

**Table 1: Eligibility Criteria**

A project is eligible for ETAF's consideration if all below questions are answered "yes". Exception is made for contribution to climate change adaptation (which is optional); grid connection availability is required only for grid-connected projects. The veracity of the provided answers will be duly checked during the initial assessment carried out by ETAF Secretariat. The project will be rejected if it doesn't meet the below-eligibility criteria.

Section	Eligibility Criteria	Rating
<b>I. Location</b>	Is the project in a member country of IRENA or a country in ascension?	Yes/No
<b>II. Alignment &amp; Contribution to Paris Agreement goals</b>	Does this project contribute to Energy Transition/Clean Energy?	Yes/No
	Does this project contribute to Climate Change Mitigation?	Yes/No
	Are the revenues from this project exclusively generated from non-fossil fuel sources?	Yes/No
	Does this project contribute to Climate Change Adaptation? (optional). If yes, how?	Yes/No
<b>III. UN SDGs Achievement</b>	Does this project contribute to the achievement of any of the UN <a href="#">SDGs</a> ? If yes, which one(s)?	Yes/No
<b>IV. Alignment with the Country's priorities</b>	Is the project aligned with the host country's priorities?	Yes/No
	Does the project contribute to the host country's <a href="#">NDCs</a> ?	Yes/No
<b>V. Technology</b>	Is the technology used commercially feasible? i.e., wind, solar (PV, thermosolar, CSP), hydropower, battery energy storage systems (BESS, geothermal), and biomass.	Yes/No
<b>VI. Project size</b>	Public Projects: Is the project CAPEX at least USD 10 million?	Yes/No
	Private Projects: Is the project CAPEX at least USD 25 million?	
<b>VII. Grid connection</b>	Is grid connection available at the project location and supportive of the project technology and capacity? ( <i>N/A is accepted for off-grid, EV, energy storage, etc.</i> )	Yes/No/ NA
<b>VIII. Path to Market</b>	Can you demonstrate the path to market by either: a. Letter of intent from a public offtaker b. Existence of a merchant market structure c. Regulatory mechanisms enabling corporate PPAs? d. Other ( <i>if the Project proponent selects "other", a box appears with the instruction: "please explain the path to market"</i> ).	Yes/No

**Table 2: Scoring Criteria**

The ETAF Secretariat carries out the Initial Assessment of submitted projects using a scoring methodology which has been developed and agreed upon by IRENA and ETAF Partners. Below is an overview of the scoring methodology used, indicating the four sections assessed and their respective weight in the scoring. Additional guidance is provided in the table's last column.

Section	Scoring criteria	Information for project proponent
<b>1. Contribution to the Clean Energy Transition</b>	1.a. Contribution to SDG 7, SDG 13 and other SDGs.	<b>Weight: 30%</b> Please refer to the Executive Summary Template. The project proponent is asked to provide figures on the project's contribution to SDGs, country's NDCs, project's share in the country's energy supply/energy mix, etc. A unified score is awarded based on the project's quantified contribution to those sub-elements.
	1.b. Contribution to the country's NDCs and environment targets.	
	1.c. Project's additionality (the significance of the project's contribution as a share of the country's/ region's energy supply)	
	1.d. Project's impact in country/ regional context	
<b>2. Project's Implementation Readiness</b>	2. a. Feasibility study, Energy Yield Assessment	<b>Weight: 30%</b> In this section, the project's Implementation Readiness is scored based on the level and quality of information uploaded by the project proponent. The more requested documents available and uploaded (such as feasibility study, financial model, power purchase agreement, land lease agreement, etc.), the more points are awarded to the project.
	2.b. Project costs analysis/breakdown, financial model	
	2.c. Project's permitting plan, land lease agreement, production licenses.	
	2.d. Environmental and Social Impact Assessment report	
	2.e. Purchase Power Agreement	
	2.f. Construction plan, EPC contract.	
<b>3. Project's Team and Track record</b>	3.a. Project sponsor's experience in RE projects and in the region	<b>Weight: 20%</b> A scale has been developed to score those two sub-items in an objective manner. The greater the relevant experience of the project sponsor and team/team leader is, the more points are awarded to the project.
	3.b. Staff: experience and track record of the project core team/team leader in developing RE projects in the region.	
<b>4. Project's Offtake arrangements</b>	Attractiveness of the project's offtake arrangements: Status of the offtaker arrangements, tenor, contract structure, presence of key clauses/provisions; provision of any project de-risking instrument is an asset.	<b>Weight: 20%</b> The attractiveness of the project's offtake arrangements will be scored based on crucial clauses such as tenor, contract structure, provisions made for currency hedging or annual inflation correction. Provision of any guarantee is an asset.
<b>Total Score</b>		<b>100%</b>

**Table 3: Conclusion of the Initial Assessment**

Possible outcomes of ETAF Secretariat's Initial Assessment	
<b>A</b>	Information availed sufficiently shows the project's readiness to be presented to ETAF Partners for financing considerations.
<b>B</b>	Additional information is required from the project proponent to decide how to proceed. ETAF Secretariat will contact the project proponent to seek required information/clarification.
<b>C</b>	The project requires further development before being ready to be presented for financing considerations. The project proponent will be informed. When appropriate, ETAF may offer Technical Assistance to the project proponent.
<b>D</b>	The project doesn't meet ETAF's minimum requirements. The project proponent will be informed.