

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP #CAEP08)

# Climate Action Enhancement Package: Technical Assistance for Sudan

### SUMMARY OF PROCUREMENT

The NDC Partnership Support Unit is searching for a consultant, vendor or organization (herein referred to as vendor) to provide technical assistance to Sudan as part of the NDC Partnership's Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP). This support will analyze the macro- and socio-economic impacts of achieving emission reduction targets and make recommendations for engaging the international and investor community in supporting priority mitigation actions that contribute to emission reduction and national development targets in key sectors.

These activities should be delivered by the end of December, 2020. Proposals, along with all requirements, should be submitted by 10 April, 2020. The contract will be a fixed price contract as per the deliverables listed below.

#### 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 vendor 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.

#### About the Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP)

The Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP) is a new offering of the NDC Partnership. It is designed as a targeted, demand-driven and fast-track initiative to deliver support for the development and implementation of enhanced and more ambitious NDCs. It allows countries to address the challenges of the first generation of NDCs by providing support for the development and implementation of evidence-based, high-quality NDCs with broad ownership from society and government. The CAEP is designed to catalyze transformational change towards resilient, sustainable and low emission development, supporting the objectives of the Paris Agreement. It does this through two main objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Enhance NDCs, including by raising ambition, as part of the Paris Agreement's NDC update process;
- **Objective 2:** Fast-track implementation of NDCs, including by providing in-country technical expertise and capacity building.

Through CAEP, developing country members of the NDC Partnership applied for assistance for specific activities under either objective. The work described in this RFP reflects the request for support submitted by the country through the CAEP process.

## SCOPE OF WORK AND ACTIVITIES

With Sudan, the Partnership has coordinated with the Government to elaborate the specific work activities and deliverables that pertain to priority CAEP requests. The CAEP priorities for Sudan are to: analyze emission baselines, mitigation targets and action plans for key sectors in Sudan, and their implications for sustainable development and poverty eradication.

The original CAEP request is provided below, in addition to the elaborated work activities and deliverables expected. The deliverable deadlines are also included, related to specific activities. All work under Objective 1 should be completed in time to feed into the country's NDC update efforts. Maximum available country budget is indicated below.

CAEP Original Request	RFP Deliverables	Deadline
<b>ACTIVITY CODE: A780</b>		
<p>In coming up with more ambitious NDCs, Sudan needs to carry out an economy-wide survey, analyzing the GHG emission levels and studying the implications of what emissions cuts would imply for the economy and hence determining the help required to work with the global community in dealing with climate change. Areas to be surveyed would include energy, emissions for LULUCF in the context of uncertainties, planning for blue, green economy including resilience programming, climate change governance issues and mechanisms etc.</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the most to update GHG emission data, identify mitigation actions and corresponding emission reduction potential; estimate costs of priority mitigation actions;</li> <li>Analyze macro- and socio-economic impacts and implications for sustainable development and poverty eradication of achieving current and more ambitious emission targets, through full implementation of priority mitigation actions within key areas, including: energy, LULUCF, resilience programming, and climate change governance issues and mechanisms;</li> <li>Identify potential sources of financing for the proposed actions considering public and private national and international sources; Identify SDGs co-benefits of the identified measures;</li> <li>Prepare executive materials to be presented to multi stakeholder groups and decision makers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A list of priority mitigation actions, accompanied with emission reduction potential and estimated costs;</li> <li>A study on the macro-economic impacts and their implications for sustainable development and poverty eradication of achieving mitigation targets through priority mitigation actions;</li> <li>Recommendations, or a business case, for priority mitigation actions that contribute to emission reduction targets of the NDC and national development goals.</li> </ul>	<p>31 December, 2020</p>
<b>TOTAL COUNTRY BUDGET: \$80,000</b>		

## TIMELINE

The vendor procurement for this RFP will follow the below timeline (all dates are considered by 5 pm EST):

RFP issued	27 March, 2020
Expressions of interest and RFP questions	3 April, 2020
Deadline for submission of proposals	10 April, 2020
Selection of vendor and signing of contract	24 April, 2020
Start of contract	1 May, 2020
All activities finalized	31 December, 2020

All questions to the RFP should be sent directly to: [caep@ndcpartnership.org](mailto:caep@ndcpartnership.org). Answers to RFP questions will be shared with all parties who have asked questions or otherwise expressed interest in submitting a proposal.

## PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

### Requirements

The selected vendor must demonstrate capacity in similar work, particularly:

- Preparing macro-economic analyses of climate action plans and low-carbon development pathways and their implications on sustainable development and poverty eradication;
- Developing strategies and investment opportunities to attract private sector engagement in climate finance discussions in East Africa;
- Technical expertise in preparing low-carbon development plans and investment projects for private sector investment or international finance institutions;
- Technical expertise working with Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), particularly in mitigation or adaptation measures and policies;
- Developing the capacity of governments related to the implementation of NDCs, utilizing local expertise;
- Working under the leadership and guidance of governments;
- Experience with a partnership-based approach where different organizations work jointly to deliver work in country;
- Expertise in successfully engaging key government ministries, national and international experts and other relevant stakeholders;
- Applying gender principles to approach the assignment, and wherever possible, produce sex-disaggregated data and gender-responsive actions;
- A consortium of vendors will be considered if it contributes to the technical requirements and delivery of activities. Sub-contracting will also be permitted.

### Content

Prospective vendors should submit:

- A statement of interest describing the proposed team and how it meets the above requirements;
- CVs of team members;
- Examples of and references to similar previous work as described in the requirements;
- An outline of the proposed methodology and work plan to deliver on the above-mentioned activities;
- The technical proposal document should not exceed 30 pages; and
- An account of how the work and/or vendor is environmentally sustainable;

- A Gantt chart of work activities to deliverable dates;
- A detailed budget, including overhead, total proposal amount and total contract request. (Bidders are strongly encouraged to use the CAEP RFP Budget Template, available for download [here](#).)

**Important Update:** *With recent travel restrictions due to COVID-19, all bidders must describe how they will maintain in-country presence throughout the duration of implementing the activities. This may be through hiring of national consultants with sustained in-country presence, an explanation of local office or staff that can be deployed for implementation, or other risk mitigation measures that would allow activities to be conducted remotely and delivered on time. Any foreseen delays in activities because of the virus should also be noted.*

## EVALUATION AND SELECTION

### Evaluation Criteria

The following elements will be the primary considerations in evaluating all proposals submitted in response to this RFP.

- Completeness of all required elements;
- Experience with similar projects;
- Vendor's commitment to engage national experts in consultation with HCENR (government counterpart);
- Vendor's technical expertise relevant to the stated requirements of the RFP;
- Vendor's ability to complete the activities within the set timelines;
- Overall cost of the vendor's proposal and best value for money.

### Selection Process

No proposal development costs shall be charged to WRI; all related expenses are to be borne by the bidders. WRI may award to the bidder offering best value without discussions. However, WRI reserves the right to seek bidder clarifications and to negotiate with those bidders deemed to be within a competitive range. WRI may, at its discretion and without explanation to the prospective vendors, choose to discontinue this RFP without obligation to such prospective vendors, or make multiple awards under this RFP.

### Proposal Submission

All proposals must be submitted by **10 April, 2020** to [caep@ndcpartnership.org](mailto:caep@ndcpartnership.org). Please use the following format for the email subject line: CAEP08\_Sudan.RFP\_ **ORGANIZATION NAME**. All proposals must be submitted in electronic format.