

#### 2. AIM & OBJECTIVES OF THE YOUTH BAROMETER PROJECT

The overarching goal of the Youth Barometer Project is to support the effort of the National Government, and to identify and to strengthen the national coordination of climate change, green economy, and just transition activities as they relate to youth. The objective is to:

- Enhance youth-led public participation and awareness around climate change, green jobs, and the just transition, by sourcing and analysing relevant data.

### 3. SCOPE, TASKS AND EXPECTED DELIVERABLES FOR THE YOUTH BAROMETER KNOWLEDGE PRODUCT

The Youth Barometer survey was finalised in June 2022, and the full data set is available for analysis. The questionnaire deployed is included in this ToR as Annex A.

This assignment, the **Knowledge Product service provider**, refers to a professional service provider to prepare a final Youth Barometer report drawing on the data collected through the Youth Barometer 2022 as well as an in-depth policy analysis of policies and interventions related to youth AND climate change, green economy and the just transition. The analysis should highlight gaps and opportunities for youth in these thematic areas, as well as barriers and possible activities to overcome these. The report should also draw not only on the collected data, but qualitative inputs from youth (individual interviews, focus groups etc). The report should provide clear recommendations, as well as pathways towards achieving the recommendations.

#### 3.1. Youth Barometer Knowledge Product Framework

The Youth Barometer Knowledge Product should include the following:

- Executive summary;
- Background and context of South Africa (as relevant to report content);
- Literature review, including a review of key policies on Climate Change, Green Economy and Just Transition (a minimum of 30 relevant references should be included);
- An analysis of above literature and policies focused on surfacing challenges and opportunities for youth in these thematic areas;
- An analysis of data collected through the Youth Barometer;
- Qualitative inputs from youth stakeholders;
- Recommendations for interventions to increase youth participation, capacity, and opportunity in the Green Economy and Just Transition;
- Conclusion.

#### 3.2. Expected Deliverables:

Deliverable	Description	Timeline
<b>1. Inception phase (Deliverable 1)</b>		
1.1 Inception meeting	UNDP will organise the inception meeting. Service provider to present a preliminary approach at the inception meeting.	
1.2 Inception report	Service provider to submit a final inception report incorporating the discussions in the inception meeting, as well as a full report breakdown / structure and methodology.	3 working days after deliverable 1.1.
<b>2. Preparation and submission of draft Youth Barometer Knowledge Product (Deliverable 2)</b>		
2.1 Draft Youth Barometer Report	The service provider to prepare a draft Youth Barometer Knowledge Product with initial recommendations. The service provider is also required to submit a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the key findings.	3 weeks after submission of deliverable 1
<b>3. Preparation and submission of final Youth Barometer Report (Deliverable 3)</b>		

Deliverable	Description	Timeline
3.1 Finalise Youth Barometer Report	<p>Submit the final the Youth Barometer Knowledge Product, incorporating inputs from the draft submission and any requested changes / additions.</p> <p>Share the report with identified stakeholders, including youth groups, and consolidate all feedback and inputs.</p>	1 weeks after submission of deliverable 2.
3.2 Final Youth Barometer Report	<p>Submit the final Youth Barometer Knowledge Product, incorporating inputs from UNDP and other key stakeholders, including youth groups.</p> <p>The report should be designed as per the UNDP brand manual and include all necessary formatting and branding.</p> <p>The service provider is also required to submit a final PowerPoint presentation highlighting the key findings (up to 15 slides).</p>	2 weeks after submission of deliverable 3.1.

Please note that the Final Youth Barometre Report should be submitted no later than **30 November 2022**.

### 3.3. Expected Expertise and Competencies

Applying organisations should ensure the individual / team responsible for developing the report have the following experience:

- Individual / team lead should hold at least a postgraduate degree in a relevant field;
- Individual / team lead should have experience of youth-related work and implementing participatory approaches with youth;
- Individual / team lead should have experience of similar assignments, for example developing reports and / publications, data analysis, knowledge and communication products;
- Evidence of a network of youth and youth organisations will be an advantage;
- Individual / team lead being under 35 will be an advantage.

Support personnel should have experience in:

- Development of similar assignments, for example developing reports and / publications, data analysis, knowledge and communication products;
- Strong coordination and communication skills.

#### 4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation of proposals will be conducted according to UNDP procurement rules. A two-stage procedure is utilised in evaluating the proposals, with evaluation of the technical proposal being completed prior to any price proposal being opened and compared. The price proposal will be opened only for submissions that passed the minimum technical score of 70 of the obtainable score of 100 points in the evaluation of the technical proposals. The Team Lead is required to have a postgraduate qualification in the broad area linked to the core deliverables of this assignment (e.g. Social Sciences). The technical proposal is evaluated on the basis of its responsiveness to the TOR, as captured in the evaluation criteria table below.

**Supporting evidence of the criteria below should be included in the technical proposal / annexes to the technical proposal.**

Selection criteria	Score (total 100)
Proposed approach and work plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scope of work is well defined and responds to the TOR;</li> <li>The approach and methodology are clear and will result in quality and depth of deliverables;</li> <li>The sequence of activities and the planning are realistic and promise efficient implementation of the project within prescribed timelines.</li> </ul>	25
Demonstrate knowledge of the context, legislation and policies of South Africa regarding youth and the Green Economy and Just Transition.	20
Experience of similar assignments, for example developing reports and/ publications, data analysis, knowledge and communication products. Provide supporting evidence.	15
Experience of youth-related work and implementing participatory approaches with youth. Provide supporting evidence.	10
The team demonstrates the necessary level of education and experience, and the team lead should hold at least a postgraduate degree in a relevant field.	10
Demonstration of a network of relevant stakeholders in the youth, green economy, and just transition thematic areas in South Africa.	10
Experience of working with international organisations and government stakeholders.	5
Individual / Team Lead completing the work are themselves youth (under 35 years old).	5

#### 5. REPORTING

The service provider will report to the UNDP South Africa, Focal Point in Nature, Climate and Energy (NCE). UNDP will work closely with the PAGE National Steering Committee (NSC), DFFE and other key bodies throughout the course of this assignment. The PAGE NSC will approve each of the deliverables for sign-off.

#### 6. PAYMENT

Payment will be made according to the following schedule, based on the deliverables under section 3.2 *Expected Deliverables*. Payment will be made upon final and approved submission of all sub-deliverables connected to each

deliverable. The UNDP South Africa NCE focal point will approve the deliverables which will trigger payment from UNDP. Deliverables have been clustered into 3 payments:

- Deliverable 1: 30% of contract value
- Deliverable 2: 30% of contract value
- Deliverable 3: 40% of contract value

## **7. TRAVEL**

The Financial Proposal must be all inclusive (inclusive of VAT). Foreseeable travel costs should be included in the Financial Proposal as part of the application submission documents. Unforeseeable travel costs must be discussed and firstly agreed and approved by UNDP. If UNDP agrees to the unforeseen costs of the Service Provider for travel, then the costs including transport, lodging and terminal expenses will be paid by UNDP on the basis of UNDP rates. The fare will always be “most direct, most economical” and any difference in price with the preferred route will be paid for by the Service Provider. UNDP will not cover any costs associated with moving to the Duty Station (Pretoria). There is no anticipated travel outside the country for this Assignment.

## **8. RESPONSE FORMAT**

To facilitate the analysis of responses, all interested parties are required to prepare their response in accordance with the instructions outlined in this section. All proposals should be electronically generated. The vendor will be hired on a UNDP contract.

Applicants are required to submit the following:

- A Technical Proposal: Letter of Interest, stating why you consider your service suitable for the assignment and a brief but well described methodology on the approach and implementation of the assignment, including a workplan;
- Evidence and examples of similar projects that have been successfully completed;
- Personal CVs highlighting the Team Lead, and Team Members’ qualifications and experience in similar projects;
- Work references – minimum of 3 references - contact details (e-mail addresses) of referees (organisation for whom you’ve produced similar assignments);
- All-inclusive (including VAT) financial proposal, indicating consultancy fee (South African Rand) and a breakdown of expenses (unit price together with any other expenses) related to the assignment. The proposal must incorporate all the costs including travel etc. for the service provider to achieve the required deliverables.

Applicants are required to submit their technical and financial proposals(separate) to [bid.pretoria@undp.org](mailto:bid.pretoria@undp.org) on or before the **03<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 16h00 SAST**.

## **Annex A: UNDP/PAGE Youth Barometer – Survey Questionnaire**

### **Project Objectives:**

- From a nation-wide South African youth perspective (18-34 years) to help understand where the gaps are in the national coordination of climate change and just transition activities and support the effort of DFFE/P4C;
- To support enhanced youth-led public participation and awareness around climate change, NDC enhancement and implementation, green jobs, generate a public debate, create a platform for youth dialogue and mobilise youth voices and opinions on how people's lives are affected by climate change and what change and interventions they would like to see in terms of e.g. the just transition from coal to clean energy;
- To contribute to the Government's efforts and ongoing initiatives to ensure that South Africa's NDC implementation, is 'bottom up' i.e. inclusive and people-centred, with the intention to leave no one behind, especially the youth constituency.

### **Draft survey questions**

#### **Demographics:**

1. Age (18+ to ensure no ethical issues)
  - a. 18-24
  - b. 25-29
  - c. 30-34
2. Geographic area  
Province  
Community
3. Gender
  - a. Female
  - b. Male
  - c. Other/prefer not to say
4. Occupation
  - a. Student
  - b. Employed
  - c. Unemployed
5. If unemployed, were you employed before Covid-19?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
6. Highest level of education
  - a. primary
  - b. secondary
  - c. post-secondary
  - d. degree

**Research Question: What is the youth's awareness of climate change, as well as causes and impacts?**

7. In one sentence, please tell us what you think about climate change.

*Agents to provide definition of climate change if respondents do not have good awareness*

*Climate change is: A change in global or regional climate patterns, due to the increased levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide produced by the use of fossil fuels like coal.*

8. Do you think climate change is a global emergency?
- Yes
  - No
  - I don't know
9. What do you think is the main cause of climate change?
- Human activity
  - Natural processes
  - Both human activity and natural processes
  - None of these
  - I don't know what causes climate change
10. What do you think are / will be the three worst impacts of climate change?
11. How do you think climate change will impact your future?

Research Question: What is the youth's awareness of climate related policies and plans?

12. Have you heard of any of the following?
- The Paris Agreement
  - The Sustainable Development Goals
  - Just transition
  - Nationally Determined Contributions
  - None of these
13. Do you think that national Government is taking enough action to mitigate and adapt to climate change?
- No, South Africa needs to significantly accelerate action on both climate change mitigation and adaptation towards an inclusive and low-carbon economy
  - Yes, South Africa is on the right track to mitigate and adapt to climate change, while maintaining the current economy and preserving jobs
  - South Africa should focus on other development challenges like unemployment, poverty, and inequality.
14. Do you think that your local government is taking enough action to prevent and adapt to climate change?
- Yes
  - Yes, because I know of some projects in my province / community that are related to climate change
  - No
  - No, because I don't know of any projects in my province / community that are related to climate change
  - No, because nobody I know is aware of climate change
15. Are you familiar with South Africa's climate change policies and plans and the Nationally Determined Contribution to the Paris Agreement?

- a. Not at all
- b. I have heard about it, but I don't know what the plans are
- c. I have some knowledge about South Africa's climate change policies and plans  
I know a lot about South Africa's climate change policies and plans

16. What are the top three things you think should be done about climate change?

Research Question: What do the youth think about opportunities in the green economy?

17. Do you know what the green economy is?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I have some idea

*If no data collection agents can explain: Green economy is any economic product ,service or activity that is done in an environmentally conscious and sustainable manner with the highest priority given to reducing the impact of the said activity on harming the environment.*

18. Which of these green economy sectors would you be the most interested in working in? (choose 3)

- a. Renewable energy
- b. Tourism
- c. Agriculture
- d. Food security
- e. Water security
- f. Transport
- g. Forestry
- h. Fisheries
- i. Waste management

19. What top 3 skills do you think will be needed for the future of green work?

- a. Science skills
- b. Architectural and planning skills
- c. Green engineering and tech skills
- d. Agriculture skills
- e. Environmental justice skills
- f. Systems skills
- g. Entrepreneurial skills
- h. Other (if other please state)

20. Do you think there are opportunities in the informal economy for green business?

- a. Yes
- b. Yes, because I know about some activities in my town / community that are related to green economy
- c. No
- d. No, because I don't know of any activities in my town / community that are related to green economy
- e. No, because nobody I know is aware of green economy



21. What do you think should be done to help youth participate in the green economy? (jobs/livelihood opportunities)

Research Question: What do youth think about coal and the energy sector?

22. Coal stands for almost 70% of South Africa's energy supply and the energy sector is the largest contributor to South Africa's greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to climate change. On the other hand, the coal sector contributes to the economy and employs many South Africans. What do you think about the use of coal?
- a. More support should be provided to the coal sector
  - b. The current use of coal should be kept
  - c. Coal should slowly be phased out as a primary source of energy and replaced with other energy sources
  - d. Coal should quickly be phased out and replaced with renewable energy sources
23. What should be done for coal-mining communities and workers in the coal mining sector if coal is phased out?

Research Question: Are youth aware of how to engage on climate change issues?

24. Do you know how you can share your views on climate change with the South African government?
- a. No, I don't know how I can share my views
  - b. I do know how to share my views, but I am not interested in doing so
  - c. I do know how to share my views
  - d. I do know how to share my views, and I have done so

If c or d, follow up question: How do you share your views

- a. Social media/online platforms (e.g. Twitter and Facebook)
- b. I write letters to local council
- c. I protest and submit memorandums with others
- d. Other (*if other please state*)

25. How would you like to participate in the response to climate change?
- a. I would not like to participate
  - b. Join youth or community groups focused on climate change
  - c. Start a community initiative (e.g. a clean-up, tree-planting, awareness raising etc.)
  - d. Start my own sustainable business
  - e. Potentially receive training on green economy skills
  - f. Enroll in formal education in a green economy sector
  - g. Other (*if other please state*)
26. How do you think youth participation in the national coordination of climate change issues can be strengthened?
- a. A national youth and climate change body
  - b. National youth and climate change dialogues
  - c. Provincial youth and climate change dialogues
  - d. Support to youth groups and networks
  - e. Support to education and capacity building initiatives
  - f. Other (*if other please state*)