

Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Adaptation Specialist for the NDC Partnership in Paraguay

SUMMARY OF PROCUREMENT

The NDC Partnership Support Unit is searching for a consultant, to provide technical assistance to Paraguay as part of the NDC Partnership's Country Engagement process. This will include the delivery of technical support to the government of Paraguay to mainstream climate change adaptation into public policies by strengthening government capacities, engaging with sectors to advance NDC-related adaptation measures and identifying sectoral support needs and opportunities. Candidates should submit their applications by 7 April 2020, COB, Washington DC time.

About the NDC Partnership

The NDC Partnership is a global coalition of countries and institutions collaborating to drive transformational climate action through sustainable development. Through our Partnership, members leverage their resources and expertise to provide countries with the tools they need to implement their NDCs and combat climate change to build a better future. The NDC Partnership Support Unit is jointly hosted by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the UN Climate Change Secretariat. For this project, the consultant would be contracted directly through WRI.

About the World Resources Institute

Founded in 1982, the World Resources Institute (WRI) is a global environmental think tank that goes beyond research to put ideas into action, by working with governments, companies, and civil society to build solutions to urgent environmental challenges. WRI's transformative ideas protect the earth and promote development because sustainability is essential to meeting human needs and fulfilling human aspirations in the future.

SCOPE OF WORK AND ACTIVITIES

Strengthen the capacity of the government of Paraguay to coordinate the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) among national institutions and key stakeholders by providing technical assistance to the adaptation department of the National Directorate of Climate Change of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADES), in the development of the following activities:

- Develop a roadmap for the update process of Paraguay's NDC in terms of adaptation, including a methodological framework and a schedule of activities.
- Prepare progress reports describing the activities undertaken towards the fulfillment of the established objectives.
- Promote a permanent dialogue with the sectors and municipalities of the country and stakeholders involved in the work structure of the adaptation department of MADES.
- Support the integration of the concept of adaptation to climate change in public policy instruments at the national level.
- Foster actions and coordination instances between key stakeholders in order to achieve the planned activities and goals of the Department of Adaptation of MADES.
- Support and develop work to ensure strong integration of adaptation and mitigation activities within the framework of the NDC.
- Identifying and tracking adaptation needs and existing/potential support.
- Identify opportunities for improvement the functions of the adaptation department of MADS, with a focus on Nature-Based Solutions, Ecosystem-Based Adaptation and Community-based Adaptation.

- Consolidate the documentation of the process and the results of the implementation of the roadmap for updating the NDCs in its adaptation component in alignment with the mitigation and means of implementation components, ensuring a comprehensive vision of the updated NDC.
- Support and participate as required by the DNCC in field missions in the country.
- Track compliance of the established UNFCCC mandates on adaptation, loss and damage, NDCs, financing and incorporate them into reporting instruments.
- Support the preparation of reports and documents on the international climate change negotiation process, approaches in loss and damage and adaptation, aligned with the interests of the DNCC.
- Consider gender and intercultural perspectives in all the above-mentioned activities.

LOCATION AND DURATION

This is a full-time position (40 hours / week) based in Asunción, Paraguay. The consultant will have an office at the National Directorate on Climate Change of MADES. Supervision and activity reports approval will be carried out by the Department of Adaptation.

The consultant will sign a one-year contract, and work is expected to begin in April 2020.

REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications of eligible candidates

- Bachelor's degree in environmental, agronomic or related sciences with at least 5 years of general experience.
- At least two verifiable work experiences in climate change.
- Postgraduate Degrees (Courses, Specializations, Masters, Doctorate) in the areas of environment, climate change, or related topics are desirable.
- Verifiable work experience in international cooperation projects is desirable.

Knowledge and skills

- Knowledge of UNFCCC decisions, Sendai Framework, SDGs, Paraguay's National Development Plan and other public policies.
- Working with multi-disciplinary teams.
- Proficiency in the use of online communication tools and standard software.
- Proficiency in written and spoken Spanish and English.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Candidates must submit:

- Their curriculum vitae (CV)
- A cover letter of no more than one page, in English or Spanish.

The CV and cover letter should be sent to Estefania.Ardila@ndcpartnership.org and dpto.adaptacion.dncc.mades@gmail.com, no later than 7 April 2020, COB, Washington DC time.

Please use the following format for the email subject line: PARAGUAY_ADAPTATION. All CVs must be submitted in electronic format.