Memorandum of Information European Tender 'Support on Nature Based Solutions to the Kathmandu Ecological Urban Renewal (KEUR) Project'

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In this Memorandum of Information, the contracting authority provides answers to the questions asked and remarks posted in the context of the above-mentioned European tender. This Memorandum of Information forms an integral part of the tender document (with reference 202505025, 15 Oct. 2026)

#	**Chapter/ Paragraph from the tender document / ToRs**	**Question**	**Answer**
1	References - 4.3.2	References must be signed by the client. Some clients may not sign reference forms, particularly IFIs such as the World Bank or ADB, or clients of ongoing assignments. What alternative evidence is acceptable in these cases? Examples: a. A signed contract or contract extract showing scope and value b. Client-approved deliverable, progress report or payment certificate showing the completed results? c. Email confirmation from the client's task team leader instead of the standard form?	A reference signed by the client is preferable. Should you be unable to obtain a signed reference, other documents demonstrating value, period and nature of the assignment will be accepted. The examples mentioned in this question are indeed acceptable, provided they sufficiently corroborate the information given in the reference
2	Sharing outputs	Can the outputs of the KEUR Phase 1 project be shared with bidders?	Yes, the outputs from KEUR phase 1 can be found with these tenderdocuments in Tenderned.
3	ToR Component 1, Task 2; Component 3	Please clarify the modelling arrangements: a. What software is the existing hydrological model built in, what does it cover, and is it calibrated? Which software will the ADB	A hydrological model for the rivers was developed previously. A full catchment model will be developed in early 2027. The specific modelling arrangements will be discussed at the start of the assignment. It has been confirmed that you can request

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		consultant use? b. Will these models be made available to the RVO consultant to run, or will the ADB consultant run simulations for scenarios we define? c. If the ADB consultant runs the simulations, how many scenario runs and what turnaround time can we assume?	parameters to be modeled by the ADB consultancy team and use these outputs for your analysis.
4	ToR Component 1, Task 2	We understand the hydrological and hydrogeological analysis will mainly use existing data, supported by site visits to validate conditions (e.g., visual inspection, rapid assessments). Please confirm that no detailed field investigations or technical surveys are expected. If they are, will the ADB consultant carry them out?	Confirmed.
5	ToR Component 1, Task 1	Will the ADB consultant or client government provide a shortlist of candidate sites for us to validate and enhance or should we identify sites independently? Roughly how many sites are expected?	Both. Sites should be chosen in consultation with the ADB and the client government during a kickoff meeting, but can be identified in previous assignments and per your own analysis. It is currently difficult to say how many sites this will be exactly. The previous study done in 2022-2023 includes an extensive assessment of the situation in Kathmandu and also lists potential sites. In the Baghmati Action Plan 25 sites are specifically mentioned both inside and outside of the city, which can be validated. Sites need to be chosen for their feasibility of implementing NBS and potential for impact.
6	Roles	Can the international senior project leader (T1) also act as one of the senior experts in T2 or T3?	Yes.
7	Responsibility and liability for the final designs	The Contractor provides "inputs" to engineering designs prepared by others. Please confirm that responsibility and liability for the final designs stay with the ADB consultant.	Confirmed.
8	ADB's feasibility consultant	The ADB feasibility consultant will be engaged "early 2027". What is the expected mobilisation date? How should tenderers plan if that consultant is not yet active when this	- Mobilisation is expected in January/February 2027 - If that consultant is not yet active, work will be started in direct consultation with the ADB project team in Kathmandu.

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		contract starts in February 2027? What kind of interaction is foreseen between the two project ? Will our team have direct working-level contact with the ADB feasibility consultant? Is coordination with this RVO assignment included in their TOR, for example sharing data, interim outputs and model results? Would it be possible to share the ToR for the assignment for the feasibility consultant ?	- Both teams are expected to have a working level interaction and actively exchange information and plans. This will be overseen by both the ADB and RVO project officers and for this purpose regular meetings will be held. However, contact between the teams will be as direct as possible, also facilitated by joint missions to Kathmandu. - Yes, data, interim outputs and model results will be shared with you.
9	Fixed price vs. payment on actual costs	Reference: Tender Document §3.4 P5 (p.11), §3.6.1 (p.12–13), §5.2.4 (p.19–20); Annex 3 Draft Contract Art. 3.1 and 3.5 The documents describe two different payment bases: §3.4 P5 says: "The Tenderer will be paid based on the actual realised costs up to the maximum total price." §3.6.1 also asks for a summary of actual hours/days worked with each invoice. Annex 3 Art. 3.1 and §5.2.4 refer to a "fixed total price". Art. 3.5 links payment to fixed percentages of that price per milestone (15/20/25/20/20%). Could the Contracting Authority please clarify: a) Is the contract a fixed-price contract, where milestone payments are the stated percentage of the total price, or a cost-reimbursable contract with a ceiling, where only days and costs actually spent are paid up to the maximum? b) If cost-reimbursable: is each milestone payment capped at the stated percentage, or based on the costs incurred up to that milestone? How is the final payment settled if total costs end up below the ceiling? c) If fixed-price: what is the purpose of the timesheet summary required under §3.6.1?	This is a fixed price contract. The draft contract included in the tender documents is correct. P5 This text is incorrect. The text "The Tenderer will be paid based on the actual realized costs" shall be removed Payment schedule on p. 12-13 is correct. 5.2.4 p. 19-20 Text should be replaced by the following text: **Fixed total price.** The price of your Tender will be assessed on the basis of the fixed total price you offer for the complete assignment, excl. of dutch VAT. A corrected timesheet is uploaded with this Memorandum of Information The time allocation per team member, planning of workshops, etc. should be described under Project Management (5.2.3). Text §3.6.1. "With your invoice, you must include a summary of the actual hours/days worked in accordance with the applicable rates." shall be removed.

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		Can unused budget be moved between roles or between fee days and expenses without a contract change?	
10	ToR §3	RVO approves deliverables, while ADB reviews them and steers the technical content. How are conflicting comments or instructions from RVO and ADB resolved? Who has the final say on technical choices?	RVO will, as commissioner of this assignment, facilitate a structured process for giving feedback on deliverables. As you are contracted by RVO, RVO has the final say in the case of conflicting comments. In the case of conflicting instructions that can't be solved at a working level, please refer to us and we will coordinate with the ADB.
11	ToR C1 Task 1; ToR §3	ToR C1 Task 1; ToR §3: ADB "will facilitate" consultations. Can we assume ADB pays for venues, logistics and translations? How many consultations or workshops does RVO expect? Can our stakeholder consultations be combined with consultations already planned by ADB and its consultant?	At least one stakeholder consultation session is mentioned in the TOR. The consultant can participate in and build on consultations organized by the ADB or organize joint sessions. Otherwise, the consultant is free to propose and determine the appropriate consultation process as part of the methodology. For any specific stakeholders consultations planned by yourself, please budget for all associated costs.
12	Regarding Scope of work (Annex 8), Component 3. Analysis of KEUR Components' Impact on the Kathmandu Valley	Please provide further clarity on the criteria for prioritizing investments, lifecycle cost assessments, sustainable operation and maintenance (O&M) arrangements, and institutional responsibilities to ensure the effective implementation and long-term sustainability of the proposed interventions.	The goal of component 3 is not to prioritize investments, but to develop an assessment framework that allows for systems level thinking as opposed to separate, discrete interventions. The final responsibility for the actual package of interventions lies with the Kathmandu government and the ADB team. Specific indicators for the framework are mentioned in the TOR, which need to be validated with the ADB during the assignment. Other indicators can be proposed by the consultant.
13	Regarding Scope of work (Annex 8), Component 1, task 5. Implementation and O&M Framework of NBS options	What will be the level of detail that is required? And The ToR mentions three monitoring indicators specifically related to potential impacts of NBS.	These inputs are specifically related to the implementation of O&M planning of the chosen NBS options. Some guidance should be given in the technical notes on how to plan and prioritize these investments, also specifically looking at O&M. Cost estimates should be ready to input into the overall Feasibility Study. The monitoring indicators are meant to show which main performance indicators are expected in a monitoring plan.
14	Regarding Scope of work (Annex 8), Component 1, task 4. Support for Engineering Design of NbS options	What will be the number of locations and size? And what will be the level of detail that is required?	See question 5. The level of detail is that of conceptual design.

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15	Regarding Scope of work (Annex 8), Component 1, task 3. Development of NbS Options	In the SoW four specific NBS are presented. Potentially there are more solutions. Is the analysis and support from this RVO project limited to these 4 solutions?	No.
16	Regarding Scope of work (Annex 8), Component 1, task 2. Hydrogeological and Hydrological Analysis	We assume no additional field work and lab analyses need to be executed as part of this RVO project. Therefore aspects as 'quantify stormwater runoff….' will be based on existing information as collected in task 1. Can you please confirm?	Confirmed.
17	Regarding Scope of work (Annex 8), Component 1, task 1. Baseline Assessment and Site Identification	Is there a specific demand how the findings and lessons learned from previous ADB-supported studies and the KEUR project need to be incorporated into this assignment, or is this free to decide for the consultant?	This is free to decide for the consultant.
18	7.3.15 Structure and content of the Tender	It is mentioned that the References should be signed by the referee. We assume that a letter of satisfaction is also sufficient. Can you please confirm?	Refer to question 1.
19	4.3.3 Quality assurance (technical qualifications)	As proof a certificate for the quality assurance system such as the 'European standards series EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015.' Is requested. We assume a certificate of our ISO 9001 and ISO 27001 quality assurance system are sufficient. Can you please confirm?	Yes, this is a comparable certificate for quality-assurance system.
20		The Terms of Reference indicate that a consulting firm will be engaged by ADB in early 2027 to undertake the comprehensive feasibility study and selected detailed engineering designs for the KEUR project, while the consultant contracted by RVO will provide specific technical inputs to this process. Could RVO clarify how the two assignments are expected to be coordinated, particularly regarding the division of responsibilities, technical scope, deliverables and implementation schedules? Furthermore,	RVO focusses on specific specialist inputs for including NBS and sponge city measures, as well as an assessment of system level impact of the KEUR package of interventions. ADB is responsible for the full FS and detailed design phase, and will continue well after the NBS inputs have been finalized. Specifically, you will be expected to provide technical notes about interventions that are ready to input into the FS. To prepare these, you can work independently but you are expected to coordinate directly and regularly with the ADB consultancy team to ensure alignment with their work. For any modelling work, you can work with the local modelling team by sending a direct request. Further specific arrangements will be made in a kick-off meeting and in the first few weeks of the assignment.

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		could it be confirmed which activities will fall under the responsibility of the ADB consultant and which are expected to be independently undertaken by the RVO consultant?	
21	Relationship between the RVO and ADB assignments	Considering the substantial technical overlap between the RVO assignment and the upcoming ADB consultancy, could RVO clarify whether participation in the RVO assignment would create any actual or perceived conflict of interest for a consulting firm, its joint venture partners or subcontractors wishing to participate in the ADB procurement? More specifically, could RVO confirm whether a firm awarded the RVO contract would remain eligible to participate in the ADB assignment, either independently or as part of a consortium, and vice versa? Have RVO and ADB coordinated on the applicable procurement rules and conflict-of-interest provisions to ensure that participation in either assignment does not unintentionally restrict eligibility for the other?	There will be no conflict of interest between the two assignments for any of the parties involved and firms are eligible for both. This has been confirmed with both RVO and the ADB.
22		The scope of the RVO assignment includes hydrological and hydrogeological assessments, support for feasibility studies, inputs to engineering designs, and system-wide impact assessments. These activities appear to overlap with the responsibilities of the ADB consultant, including comprehensive feasibility studies, detailed engineering design and catchment modelling. Could RVO clarify how duplication of technical activities will be avoided? In particular, can it be confirmed that the RVO consultant is expected to provide complementary specialist inputs, rather than independently undertaking or repeating feasibility assessments, hydraulic modelling and	Confirmed. RVO focusses on specific specialist inputs for including NBS and sponge city measures, as well as an assessment of system level impact of the KEUR package of interventions.

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		engineering designs that fall within the scope of the ADB consultant?	
23		The Terms of Reference indicate that previous studies, ongoing surveys and hydrological models developed under the ADB project will provide important inputs to this assignment. Could RVO indicate how far the ADB assignment has progressed? Could RVO clarify how potential delays in the mobilization or delivery of the ADB consultancy will be addressed? In particular, will adjustments to the RVO assignment's schedule, deliverables or scope be considered where required inputs from ADB or its consultants are not available within the anticipated timeframe?	The pre-FS phase, phase 1, is finalized. At the moment, the ADB has several consultants that are active with finalizing extensive surveys and data analysis. These will be finalized by the end of 2026. The ADB consultancy will start in January 2027 with a planned mission in February. Furthermore, a catchment model will be built as an addition to the previous hydrological model in early 2027. RVO will provide inputs regardless of delays on the side of the ADB, in the form of technical notes. As the current Partners for Water program cycle is ending in 2027, work needs to be delivered by November 25 at the latest with no extension possible.
24		The Terms of Reference indicate that the RVO consultant will conduct stakeholder consultations in close coordination with ADB and the Nepalese government, while ADB will facilitate government engagement and validation sessions. Could RVO clarify the expected division of responsibilities for stakeholder engagement, particularly regarding the organization of meetings, involvement of local authorities and communities, and collection of stakeholder inputs? Can it be confirmed that the RVO consultant may participate in and build upon consultations organized under the ADB assignment, rather than conducting a separate consultation process for the same interventions?	At least one stakeholder consultation session is mentioned in the TOR. The consultant can participate in and build on consultations organized by the ADB or organize joint sessions. Otherwise, the consultant is free to propose and determine the appropriate consultation process as part of the methodology. For any specific stakeholders consultations planned by yourself, please budget for all associated costs.
25		The Terms of Reference indicate that RVO is responsible for final approval of deliverables, while ADB and its local consulting team will participate in technical reviews and provide comments.	Correct.
26		Could RVO clarify how potentially differing technical requirements or recommendations	As this assignment focuses on specific technical inputs, you can determine the best methodology for technical inputs. Please

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		from RVO and ADB will be addressed? In particular, which party will have final authority regarding technical assumptions, design requirements and the acceptance of technical outputs intended for integration into the ADB feasibility study?	discuss specific design requirements and technical assumptions with the ADB staff and consultancy team at the start of the assignment.
27	Extension of the clarification deadline	Extension clarification deadline: TenderNed indicates the deadline is 26th of October, while the document states October 28th. Could you please amend the deadline for clarifications on Tenderned to October 28th?	Deadline for asking questions applied is 28.
28	Extension of deadline	With reference to the tender schedule in Section 1.3, we kindly request RVO to consider extending both the deadline for submitting clarification questions (28 October 2026) and the tender submission deadline (24 November 2026). Given the added scope of the project compared to the market orientation, sufficient time is required to establish a qualified consortium and prepare a competitive, high-quality proposal. Would RVO therefore consider extending both deadlines by at least two weeks to facilitate consortium formation, ensure adequate proposal preparation?	The submission deadline will be extended to **December 2 2026, 12:00 PM hours CET**
29		We submitted an EOI to ADB in June 2026 for "TA-10692 NEP: Kathmandu Valley Ecological Urban Renewal – Kathmandu Valley Ecological Urban Renewal." ADB has not yet published a shortlist for this TA. The present RVO/Partners for Water assignment appears to provide technical inputs into the same overall KEUR project preparation process. Could you please confirm whether firms, consortium partners, and/or experts involved in TA procured by ADB related to KEUR are	See question 21.

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		eligible to submit a proposal for this RVO/PvW assignment? Would participation in this RVO/PvW assignment create any conflict of interest or eligibility issue if the same firm/consortium/experts are also shortlisted or selected for the ADB assignment, or vice versa?	
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30	Design scope and reviews	How many sites and what types of measures should we cover under Components 1 and 2? What level of design is needed, and how many review rounds should we plan for?	This will be discussed at the start of the assignment. Please refer to the previous reports attached for the full picture and previously assessed sites.
31	Available models and data	For Component 1 - Task 2, which models, data and previous studies will be available to us, and when?	See attached for part of the previous studies. Any other relevant material will be shared at the start of this assignment.
32	Hydrological modelling	Under Task 2, do we need to develop a new hydrological model, or can we use an existing one? What level of detail is needed?	A hydrological model for the rivers was developed previously. A full catchment model will be developed in early 2027. The specific modelling arrangements will be discussed at the start of the assignment. It has been confirmed that you can request parameters to be modeled by the ADB consultancy team and use these outputs for your analysis.
33	Green roofs: buildings or neighbourhoods	Should we identify specific buildings suitable for green roofs, or assess the potential at a lower spatial level? Assessing individual buildings would need information such as their structural capacity, that may not be readily available.	This task requires you to assess the potential and support the ADB team and the Nepali government with identifying suitable buildings. You are not required to make the identification or prioritization yourself.
34	Component 3: modelling responsibilities	Are we expected to model the effects of nature-based solutions on flood risk, groundwater recharge and water quality, or	It has been confirmed that you can request parameters to be modeled by the ADB consultancy team and use these outputs for

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		support the ADB team through advice, reviews and training and semi-quantitive score? If we need to do the modelling, how many measures and scenarios should we include? This will have a large effect on the work needed.	your analysis. That means no intensive modelling is required for by you for this assignment.
35	Delays to surveys and ADB inputs	If surveys, model inputs or the ADB feasibility consultant are delayed, can our start date, delivery dates and review schedule be adjusted? How would we agree these changes?	Within the timeframe that is possible. As the current Partners for Water program cycle is ending in 2027, work needs to be delivered by November 25 at the latest with no extension possible.
36	Scoring team balance	Will team balance—gender, age, experience and the local/international mix—be assessed across the whole team, including support staff, or only the experts proposed for T1–T3? Does the time each person spends on the project affect the score? How many points are available for team balance?	Team balance will be assessed as part of the full criterion 5.2.2, this includes allocated time for different team members. There are 25 points for the proposed team. All sub-criteria are assessed as a whole, of which team balance is one aspect.
37	Signed project completion certificates	Can we use an existing client-signed completion certificate instead of getting a new signature on Annex 6, if the two documents together provide all the required information? Getting new signatures for projects completed several years ago can take time.	Refer to question 1
38	Parallel work and payment milestones	Do components 1, 2 and 3 run in parallel? If so, can payments reflect progress within each component? If payments only follow completion of each component, we may have to cover most project costs before receiving those payments.	Yes, components 1,2 and 3 are expected to run in parallel. Payment schedule remains unchanged.
39	ADB feasibility study schedule	Could you share the schedule for the larger ADB feasibility study, including key milestones and when our inputs are needed?	The FS phase will take 22 months. The bulk of the technical work is planned in 2027. The actual FS will be executed in 2028. The plan for approval is end-2028 or early-2029. The inputs of this assignment are needed in 2027.

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40	Days for support tasks	Could you give an estimate of the days expected for each support task? Can we agree a maximum number of days per task, with flexibility to move unused days between tasks? This would help us keep the work within budget.	Unused days can be moved between tasks. Contractor can bill up to the maximum amount offered.
41	Stakeholder engagement and participatory design	The TOR refers to stakeholder consultations and incorporating community inputs into the development and design of interventions. Could you clarify: - whether stakeholder identification, mapping and initial consultations will already have been completed under the wider ADB feasibility study; - whether existing stakeholder analyses, consultation records and engagement outputs will be made available to the consultant; - which party will be responsible for organizing and facilitating stakeholder engagement activities; and - the expected scale and number of consultations, workshops or engagement events to be undertaken under this assignment. Given the city-wide nature of the assignment, a detailed participatory planning process involving a broad range of stakeholder groups could represent a substantial scope of work. Understanding the intended level of stakeholder engagement is therefore important for appropriately resourcing and budgeting the assignment.	- Stakeholder identification and initial consultations have already been completed in previous phases. - You can make use of results of previous stakeholder consultations. This can be discussed with the ADB at the start of the assignment. - At least one stakeholder consultation session is mentioned in the TOR. The consultant can participate in and build on consultations organized by the ADB or organize joint sessions. Otherwise, the consultant is free to propose and determine the appropriate consultation process as part of the methodology. For any specific stakeholders consultations planned by yourself, please budget for all associated costs. - You are not responsible for the full participatory process under the wider FS. The FS will run for much longer than the RVO assignment. Any stakeholder consultations should be linked to your own specific inputs for this assignment and be realistic within the time available.

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42	Stakeholder engagement and participatory design	To what extent are stakeholder inputs expected to inform or influence the selection and design of interventions? Is stakeholder engagement intended primarily for validation of proposed concepts, or for co-development and refinement of intervention options?	This can be discussed at the start of the assignment. The timing of this assignment is short, making a full co-development process difficult to achieve. So consultations should at least be focused on validation of proposed concepts.
43	Local consultant	Could you please confirm whether the local partner's potential involvement in the wider ADB feasibility study, if selected for that assignment, would create any conflict of interest or affect its eligibility to participate in this assignment?	No conflict of interest.
44	*2.1 In the first phase (2023–2026) individual consultants were mobilized to undertake upstream field-based work, including community consultations, surveys, land and institutional assessments, and preliminary technical investigations. This phase served to validate priority interventions, confirm feasibility from social, environmental, and implementation perspectives, and define the scope, locations, and design parameters of the project components."*	Would it be possible to share the data and studies produced during this phase, so that we can gain a better understanding of the baseline research and information already available? This would enable us to develop a more informed methodology and a corresponding process for our tender submission.	Yes, see attached.
45	2.2 page 7	To what extent is collaboration with the local ADB team and the Ministry of Urban Development expected? Could you provide an indication of the anticipated division of responsibilities among the parties involved throughout the process?	See TOR for more details.

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46	2.2 page 7: *'This assignment will provide support to the local ADB team and will work in close coordination with the team and other consulting firms working on the project':*	Which other consulting firms are involved in the project and What are their respective objectives and assignments, and to what extent is collaboration with these firms expected?	Specific firms are unknown at this time.
47	3.1 Requirements relating to the team of experts:	What is the expected number and frequency of meetings and local stakeholder engagement sessions in addition to the monthly meetings with the contracting authority? Alternatively, is the consultant free to propose and determine the appropriate consultation process as part of the methodology?	At least one stakeholder consultation session is mentioned in the TOR. The consultant can participate in and build on consultations organized by the ADB or organize joint sessions. Otherwise, the consultant is free to propose and determine the appropriate consultation process as part of the methodology. For any specific stakeholders consultations planned by yourself, please budget for all associated costs.
48	Annex 8 Terms of Reference **2. scope of this assignment**	Could you provide a map showing the proposed project area?	Please refer to the reports shared with the Memorandum of Information on TenderNed
49	Annex 8 Terms of Reference **2. scope of this assignment**	Have specific locations or sites already been selected that we should focus on in our tender submission?	Please refer to the reports shared with the Memorandum of Information on TenderNed
50	Annex 8 Terms of Reference **2. scope of this assignment**	You state: "Currently, consultants are active with carrying out data surveys on a number of topics relevant for the second phase." When are these data collection activities expected to be completed, and when will the resulting data be made available? Will these activities run in parallel with our assignment? Would these consultants be available to provide additional data or conduct further surveys if needed during the project?	The surveys will be finalized by the end of 2026. Any relevant resulting data will be made available to you at the start of the assignment. For the scope of the RVO assignment, no additional surveys are expected.
51	Annex 8 Terms of Reference **2. scope of this assignment**	Who are the members of the local project team? Can we assume that the team consists of members of ADB and the Ministry, or are	The local project team consists of ADB staff and the firm that will be hired for the FS, who work closely with the ministry.

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		other local stakeholders and organizations involved as well?	
52	Annex 8 Terms of Reference **2. scope of this assignment**	Which background documents and previous studies are available on the KEUR project and other relevant developments for this assignment? Would it be possible to access these documents to gain a better understanding of the existing knowledge base?	Please refer to the reports shared with the Memorandum of Information on TenderNed
53	Component 1	The Terms of Reference explicitly require hydro(geo)logical modelling. What level of detail is expected for these modelling studies?	A hydrological model for the rivers was developed previously. A full catchment model will be developed in early 2027. The specific modelling arrangements will be discussed at the start of the assignment. It has been confirmed that you can request parameters to be modeled by the ADB consultancy team and use these outputs for your analysis.
54	Component 1	How many sites are expected to be identified and developed in detail under Component 1	See question 30.
55	Component 1	To what extent has hydro(geo)logical modelling already been undertaken as part of previous studies? If such models are available, would it be possible to share them?	See question 53.
56	Component 2	Has a quantitative and qualitative inventory of green spaces and corridors already been carried out, or are we expected to undertake this inventory as part of the assignment?	See previous reports.
57	Component 2	The development and design of priority parks and corridors is mentioned. How many parks/corridors are expected to be developed in detail, or is the selection and number of parks to be determined by the consultant?	The selection and number of parks can be discussed at the start of the assignment.
58	Component 2	Has an inventory been compiled of the total roof area suitable for the implementation of a	Unknown at this time.

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		green roof strategy? If so, would it be possible to share the relevant data?	
59	Component 2	How many park and corridor sponge system designs are we expected to develop and deliver?	You are expected to provide the overall design strategy and provide the ADB with enough input so they can make detailed engineering designs. This includes creation some designs for specific sites. Specific numbers and sites can be discussed at the start of the assignment.
60	Component 2	What level of detail is expected for the park and corridor sponge system designs?	Conceptual design level, including all aspects mentioned in the TOR.
61	Component 3	Regarding the impact assessment, do you already have an assessment framework in mind that we could use as a starting point for developing the framework required to assess the system-wide interactions between the KEUR components?	No, you can determine a suitable assessment methodology. Some indicators are already mentioned in the TOR.
62	Component 3	Are we expected to assess only the components defined as part of our own assignment, or should we also take into account components emerging from other parallel studies?	For component 3, the are expected to create an assessment framework for the whole KEUR package of interventions, including other studies. That does not mean you are meant to do the full assessment yourself.
63	Component 3	If the results of other parallel studies need to be incorporated into our assessment, would it be possible to obtain their findings and data in advance, or will these be made available during the assignment? If the latter, when are these studies expected to be completed?	Any relevant material will be shared at the start of the assignment.
64	Component 3	What level of detail is expected in the conclusions and recommendations of the impact assessment report?	No specific criteria. Please look at the expected contribution and determine a level of detail that allows for this.
65	Tender document §2.1; ToR §1	Can the existing studies, data and models be shared now, during the tender period? For example: the CDIA pre-feasibility study, the	Yes.

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		earlier RVO-supported inputs including the GIS-based resilience impact model, the Bagmati Action Plan, and the phase 1 hydrological model. If not, which of these will be available to the Contractor, and when?	
66	Tender document §3.4, P2 and P5; ToR §3	Should participant-related costs for consultations and workshops, such as travel or sitting allowances for government officials and community participants, be included in the Tenderer's budget, or are these covered by ADB?	See question 11.
67	Tender document §2.1; ToR §1	Can the Terms of Reference of the consulting firm to be engaged by ADB for the phase 2 feasibility study and detailed engineering design be shared?	The TOR will be shared at the start of this assignment.
68	Tender document §4.3.2	References must have been "executed or completed within the three years prior to the closing date." Does a reference qualify if it started before 24 November 2023 but was completed, or partly executed, after that date?	Yes
69	Tender document §3.1, T2, T3 and T9; §5.2.2	Regarding the composition of the team: For T2, must the senior hydrogeologist and landscape architect/urban planner be international non-Nepalese), or can a Nepalese expert with relevant international experience fulfil this requirement?	Any role can be fulfilled by a qualified specialist of international or Nepalese nationality.
70	Tender document §5.4	Section 5.4 states that "your total fixed price must fall within this range" €270,000–300,000), but also that "if your price is below the range, your offer will receive maximum points 20)." Is a total price below €270,000 permitted, or will such a tender be rejected?	As stated in section 5.4. a price below €270,000 is allowed and will receive maximum points (20).

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71	Tender document §5.2.1–5.2.3	Could you confirm that the cover page and table of contents do not count towards the page limits of the technical proposal?	Confirmed.
72	Tender document §5.2.1–5.2.3	We read Component 2 as supporting Output 3 "Resilient and Inclusive Public Green Spaces"). For the 120 ha of parks and 18 km of green corridors, we would expect to develop a sponge city strategy and NbS typologies for the whole network, and to work out a limited number of representative priority parks and corridor sections at concept level. Is this in line with ADB's expectations, and is there an indicative number of priority parks to focus on?	This is in line with expectations. Specific sites and numbers can be discussed at the start of the assignment.
73	**ToR, Component 1, Task 2; Component 3**	Are there agreed climate change and urbanisation scenarios for KEUR, for example from ADB's climate risk assessment, that the analysis should use?	Please refer to the previous report. This specific question can be discussed at the start of the assignment.

Remarks regarding ARVODI-2025

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1.	Applicable Government Terms and conditions		Annex 4 Government Terms and Conditions	As indicated in the draft contract, the applicable Government terms and conditions is ARVODI 2025. Available through this link: Arvodi 2025 - Public Service Contract Also available with the tenderdocuments in Tenderned as Annex 4A

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2	Question regarding Article 3 of ARVODI-2025 intended use)	Article 3 ARVODI-2025 stipulates that the Services 'must be suitable for the intended use as arising from the Contract'. This wording may be interpreted as a so-called 'fit-for-purpose' obligation. Such an obligation goes beyond the usual obligation in engineering/advisory services, where work is carried out in accordance with the professional standard of a reasonably competent and reasonably acting engineer. The intended use of the Services depends on various factors beyond the consultant's control, such as the client's choices, further development in later phases and implementation aspects. For this reason, a fit-for-purpose obligation is neither customary nor appropriate for engineering/advisory services. Furthermore, obligations of this nature are generally not insurable under regular professional indemnity insurance policies. We therefore request that the Netherlands Enterprise Agency deletes the phrase 'fit for the intended use' from Article 3 and processes this deletion in article 10 of the Public Services Contract. If you still wish to retain this provision, we request that you describe, in the response to this question in the Information Memorandum, in concrete and		The contracting authority maintains Article 3 of the ARVODI-2025. For this assignment, the intended use of the Services refers to the requirements set out in the Contract. The Services must meet these requirements and be performed competently. In carrying out the contracted work, the Contractor must exercise the care of a good contractor.

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		objective terms what is meant by the "intended use" in the context of this assignment.		
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