

## **Introduction**

The NDC Partnership is a global coalition of countries and institutions seeking to help countries speed their implementation of NDCs. The Partnership does this by facilitating access to financial and technical support at the country level and through enhancing access to knowledge nationally and globally. In its first year, the Partnership has succeeded in establishing a working model for guiding collaboration amongst its members at the country level, particularly around development assistance and has set building its work around finance as a priority for the coming three years.

As part of developing this finance work stream, the Support Unit of the NDC Partnership needs to better understand the current state of best practice in developing investment plans for NDCs, barriers encountered in accessing finance, and to develop tools that members can use to provide a common approach for summarizing needs. The Support Unit is seeking a consultant to undertake a combination of desk research and interviews to develop insights to guide the Support Unit's activities.

## **Objective**

- Understand current practices in NDC financing strategies and associated opportunities for support and/or enhancement of the quality of strategies; and
- Assist in identifying how the NDC Partnership can most effectively contribute to removing barriers to accessing climate finance.

## **Context**

Despite having NDCs in place, many countries have yet to translate these documents into actionable financing strategies covering the whole of the NDCs with associated pipelines of interventions and projects crossing multiple sectors. There are some examples of countries taking a systematic approach to moving from broad economy-wide targets to comprehensive strategies (e.g., Mexico's analysis of pathways and costings, Colombia's climate financing framework), but the majority of countries have not developed comprehensive, structured analysis. Further, countries do not have a consistent vocabulary or manner of communicating their needs.

At the level of projects, there is a general consensus that the flow of investments into low-carbon projects is not advancing quickly enough. However, there is a recurring debate over whether the root causes lie in a lack of bankable projects or in institutional or systemic barriers that slow the approval of projects.

Given its intention to facilitate access to finance, the NDC Partnership needs efficient and effective ways for Members to understand resources available to support effective financing strategies and means to communicate their financing needs and opportunities through the mechanisms of the Partnership. Further, the Partnership also needs to understand the opportunities available to use its Membership and structure to address wider issues related to access to finance.

## **Scope of Work**

The consultant will undertake a combination of interviews and desk research targeting a cross-section of members for the following purposes:

- 1) *Map the current finance-related technical assistance and support being offered to countries by international institutions and other non-state actors to facilitate access to finance.* This analysis should identify the primary actors, the activities undertaken, and how these fit into a taxonomy or ecosystem of services.
- 2) *Identify the range of approaches that countries are using to develop and implement strategies to finance their NDCs.* The analysis should describe the steps or processes that countries are following in developing such plans and who takes responsibility/leadership at the various stages. As part of this process, the consultant will support the development of resources or guidance for NDC Members on developing investment strategies for NDCs.
- 3) *Summarize the barriers that countries are encountering in accessing climate finance and how the Partnership could contribute to enhancing existing initiatives or catalyzing new initiatives.* Countries face a combination of barriers related to technical capacity, institutional arrangements, degree of political commitment, and others. Based on literature review and supplemented by inputs from Members, the consultant will summarize the barriers in a manner that can support dialogue amongst the Members on where the Partnership can contribute the most value.

#### Mode of Work

The consultant will work closely and in partnership with the Head of Membership and Outreach/Finance Pillar Lead throughout this process. This scoping will likely require proposing or planning consultative workshops or meeting with Members over the course of the project.

#### Time Period

The Support Unit is seeking an individual who can work with Support Unit staff for approximately 35 days between August and mid- October. Preference will be given to individuals based in Washington DC who can regularly spend time at the WRI offices in Washington D.C.

#### Outputs

The final outputs shall include:

- Internal discussion papers (or other format to be determined) summarizing findings on developing investment plans/strategies;
- Support for planning of 1-2 consultative workshops/meetings;
- Mapping of the support offered by Members, including a framework or common language that can be used to communicate these consistently to members;
- Contributions to the drafting of a Finance Pillar Strategy

#### **Qualifications:**

- Master's degree in environmental science, finance, economics or a related field
- A minimum of five years relevant work experience in climate change, finance, policy design or implementation
- Excellent qualitative and quantitative research and analytical skills
- Excellent writing editing and oral communication skills

- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work with teams from different countries
- 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 will be commensurate with background and experience. To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter to: Rob Bradley, Director of Knowledge and Learning ([robertbradley@ndcpartnership.org](mailto:robertbradley@ndcpartnership.org), cc: [TaliaCalnekSugin@ndcpartnership.org](mailto:TaliaCalnekSugin@ndcpartnership.org)). Only qualified candidates will be contacted for interview