

NDC PARTNERSHIP ACTION FUND (PAF)



INTRODUCTION

The NDC Partnership supports NDC enhancement and implementation by enabling its many members to respond rapidly to country needs in a coordinated way. To reinforce its capacity to do so, the Partnership is establishing a new funding mechanism, the Partnership Action Fund (PAF).

Through the PAF, NDC Partnership members' best available technical expertise and capacities will be matched and funded to address gaps in developing country members' NDC enhancement and implementation needs. The PAF will complement the NDC Partnership's implementing and development partners' existing support offerings to catalyze further climate action.



By pooling funds and making them readily available, the PAF enables a wide range of Partnership members to respond rapidly to country needs.



HOW WILL THE PAF STRENGTHEN THE NDC PARTNERSHIP'S IMPACT?

Through extensive consultation with NDC Partnership members, including country recipients, funders, and implementing partners, the PAF has been designed with the following attributes:

	<p>Serve as a complementary source of funds to fill gaps in support from country member requests. PAF resources will only be considered after exhausting support available from NDC Partnership members.</p>
	<p>Respond with flexibility and speed, ensuring funding is readily available to institutional and associate members to support all developing country members in their urgent climate needs.</p>
	<p>Engage more members, ensuring their technical expertise and experiences are best matched to more country needs.</p>
	<p>Maximize coordinated engagement with members, including country recipients, implementing partners, and funders.</p>
	<p>Leverage existing NDC Partnership structures and strategies, including staff, governance, and resources.</p>
	<p>Act as a neutral broker to match unsupported requests from all NDC Partnership developing country members to financial resources and technical expertise.</p>

HOW WILL THE PAF OPERATE?

The NDC Partnership will deploy PAF resources to support its country engagement. The first step remains to circulate country support needs to NDC Partnership implementing and development partners on a rolling basis, and invite partners to respond using their own resources through existing programs or projects. Only when a request for support receives no response from members will PAF resources be considered, ensuring that the PAF complements member resources.



The PAF will operate through two funding windows.

- **Window 1: “Facilitation support”** will provide resources to engage in-country facilitators in the form of embedded advisory support, reporting directly to NDC Partnership focal points in environment and finance ministries. Facilitators provide support to coordinate, implement, track progress, and mobilize resources for NDC implementation.
- **Window 2: “Technical assistance and scoping support”** will address technical assistance and scoping requests from developing country members. Technical assistance support will fund urgent or strategic country needs that have not attracted member support. Scoping support will allow institutional or associate members to lead the initial engagement with a member country on behalf of the Partnership and will include needs identification, preparation of the NDC Action Plan, and initial resource mobilization by consolidating support offers from development and implementing partners.

For Window 1, the NDC Partnership Support Unit will directly hire facilitators. For Window 2, the NDC Partnership will batch requests and invite members to respond once every quarter. Responses will be evaluated and matched to country needs, with funds disbursed to implementing partners through grants.

Thematic calls may be issued periodically, inviting countries to request support on topics identified as priorities by the NDC Partnership’s Steering Committee. Matchmaking for support will follow the Window 2 process outlined above.

HOW CAN MEMBERS ENGAGE WITH THE PAF?

The NDC Partnership Support Unit will manage the PAF through UNOPS and the World Resources Institute (WRI).

- **Countries:** All developing countries engaged with the Partnership will be eligible to receive support with PAF resources. Countries do not need to submit additional requests to benefit from the PAF. The PAF will operate within Partnership's existing country engagement process.
- **Implementing Partner members:** All NDC Partnership institutional and associate members will be eligible to apply for PAF resources to support country needs. They will apply in response to "Calls for Proposals" to be issued quarterly by the Support Unit.
- **Funders:** PAF funds will be pooled through UNOPS, allowing funds to be deployed with speed and flexibility. Funders can also contribute to the PAF through WRI.



The PAF builds on the successes of the Partnership's Climate Action Enhancement Package and its Technical Assistance Fund, which provided fast support to members supporting countries' 2020 NDC enhancement efforts.



TIMELINE

The PAF will launch at **UNGA in September 2021**. Following the launch, the Support Unit will organize a series of webinars to introduce partners to the PAF and prepare them to engage. The PAF will be operational for the duration of the NDC Partnership's 2021-2025 Work Program.



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