

Seeking four Country Engagement Specialists to lead effective and timely actions in support of the NDC Partnership’s regional and country-level activities.

The NDC Partnership is a coalition of countries and international institutions working together to ensure countries receive the technical and financial support they need to achieve ambitious climate and sustainable development targets as fast and effectively as possible. The Partnership works with its members to: 1) create and disseminate insightful knowledge products; 2) facilitate technical assistance and capacity building; and 3) facilitate enhanced financial support for NDC implementation.

The consultants will work under a consultancy contract administered through the UNFCCC and will support the Country Engagement team of the NDC Partnership Support Unit, which is tasked with initiating and monitoring in-country activities of the NDC Partnership. The Partnership works through country-driven approaches and the Country Engagement team serves as an important bridge between partners and receiving countries. Each specialist will focus on a group of relationships within a region and there will be one consultant to be based in each of the following locations:

Region	Country, City
Africa	Ethiopia, Addis Ababa
Africa	Morocco, Rabat
Asia/Pacific	Thailand, Bangkok
Latin America	Panama, Panama City

Consultancy Title: Country Engagement Specialist
Duration: 24 months

Overview

These positions will be seconded to the Country Engagement team of the Support Unit of the NDC Partnership, which focuses on initiating and monitoring the in-country activities of the NDC Partnership. The NDC Partnership is housed at the World Resources Institute (WRI). This team supports member countries in articulating their priorities and works with the rest of the membership of the NDC Partnership to ensure a coordinated response. The Partnership works through country-driven approaches and the Specialist will serve as an important bridge between donor countries and receiving countries to help advance their communication and coordination under the NDC Partnership.

Responsibilities

Country Support

Country specialists will primarily work with a group of countries assigned by the Country Engagement Director to undertake the tasks listed below.

- Develop and maintain strong working relationships with government representatives, including, but not limited to, the country's NDC Partnership Focal Points
- Assist the government with their engagement in the NDC Partnership, including their participation in meetings and activities organized by the Partnership (e.g., working groups, the NDC Partnership in the Forum and others)
- Develop and maintain an adequate mapping of the relevant policy and institutional frameworks relevant for NDC implementation
- Develop and maintain a detailed knowledge of the country's progress of NDC implementation and the various factors (e.g., political, economic, social, etc.) likely to influence future progress, including key stakeholders to the process.
- Develop and maintain an adequate mapping of all support activities, including technical and financial, relevant to the implementation of NDCs, their actors and initiatives.
- Work collaboratively with implementing partners that are members of the NDC Partnership, as well as other organizations, to craft coordinated responses to requests from member countries to assist their NDC implementation, including supporting the facilitation of country-level dialogues and other events or meetings when requested by members.
- Provide targeted support, as required, to counties through small technical assistance projects.
- Represent the NDC Partnership at national and regional events as requested by the Country Engagement Director

Regional Engagement

- Develop and maintain an adequate mapping of all regional institutions and support activities relevant for NDC implementation
- Raise awareness of the NDC Partnership amongst stakeholders in the region and cultivate new relationships with relevant organizations
- Identify opportunities to enhance coordination amongst programs supporting NDC implementation at a regional and national level
- Represent the NDC Partnership at regional meetings and activities as requested by the Country Engagement Director

Program Development

- Advise Country Engagement Director on emerging needs within assigned region / countries
- Monitor progress of in-country engagements and share emerging lessons with the Knowledge and Research Team to contribute to the development of associated knowledge products
- Disseminate and gather feedback on NDCP knowledge products

Other duties may be assigned.

Qualifications

Profile: The candidate should, ideally, be a national of one of the countries from the region in which you are applying. He/she should possess good knowledge of the development and development cooperation realities and processes of the countries in that region.

- 7+ years conducting international development work on the ground in developing countries and at least 4 in the target region.
- Good understanding of the opportunities and challenges associated with implementing NDCs and/or national climate strategies and plans.
- Demonstrated skills in building effective relationships with government officials from both developed and developing countries and navigating the complexities of working across the whole of government, including in countries with limited institutional capacity.
- Client orientation and ability to support country representatives in framing their needs.
- Strong project planning and management skills.
- Demonstrated skills in managing and aligning diverse groups of stakeholders, including development agencies, non-state actors / civil society, financial institutions, the private sector, and others.
- Excellent writing, editing, and oral communication skills.
- Highly diplomatic individual with sound judgment.
- Demonstrated capacity to work well under pressure and successfully manage multiple deadlines and competing demands.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Commitment to NDC Partnership's mission and values.
- Willingness to travel up to 40% of the time
- Proficiency in the language of the countries to be served as well as English

If you are interested in the position, please submit your CV/resume and cover letter to supportunit@ndcpartnership.org. Please also ensure you indicate the region of interest.