

FACILITY FROM THE REGIONAL TEACHER INITIATIVE FOR AFRICA

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Study and benchmark on initiatives promoting teachers' green skills GHANA

Expertise: International Consultant

SUMMARY TABLE

Corresponding CAP technical area	<i>Teachers' governance</i> Green skills competency framework
Corresponding CAP main action and activity	Preparatory study: situational analysis and benchmark on initiatives promoting teachers' green skills
Impacted CAP indicator	2.2.2: ensuring that environmental, social, and sustainability goals are integrated into all levels of education
Impacted Facility indicator	Outcome 1. # of RTIA engaged countries implementing new or revised policies, processes or tools related to teacher governance or management
Intended period of implementation	September – October 2025
Total expected number of days	10 days (remote)
Expected key deliverables	Study report including: 1) a situational analysis of the environment-related initiatives and programmes in the education sector in Ghana 2) a snapshot of teachers' understanding of and interest for environmental issues 3) a benchmark of initiatives related to environmental education outside Ghana 4) recommendations relevant to the development of the green skills competency framework.
National implementing partner (Unit in charge of interaction with the experts)	The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NaCCA)

THE REGIONAL TEACHER INITIATIVE FOR AFRICA

The Regional Teacher Initiative for Africa (RTIA), a programme funded by the EU/EC via the Education section (G3) of DG INTPA aims to improve learning outcomes and the socio-emotional development of children in Africa, by having a more competent, motivated and inclusive teacher workforce in basic education.

The RTIA will especially seek to achieve the following outcomes over the next 6 years:

1. Improve the governance, management, attractiveness, and gender balance of the teaching profession, with a strong focus on increased digitalisation and innovation.
2. Enhance the quality, relevance, and effectiveness of initial and continuous teacher professional development, notably through digital education, peer-to-peer learning approaches and regional collaboration.

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Within RTIA, the Regional Facility for Teachers in Africa (RFTA) will support teacher policy and improve teacher education and professional development systems by i) providing capacity building at country level through technical assistance, ii) promoting innovation and scaling of effective teaching solutions; iii) increasing the production and use of data and evidence, and iv) promoting the use of regional frameworks, evidence-based practices, and joint learning at regional level.

The Regional Facility for Teachers in Africa (RFTA) will reach the above-mentioned objectives through 3 types of instruments or “windows”: i) a window to deliver technical assistance on teacher governance and teacher education and professional development based on the demand from eligible partner countries, ii) a window on testing and scaling effective programs for teacher education and professional development in the thematic areas of digital skills, gender, green skills, and pedagogical skills, including in the context of refugees and displaced population, iii) a research window to create new evidence and support the integration of evidence in the policy making process and in the design of teacher education and professional development programs.

In addition to these windows the Facility’s knowledge management and communication activities will further contribute to the sharing of knowledge, evidence, and best practices related to the overall Initiative outcomes.

The Facility is funded by the European Union and co-implemented by the Partnership formed by three member state agencies: Expertise France for France, Enabel for Belgium, EDUFI for Finland. Expertise France has been designated the Coordinating Agency for this Partnership. With the Facility governance scheme serving as the Initiative's governance scheme, it is expected that the Partnership will work closely with UNESCO and UAC, in charge of the other 2 components of the EU Initiative.

The duration of the action is scheduled from 01.02.2024 to 31.01.2027 (36 months) with a budget of 46.000.000 EUR.

GENERAL CONTEXT IN THE COUNTRY

The 2021 Population and Housing Census estimates Ghana's population at 30,832,019 people with 46% (14,238,933) of Ghanaians within the school-going age of 4-18 years from pre-primary to secondary level. Ghana made the transition to lower middle-income status economic growth but is now facing difficult macro-economic conditions that have implications on education financing.

Despite progress in access to basic education, there are about 1.2 million children who are out of school.

185 000 elementary teachers and 147 000 JHS teachers are delivering education in public and private schools. A 2021 UNICEF study found that on average 11% of teachers are absent from school across all levels, including 15% at the pre-primary level and 10% at the primary level. The teaching profession in Ghana, like in many parts of the world, is becoming increasingly demanding. Teachers go through emotional stress, professional burnout, and psychosocial challenges that significantly impact their well-being and job performance. Many teachers in Ghana mention workload, limited support systems, and lack of professional counselling as key stressors.

Ghana is advancing teacher policy and governance through targeted reforms. The National Teachers' Standards (NTS) (2017) set competencies for pre-tertiary teachers, emphasizing digital and inclusive pedagogies. The Ghana Teacher Licensure Examination (GTLE), managed by the National Teaching Council (NTC), ensures professional standards. The PreTertiary Teacher Professional Development and Management Policy (2012) supports licensing, career progression, and continuous professional development (CPD) for basic and secondary education teachers.

In terms of teacher education and professional development, the 4-year Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) program (2018) targets pre-service teachers in Colleges of Education. The National Teachers' Standards (NTS) guide training, emphasizing literacy, numeracy, and digital skills. In-service training,

managed by the National Teaching Council (NTC), includes Continuous Professional Development (CPD) workshops organized by CPD providers. The Transforming Teacher Education and Learning (T-TEL) program integrates gender inclusion in pre-service training.

Ghana's commitment to integrating environmental sustainability into education is in the Education Strategic Plan (ESP) 2018–2030, particularly under Policy Objective 2.2.2, which calls for “ensuring that environmental, social, and sustainability goals are integrated into all levels of education”. Despite this policy commitment, critical gaps remain in equipping teachers with the skills, tools, and frameworks necessary to deliver green education effectively.

Several agencies are sharing responsibilities in the education system in Ghana. The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NaCCA) is an agency of the Ministry of Education, mandated by the Education Regulatory Bodies Act, 2020 (Act 1023), to develop national curriculum and assessment standards for pre-tertiary educational institutions. The National Teaching Council (NTC) is an agency of the Ministry of Education mandated by the Education Regulatory Bodies Act, 2020 (Act 1023) to promote teacher professionalism in Ghana. Its key mandates are to license and register teachers, maintain an up-to-date database of teachers, develop and periodically review professional standards and the code of ethics, conduct the Teacher Licensure Examination, and provide a framework for the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) of teachers.

The NaCCA and the NTC collaborate to enhance teachers' skills and capacities to deliver the curriculum, through the development of tools, toolkits, training modules and provision of CPD.

CAP CONTEXT – ARTICULATION WITH PREVIOUS WORKS

The Ministry of Education in Ghana, through the NaCCA and the NTC, sent a request for technical assistance to the RTIA Facility in May, 2025. Following the approval of the request, two experts from the RTIA Facility went to Accra in June 2025 to co-develop the Country Action Plan (CAP) with directors and technicians of the NaCCA, the NTC and representatives of other agencies and directions in the Ministry of Education. During this mission, the technical areas and the thematics presented in the request were confirmed. One component of the CAP will focus on green skills, looking at enhancing teachers' knowledge, skills and capacities in environmental education and protection; the other component will aim at developing a policy for teachers' mental health and wellbeing. Despite the fact that the two components are not related, the CAP development process provided an opportunity for the NaCCA and the NTC to work together; and it was decided to continue the collaboration for the CAP implementation.

This process of experts' recruitment starts after the CAP has been validated by the Ministry of Education and the Facility management.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

The CAP is addressing both the area of teachers' governance and teachers' education and professional development. The two components target teachers from KG to senior high; as both the green skills framework and the MHPSS policy include generic components for all teachers.

Discussions during the CAP development enabled to define a broader ambition for the green skills framework. The objective is not only to enhance teachers' green skills and capacities to deliver on green components embedded in the curriculum, but also to raise their awareness on environmental issues and the necessity to act for the protection of the environment. By transforming teachers into activists, it is hoped that they will also contribute to sensitize and motivate the young generations to act for reducing the environmental damages in their immediate environment. The inclusion of a green schools' benchmark is a first step for identifying concrete actions to implement in the school environment.

Overall, the CAP first component (“green skills”) responds to the implementation gaps of **Policy Objective 2.2.2**, which calls for “ensuring that environmental, social, and sustainability goals are integrated into all levels of education”, by aiming at equipping teachers with the skills, tools, and frameworks necessary to deliver green education effectively.

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Specific objective

The first step before defining the framework is to carry out a study to identify past and current green initiatives in the education sector in Ghana; as well as a benchmark of similar initiatives in the continent and globally. Given that the main purpose of the framework is to equip teachers with relevant environmental knowledge and skills, it is also important to consult them and know where they stand in terms of environmental issues. More specifically, the consultations of teachers aims at getting an insight of their level of knowledge, but also of their level of interest for environmental protection. These (small scale) consultations of teachers will be carried out in country by the national expert recruited for this study.

This study will not be published but will nurture technical discussions and the framework's design.

The study will include :

- 1) a desk review of studies and reports on environment-related initiatives and programmes in the education sector in Ghana
- 2) focus group discussions with teachers (carried out by the national expert; tools to be co-developed by the international expert and the national expert)
- 3) a benchmark of initiatives related to environmental education outside Ghana.

STAKEHOLDERS

The NaCCA will be the lead implementing national partner for the component on green skills framework. The main stakeholders involved in the study will be the ministry of Energy and Green Transition, Ghana Education Services, the decentralised education authorities, the teachers themselves, as well as the school directors and supervisors. Other stakeholders might include environmental specialists and organizations.

MAIN DELIVERABLES

The main deliverables for this consultancy work are as follows

- 1- Inception report - methodology note including an outline of the work to be carried out (no longer than 2-3 pages). The international expert will agree with the national expert on respective tasks and responsibilities (to be included in this report).
- 2- Tools to be used for FGD with teachers (to be co-developed with the national expert)
- 3- Study report including:
 - 1) a situational analysis of the environment-related initiatives and programmes in the education sector in Ghana
 - 2) a snapshot of teachers' understanding of and interest for environmental issues
 - 3) a benchmark of initiatives related to environmental education outside Ghana
 - 4) recommendations relevant to the development of the framework.

GENERAL APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

The general approach and methodology described below are indicative and non-exclusive. The expert must develop the methodology he/she intends to use in his/her application.

General approach :

The international expert will work remotely, but closely, with the NaCCA. A national expert will be recruited to contribute to the contextualization of tools and to facilitate the FGD with the teachers in country. Consultation and coordination between the two experts will be expected throughout the consultancy, to define the division of tasks, agree on data collection and compilation and joint interaction with national counterparts and stakeholders.

A participatory approach with the NaCCA partners is essential, to ensure that what is proposed is in line with their needs. In particular, it is recommended to the experts to co-develop the tools with technicians of the NaCCA.

Methodology :

To carry out the study, the expert recruited must :

- Review the main policy documents of the Ghanaian education system (in particular the sector strategy and teaching policy).
- Participate in a scoping meeting with the NaCCA focal points, the national expert and the Facility. Following this meeting, the expert will propose a brief note describing the work to be carried out, including the methodology and an updated timetable. This note will describe precisely the specific and respective responsibilities of the national expert and the international expert, and how they will coordinate their work.
- Develop the necessary tools for FGD, and planned consultations, with the national expert and the NaCCA technicians
- Contribute to the definition of the scope and the organization of the field work carried out by the national expert
- Prepare a debriefing session with the NaCCA, before developing the report.

Throughout the study, the two experts are expected to have technical discussions with the Facility. The deliverables will be validated by the NaCCA and the Facility.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The NaCCA is responsible for :

- Providing all the documentation required for the desk review and the preparation of the field work
- Facilitating the organization of (virtual) meetings with relevant stakeholders
- Facilitating the logistics for the field work (authorization to access schools, information shared with participants etc.)
- Commenting on and approving deliverables.

The RTIA Facility is responsible for :

- Contracting and facilitating the integration of the consultant by providing all available documents and resources
- Supporting and monitoring the consultant's work from start to finish
- Acting as the consultant's main resource person
- Ensuring quality control of deliverables in collaboration with the NaCCA's focal points
- Acknowledging final validation of deliverables by all parties
- Evaluating the consultant's overall performance under this mandate.

The expert is responsible for :

- Reviewing and commenting on these Terms of Reference (ToR)
- Ensuring that all deliverables comply with the guidelines set out at the scoping meeting, in line with the agreed timetable
- Informing the Facility immediately of any difficulties encountered in implementing the mission
- Ensuring that stakeholders are consulted throughout the assignment
- Behaving with the highest level of personal integrity and committing to the required standards of conduct.

EXPERTS' PROFILES

Academic qualification:

Advanced degree in Education

General work experience:

Minimum of 5 years in experience in education; proven track records of conducting educational research and consultancy for government or international organisations

Specific work experience:

Experience in/ knowledge of environmental issues, green skills, environmental protection, specifically in initiatives, programmes or strategies promoting schools and community engagement

Skills in developing and implementing qualitative tools and approaches (FGD in particular)

Language Proficiency:

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Excellent proficiency in English (both written and spoken);

Knowledge of French (advantageous but not required)

Interpersonal and soft skills and experience

Excellent communication and presentation abilities

Ability to work collaboratively with stakeholders from various backgrounds, including government officials, educators, and technical experts

High adaptability and flexibility in dynamic environments

Additional assets

Previous experience working in Ghana

Familiarity with the education context and policies of Ghana

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DAYS & GENERAL TIMELINE

The total number of days for this consultancy will not exceed 10 days. The work will be entirely done at distance.

	Preparation	On-site work	Distance work	Total
	Inception report Tools		(including drafting deliverable)	
International Expert	2	0	8	10
National expert	1	4		5
Total experts	3	4	8	15

Deliverable	Planned Completion date
#1: Inception report	15 september 2025
#2: Study tools	18 september 2025
#3 : Final report	15 october 2025

HOW TO APPLY & SELECTION PROCESS

To be considered your application must include the following:

- your **CV** (following [Europass template](#)) and
 - a **technical note** explaining the assignment, detailing the methodology used and a description of the implementation (maximum 5 pages). It should include a proposed distribution of roles and responsibilities between the national and the international experts, the expected added value of each consultant and the coordination arrangements. It must be written in English, and should be presented in A4 format, Times New Roman 12 font, 1.5 line spacing and sent in Word format.
 - If possible, please attach a **sample of previous works** (1 to 3 pieces) that you might have performed and that are similar to the above assignment. In each case, you should specify your role (main author, major contributions, minor contributions, etc.)
- Please note that the Facility applies its own daily rate in accordance with the current compensation grid. In this respect, fees will be calculated on the basis of the candidate's status and experience.
 - Please click on the following link to apply: https://expertise-france.gestmax.fr/13660/1/rtia-w1-25-gha-a-1-study-and-benchmark-on-initiatives-promoting-teachers-green-skills-internati/en_US

Deadline for applications: August 24, 2025

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The evaluation of the tenders received will be based in particular on the following criteria: (i) the candidate's diploma (ii), the candidate's experience in carrying out assignments that are relevant or similar to those specified in this call for applications, (iii) the candidate's understanding of the expectations of the assignment and the proposed intervention methodology.

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