Request for Proposals:
Stocktake of NDC Implementation and other related Climate Actions Towards Effective Achievement of Net Zero Commitments set by the Federal Government Of Nigeria
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ABOUT THE NDC PARTNERSHIP:

The NDC Partnership is a global coalition that works with national governments, international institutions, and civil society, to fast-track climate and development action. To date, the Partnership’s membership brings together more than 120 countries—developed and developing—and more than 85 institutions to create and deliver on ambitious climate action. Through the Partnership, members leverage their resources and expertise to provide countries with the tools they need to implement their NDCs to combat climate change and build a better future.¹

In 2015, the world endorsed the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These historic accords presented countries with an unprecedented opportunity to align the climate and sustainable development agendas to spur economic growth and improve the livelihoods of all people. Nations signal their commitments to the Paris Agreement through Nationally Determined Contributions (or NDCs) - each country’s strategy to cut its own greenhouse gas emissions and build resiliency against the negative effects of a changing climate. One of the unique value propositions that the NDC Partnership brings through its in-country work is leveraging the support from a consortium of partners towards a common objective set by the government. The Partnership, through its Country Engagement process, engages directly with ministries and other stakeholders to assess climate related needs and identify opportunities for collaboration around these needs—across sectors, regions, and international partners. Through targeted and coordinated technical assistance, members of the Partnership support countries with, for example, policy and strategy formulation for NDC mainstreaming, development of NDC implementation plans and resource mobilization, NDC revision and enhancement, or green economic recovery post-pandemic.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, Nigeria updated and submitted its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the United Nations Climate Change Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as part of its commitment to the global target of keeping the earth’s warming below 2°C in line with Article 4.2 of the Paris Agreement.

In the updated NDC, Nigeria recommits to its unconditional contribution of 20% below business as usual

¹ The NDC Partnership is hosted by the World Resources Institute in Washington DC, US; UNFCCC in Bonn, Germany; and UNOPS.
by 2030 and increases its conditional contribution from 45% to 47% below business as usual by 2030, provided that sufficient international support is forthcoming. In addition to the existing sectors of the 2015 NDC, Nigeria is scaling up its ambitious targets, including the enhanced contribution of waste and water resources sectors, and articulating other nature-based solutions not included in the 2015 NDC. The 2021 NDC demonstrates the country’s commitment to pursuing robust mitigation and adaptation actions in an inclusive manner with strong public and private sector participation.

Since the submission of the NDC, the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) continues to take bold steps towards meeting its targets as demonstrated at the COP26 in Glasgow, when the President announced that Nigeria will cut its carbon emissions and reach net zero by 2060. The net-zero targets will build on the Long-Term Vision (submitted to the UNFCCC), intended as a first contribution towards the invitation in Article 4.19 of the Paris Agreement to communicate long-term low greenhouse gas emissions development strategies (LT-LEDS). The LT-LEDS was earlier elaborated in 2020-2021, to collect a broad set of views and prepare for the construction of a full long-term strategy to explore how Nigeria can achieve its new climate ambition with detailed energy and macroeconomic modeling provided by the Nigeria Deep Decarbonization Project (DDP-Nigeria). This was followed by the adoption of the Energy Transition Plan (ETP) and the enactment of the Climate Change Act 2021 to provide the necessary legal instrument for ensuring compliance and support for sectoral actions to meet these ambitions.

Despite these numerous national efforts (and to some extent, sub-national efforts) and efforts of other non-state actors like the private sector and civil societies, there is no clarity as to the level of attainment of the NDC and related national climate targets principally due to the absence of national tracking system to measure progress and record the aggregated impact of the country’s key policies and measures. While some efforts have been made to develop a Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) system, it has been on a sectoral basis, with some current efforts under the EU-supported Nigeria Climate Change Response Programme (NCCRP) still ongoing.

With the inauguration of the National Council on Climate Change (NCCC) established under the Climate Change Act of 2021, a statutory institutional arrangement for climate governance in the country has been firmly established. The Act “provides an all-inclusive regulatory framework for achieving Nigeria’s long-term climate goals that include net-zero carbon emissions by 2060, adequate climate financing, environmental and economic accountability. The efforts to implement the plans enshrined in the Climate Change Act 2021 and Nigeria’s Nationally Determined Contribution, including the development of a carbon market framework, are fully on” (NCCC 2022). The NCCC is mandated by law to make appropriate climate policies and take action that will ensure full compliance with the provisions of the Act and all national commitments on climate change. The NCCC has been inaugurated by the President and it is desirous of undertaking a comprehensive Stocktake of climate action in Nigeria to inform evidence-based policymaking.

**PURPOSE**

To enable the NCCC to effectively undertake its mandate, a clear, comprehensive picture of the State of Climate Change response in Nigeria needs to be established through a stocktaking process that identifies and categorizes the ongoing current national and sub-national projects and initiatives. The Stocktake will evaluate the status of the implementation of the NDC and other climate-related plans and policies, and assist in establishing a baseline for the NCCC in setting appropriate national climate targets.
under current national circumstances consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement. The Stocktake will also document levels of the attainment of the targets and identify key elements for NCCC’s urgent response towards achieving Net Zero Targets set by Nigeria. The findings will be the basis of the planned “pause and reflect” event for the government and implementing partners to reflect on the progress of the NDC Implementation.

Whilst the NDC Partnership is supporting the finalization of the NDC Implementation Framework, the NCCC is requesting, through the NDC Partnership, further support to conduct a national NDC Stocktake through a consultancy. The assignment will be supervised by a government “Technical Working Group” (TWG) led by the NCCC, to deliver a robust Stocktake. The findings will enhance the NDC Implementation Framework with additional information since it is a living document.

Specifically, the consultancy aims to:

a. **Take stock of the status of the implementation and financing of the NDC and provide a comprehensive picture of the State of Climate Change response in Nigeria for Adaptation and Mitigation measures at national and sub-national levels.**
   - Take stock of all climate change policies, plans, strategies, programs, and actions that would enhance the NDC, ETP, LT-LEDS, DDP, and Net-Zero targets, and recommend further areas for alignment and coherence.
   - Conduct a mapping of key stakeholders, including Government Ministries Departments, Agencies (MDAs) at the Federal and State levels, civil society organisations, donors and key private sector, and all other relevant stakeholders. This should include an understanding of power structures and dynamics, influence, and relationships.
   - Identify all gaps, barriers, and challenges in the implementation of the NDC and other climate interventions and provide recommendations to improve governance and coordination mechanisms.
   - Document lessons, successes, and experiences on NDC and other climate actions.
   - Make recommendations for informing Nigeria’s submission to the global stocktake and the next round of its NDC in 2025.

b. **Review existing MRV systems being implemented and make recommendations on how to improve a robust MRV system consistent with UNFCCC guidelines to support GHG accounting and sector-specific verification and validation processes.**

### SCHEDULE AND SCOPE OF WORK

A consulting firm is expected to provide the following deliverables:

**Task 1: Develop an Inception Report with a clear work plan.**
- Prepare an inception report in the first 2 weeks of the assignment to be discussed with NCCC (the TWG team) and other key ministries; the following components should be agreed upon before the assignment starts:
  - The methodology should include expected key informant interviews and stakeholder consultations, undertaking field visits including sub-national engagements for data validation, and periodic presentations of findings to the TWG for validation.
  - Customized assessment tools
  - A clear work plan with outlined schedules of the activities
  - The NDC Stocktake Study report format.
Task 2: Take stock of the status of the implementation of the NDC targets in Nigeria

- Together with the NCCC, map out sectors, mitigation, and adaptation activities/projects/programmes to be considered for the assessments.
- Assess and analyze the extent of implementation of adaptation actions and mitigation measures that contribute or can contribute to the NDC targets across sectors, actors and their roles/mandates/coordination mechanisms, what has worked and what has not worked and provide recommendations.
- Evaluate the current status of the progress of the implementation of the NDC targets, together with the draft NDC Implementation Framework, to inform NCCC’s priority response and assess the levels of impact of their actions on the ground and sustainability.
- Review existing literature supplemented by key informant interviews on Nigeria’s NDC and support from various development partners and related interventions – to what extent they are aligning with the NDC targets.
- Identify and map opportunities to strengthen partnerships to accelerate access to required support and resources for raising ambition with enhanced adaptive capacity to climate change.
- Identify gaps, barriers, and challenges in the implementation of the NDC and other climate plans and programmes; provide recommendations and solutions.
- Undertake a rapid assessment and highlight the linkages with other existing and ongoing streams of work such as the MRV, gender and Just Transition and how they can enhance the implementation of the NDC.

Task 3: Take stock of climate finance inflow in Nigeria toward achieving national climate change objectives:

- Analyze existing climate finance strategies, investment plans, and climate finance registry, database and relevant studies at hand, and provide concrete policy recommendations on accelerating access to climate finance to address Nigeria’s climate investment needs.
- Carry out a mapping/assessment of NDC and climate financing flows; Assess the financial resources mobilized from external support and government in the context of NDC implementation and any other climate program.
- Assess investment needs for raising ambition, meet targets set, and provide recommendations on the funding sources for key interventions that can be scaled up and increase the impact of NDCs.
- Identify gaps, barriers, and challenges in accessing climate finance in Nigeria and provide recommendations and solutions.

Task 4: Document success stories on NDC implementation in Nigeria

- Compile two success stories/lessons on gender-responsive NDC implementation.
- Present success stories to the TWG team for discussion and selection.

Task 5: Develop a brief on the next update of Nigeria’s NDC

- Identify and analyze sectors to feature in the next round of NDC.
- Make recommendations for informing the next round of the NDC in 2025.
- Present findings to the TWG.
DELIVERABLES

1. **An inception report** with a clear work plan, assessment tools, and stakeholder consultation plan.
2. **A Stocktake report of** the implementation of the NDC targets, progress, barriers, and opportunities, and recommendations for strengthening/enhancing implementation.
3. **A report on climate finance inflows** in Nigeria both for Mitigation and Adaptation with recommendations on how to enhance access climate finance.
4. **2 Case studies on early successes** in gender-responsive NDC implementation.
5. **Factsheets and Policy Briefs** on next updating Nigeria’s NDC and suggestions for stronger and effective climate actions.
6. **A PowerPoint Presentation** outlining and summarizing the work and results for NCCC.

The final consultancy reports will be subject to a wider stakeholder, including development partners, validation for acceptable and publishable products.

DURATION

The consultancy is expected to be carried out over a period of 90 days (spread over 4 months November 2023 - March 2024).

EXPERTISE REQUIRED

The consultants shall possess the following qualifications:

- Must be a firm or consortium with at least a 10-year cumulative relevant working experience in the areas of climate change, environment, energy, natural resources, law and economics in Nigeria.
- The team lead must possess an advanced university degree (Master’s Degree or equivalence) in any of the above fields and have executed a similar project and a record of quality work in the last three years.
- Must demonstrate a good understanding of the UNFCCC processes, and its mechanisms and a strong established in-country presence and strong relationships with entities supporting NDCs.
- Good track record in the climate change, NDCs, and climate finance space in Nigeria or Africa, green growth economy, and gender and social inclusion, with experience in integrating and alignment with long-term climate strategies and development interventions.
- Must be proficient in both spoken and written English with the ability to produce high-quality reports and with excellent interpersonal relationships in a diverse team.

TO APPLY:

 Interested consultants should submit a current curriculum vitae, cover letter (no more than one page) and proposed daily rate by c.o.b., **7 November 2023** to:

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