

Answers to frequently asked questions

Q1) Will it be possible to get a 3-week extension on submission of the RFI due to a clash with summer holidays in the EU.

Currently we are not considering the extension of the RFI deadline. However, partial submissions will be accepted, if not yet complete by 30 July due to time constraints. Respondents should please indicate which areas of the RFI response will obtain greater clarity beyond the deadline date. Further information can be provided after the deadline if a partial response has been submitted. If there is an extension to the deadline in the future this will be communicated.

Q2) Are projects that do not yet have fixed off-take agreements in place allowed to participate in this RFI call?

Yes, projects with no off-take agreements currently in place will still be considered. However, it should be noted that off-take agreements are one of number of criteria that the team will use to identify candidate projects to proceed to bilateral engagements. If no off-take agreement is in place, a description of the path towards how such off-take agreements would be achieved in the future should be provided, alternatively a description can be provided of the market for which the product will be sold on a commodity basis.

Q3) Are projects allowed to source additional funds from the private sector?

Yes, absolutely. One of the metrics that will be considered is the degree to which the funding can be leveraged for further investment.

Q4) Does the hydrogen production plant need to be co-located with the renewable energy power?

No co-location is not mandatory. Options of “wheeling” power from off-site renewables can also be considered.

Q5) Must the hydrogen that is generated in this project be used directly in South Africa, or could it be shipped to the EU?

Projects looking to export hydrogen will be considered in this RFI. It should be noted that only one German concessional funding source will be allowed, either this KfW programme, H2Global, or IKI.