

Type of Opportunity: Individual Consultant

Title of Research: Strengthening Integrity Safeguards in Pakistan's Emerging Carbon Markets

Application Closing Date: May 13, 2026

Location of Consultancy: Karachi/Remote

BACKGROUND

This engagement builds on Transparency International Pakistan's prior research on climate governance and carbon market readiness, which identified governance gaps in institutional coordination, integrity safeguards and community benefit sharing mechanisms.

Building on this foundation, the current study aims to develop an assessment framework focused on pilot carbon market projects in Pakistan. As carbon market activities move forward, there remains limited publicly available evidence on how integrity safeguards and benefit sharing mechanisms are applied in practice.

To address this gap, the research aims to evaluate the ongoing pilot projects using publicly available data and a structured methodology, benchmarking projects and participating entities against defined integrity and benefit sharing metrics. The analysis identifies good practices, highlights disclosure gaps, and generates evidence to strengthen transparency, through informed policy and implementation in Pakistan's carbon market.

OBJECTIVES

- Develop a governance and integrity assessment framework to evaluate carbon market projects in Pakistan, with a focus on transparency, benefit sharing and information disclosure.
- Assess selected pilot carbon market projects using publicly available data to identify integrity risks, disclosure gaps, and good practices
- Generate evidence-based insights on governance challenges, safeguard mechanisms, and institutional gaps in Pakistan's emerging carbon market framework
- Produce analytical outputs to inform policy and legislative discussions on carbon market governance and oversight

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINE

The consultancy will span over 2.5 months, with the following deliverables:

S. No.	Deliverable	Description	Deadline
1	Inception Report	Detailed methodology, including framework design, selection criteria for pilot projects, data sources, and analytical approach	May-26
2	Assessment Framework and Scoring Methodology	Development of a structured framework with defined indicators, scoring system, and data requirements to assess transparency, integrity, and benefit sharing in carbon market projects	Jun-26
3	Pilot Project Dataset and Assessment (Draft)	Compilation of dataset of selected pilot carbon market projects and application of the framework, including project level scoring, comparative analysis, and identification of gaps and good practices	Jun-26
4	Draft Analytical Report (Policy Paper)	Comprehensive analysis of governance structures, integrity risks, safeguard gaps, and institutional challenges in Pakistan's carbon markets, drawing on project level findings	Jul-26
5	Policy Briefs	2 to 3 concise policy briefs translating key findings	Jul-26
6	Draft Report	Final Report	Jul-26
7	Dissemination Workshop	Preparation of summary materials and support in conducting workshop for stakeholders	Aug-26

All deliverables will be submitted in English, electronically, and adhere to high standards of editing and quality control.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Master's degree in climate policy, environmental science, environmental economics, public policy, governance, development studies, or a related field.
- At least 7 to 10 years of experience in climate change, environment, or natural resources, with demonstrated expertise in carbon markets, climate governance, or policy development.
- Proven track record in developing actionable frameworks and conducting capacity building initiatives

- Strong understanding of government structures and institutional coordination at federal and provincial levels in Pakistan, including experience working with ministries, departments, and regulatory bodies
- Familiarity with Pakistan’s climate policies and institutional frameworks is highly desirable

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Description	Points
Relevant Experience and Qualifications	Educational background and years of relevant experience in carbon markets, climate governance, climate finance, nature resources or policy research	20
Proposed Methodology and Approach	Clarity, feasibility, and technical soundness of the proposed methodology, including framework development, data sources, and analytical approach	25
Experience in Similar Assignments	Demonstrated experience in developing analytical frameworks, governance assessments, or similar research studies	25
Financial Proposal	Cost effectiveness and value for money	30
Total Points		100

REMUNERATION AND COSTS

The consultant will receive a lump sum payment based on the successful completion of agreed-upon milestones and deliverables.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants should submit the following documents in English as part of their application package:

1. Researcher Profile highlighting qualifications and relevant experience.
2. A brief proposal describing the approach to the assignment, research methods, and a detailed cost breakdown.
3. At least one sample of relevant previous work (e.g., reports, frameworks, toolkits).

Applications should be submitted by 13th May 2026 to comms@transparency.org.pk with the subject line: *Application for Consultancy: Strengthening Integrity Safeguards in Pakistan’s Emerging Carbon Markets*