

TERMS OF REFERENCE SCOPING ASSESSMENT MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE CHANGE INTO NDC PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

Background

Launched at COP 22 in November 2016, the NDC Partnership is a global coalition of countries and institutions¹ working together to support countries to accelerate NDC implementation and climate action, and ultimately achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement. The Partnership does this by facilitating access to technical and financial support at the country level, and enabling access to global knowledge and learning, drawing on country implementation experiences on the ground. Under its knowledge and learning pillar, the NDC Partnership has identified mainstreaming climate change into NDC planning and implementation as a priority area in the coming years. Building on the strengths of its members, the NDC Partnership and institutional partners are working together to support countries to enhance mainstreaming in NDC plans and climate action.

Mainstreaming covers the various ways in which countries have brought climate change policy into their core decision making processes. Elements of this include:

- Governance structures and institutional arrangements to support whole-of-government approaches.
- Methodologies for aligning climate action with core development targets, including the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Integration of climate action into finance and budgeting plans, at national, subnational and sectoral levels.

There are many case studies and examples of mainstreaming climate change across sectors and in different countries and organizations. Several countries, as well as the UNDP, UNFCCC, World Bank and other organizations have captured examples of mainstreaming climate change and made them available to the public. However, the growing body of experience that countries have with NDC implementation in particular offers the potential for important lesson sharing.

In order to improve access to these resources and inform its own ongoing work with member countries, the Support Unit of the NDC Partnership would like to better understand what resources are available to help mainstream climate change into NDCs, identify key entry points across sectors and provide an aggregated set of resources that is accessible to our members and partners.

The Support Unit is seeking a consultant to conduct desk research and consultations with 5-8 member countries and representatives of the partnership to inform an analysis of the challenges and

¹ African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, Caribbean Development Bank, East African Community, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, FAO, GEF, Global Green Growth Institute, Inter-American Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, UNDP, UN Environment, UNFCCC, World Bank Group and World Resources Institute.

opportunities around mainstreaming climate change. Final analysis should include a set of recommendations for the Support Unit to engage in as this part of our work moves forward.

Objective: The purpose of the scoping assessment is to provide a systematic analysis of different ways that countries have effectively mainstreamed climate change and NDCs into policies, planning, budgeting and implementation. It will involve researching and curating available resources for mainstreaming climate change and NDCs into government processes, including categorizing the main models countries have used to initialize NDC mainstreaming into core decision-making in government, understanding the mainstreaming challenges countries face when implementing NDCs and identifying opportunities and key entry points to catalyze action towards NDC implementation across ministries, sectors and at subnational administrative levels. The scoping assignment should also outline a set of recommendations for strategic actions the Partnership can take when implementing NDCs.

Scope of Work

This scoping assessment will focus on:

- 1- A literature review of mainstreaming, including examples from outside climate change policy, and summary analysis,
- 2- Working with the NDC Support Unit team and NDC partners and members to aggregate insights and early lessons from their work,
- 3- Identifying models for engagement across ministries and sectors for NDC implementation, as well as sub-national and civil society actors.

Research should prioritize members and partner organizations but not limit itself exclusively to them. The consultant will be encouraged to think outside the scope of climate change work and learn from mainstreaming experiences across other sectors, countries and institutional partners.

The main deliverables of the consultancy are the following:

- A scoping assessment report (approximately 10-15 pages) which includes:
 - A curated list and description of climate change mainstreaming resources
 - Analysis of challenges and opportunities around mainstreaming climate change into NDCs
 - Information boxes profiling 2-3 country models that illustrate effective institutional arrangements and mainstreaming for NDC implementation.
 - A set of recommendations for effectively mainstreaming across sectors, ministries and institutions,
 - A proposal for how the NDC Partnership Support Unit can add value to on-going work and best help partners and members integrate climate change work, including identifying key information that is missing and a list of case studies of value for the partnership.
- Identification of 2-3 country examples to further develop into case studies based on our partners' experience mainstreaming climate change into their NDC planning, identifying an opportunity for deeper engagement and extracting key lessons learned.
- A 2-page brief with strategic recommendations for our partners to refer to when seeking to mainstream climate change into NDCs, including common challenges and opportunities for action.

- A proposal for a strategic convening to support mainstreaming climate change into NDC planning and implementation.

Timeline:

The duration of the consultancy is approximately 30 days. The consultant does not need to be based full time in DC but will be expected to spend at least 1 week with the team.

Qualifications:

- Master's degree in environmental science, economics, finance, public policy or a related field (PhD preferred).
- Minimum 5 years of relevant work experience in climate change, planning and mainstreaming, climate change program/policy design or implementation.
- Specialty in a sector relevant to NDC implementation
- Excellent qualitative and quantitative research and analytical skills.
- Excellent writing, editing and oral communication skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work and communicate with teams from different countries.
- Experience working in international research partnerships, particularly in developing countries, desirable.
- Demonstrated capacity to work well under pressure, and successfully manage multiple deadlines and competing demands.
- Commitment to NDC Partnership's mission, values and approach to climate issues.

Compensation is commensurate with experience. To apply, please send your CV to Julianne Baker-Gallegos, Knowledge Management Specialist (julianne.baker-gallegos@ndcpartnership.org). Applications will be reviewed as received, and only qualified candidates will be contacted for an interview.