

Climate Finance Access Network (CFAN) Advisor Terms of Reference

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CONSULTANCY OVERVIEW

The Government of Jamaica through the NDC Partnership has partnered with the Climate Finance Network (CFAN) in the recruitment of an Advisor to support the mobilization of resources in support of Jamaica's climate agenda. This consultancy will continue work undertaken to access and optimize climate finance with support from Global Affairs Canada and will be closely aligned with the Government of Jamaica's activities under the Taskforce on Access to Climate Finance. The consultant will work closely with the External Cooperation Coordinator at the PIOJ in these pursuits.

ABOUT THE NDC PARTNERSHIP

The NDC Partnership is a global coalition of countries and institutions collaborating to drive transformational climate action through sustainable development. In 2015, the world endorsed the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Nations signal their commitments to the Paris Agreement through NDCs - each country's strategy to cut its own greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience against the negative effects of a changing climate. The Partnership advances the goals of the Paris Agreement by bringing together nearly 200 countries and institutions in new ways to accelerate NDC implementation and enhance ambition over time. The Partnership's work through 120 partners supporting almost 80 countries produces many examples of impact, lessons learned and ideas for the future. The Partnership is governed by a Steering Committee, co-chaired by two country representatives. The Partnership's work is facilitated by a Support Unit based at World Resources Institute in Washington DC and the UNFCCC Secretariat in Bonn, Germany. UNOPS supports the NDC Partnership and its Support Unit through the Water, Environment and Climate (WEC).

CFAN PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Climate Finance Access Network (CFAN) was established in 2021 to support developing countries in accessing finance to achieve their climate objectives, in particular with regards to their energy transition goals. It is hosted by RMI. By cultivating a network of highly trained climate finance advisors, CFAN builds the capacity of developing countries to (1) identify the sources and instruments for delivering climate finance, (2) establish relationships with climate finance providers, and (3) structure financing for mitigation and adaptation investments. CFAN works across developing countries with a focus on Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States.

The Government of Jamaica through its National Development Plan—Vision 2030 Jamaica—has outlined its priorities and actions with regard to climate change. Climate change is positioned under the goal of having a healthy natural environment, and in its combined sector plan on Natural Resources and Environmental Management and Hazard Risk Reduction and Climate Change (2007) and its Climate Change Policy Framework (2015). A primary focus of Vision 2030 is to adapt to climate change through mainstreaming climate risks into government policies and plans, identifying strategic priorities, adopting best practices, and promoting greater public awareness of the socio-economic issues surrounding climate change.

The Government's climate change agenda is ambitious, with the objective of putting in place an appropriate policy and planning framework, implementing mitigation and adaptation programmes and projects which address the climate imperative and building the capacity of local entities to effectively respond. As a highly indebted middle-income country, tapping available climate financing from various sources - international, regional and domestic- will be important to realizing Jamaica's Climate Change strategic priorities, due to competing demands on limited budgetary resources and fiscal and debt constraints. Success in accessing climate financing opportunities will however depend on Jamaica's ability to develop a pipeline of bankable projects which can attract financing from International Development Partners, dedicated Funds such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) and the Adaptation Fund (AF), as well as private capital, among others.

CFAN ADVISOR POSITION OVERVIEW

CFAN advisors work in-country for one to two years with a targeted mandate to access international and domestic sources of public and private finance, to structure finance for investment in their host country's priority mitigation and adaptation projects and advise on the country's overall project pipeline strategy. CFAN advisors join a global cohort of climate finance advisors. Once hired, CFAN advisors attend a part-time, multi-month, cohort-based training program. The training program is delivered virtually through Moodle and includes regular live sessions which advisors are required to attend. Additionally, advisors are required to participate in annual regional workshops in-person, where they receive further training and networking opportunities. CFAN advisors receive technical support from the Network throughout their tenure, and also benefit from the Network's peer-to-peer advisory support. Finally, advisors work with CFAN to conduct climate finance workshops for civil servants, ensuring lasting capacity in-country through knowledge transfer to government officials.

Monitoring and Reporting

The CFAN advisor will be hired by the NDC Partnership and embedded in the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF). The advisor will report directly to the Managing Director of the JSIF and work closely with the CFAN Caribbean Regional Manager.

The CFAN Advisor will provide technical expertise on accessing public and private finance for investment in climate projects to address the climate change priorities of Jamaica through CFAN. Their responsibilities include the following:

- Participate actively in CFAN's Advisor Training Program.
- Participate in discussions with the Government to prioritise and agree on projects for which funding proposals will be developed
- Conduct pre-feasibility assessments of priority projects and programmes engaging all relevant stakeholders.
- Support financial, economic, social, and regulatory analysis throughout project design in collaboration with government counterparts, implementing partners and other stakeholders.
- Contribute to the development of an overarching project pipeline strategy at the national level with an emphasis on the water, forestry, and energy sectors, as well as other climate sensitive sectors using cross sectoral approaches.
- Where relevant, pursue opportunities to finance projects through domestic resources as a means of enhancing country ownership.
- Coordinate closely with other embedded support provided by the NDC partnership (NDGP) in support to the Ministry of Finance and international initiatives such as the Task Force to Climate Finance, as well as coordinate between national ministries to accelerate projects through the investment pipeline.
- Serve as an active member of the CFAN community, including by representing CFAN at events and external meetings, as well as by advancing CFAN's value-add through peer-to-peer learning, knowledge exchange, and cohort activities
- Remain up to date on key changes and developments in policies, operations, modalities and requirements of key climate finance donors and development to inform project proposals and pipeline development.
- Provide strategic advice, training, information, technical guidance and awareness to government counterparts and other stakeholders regarding climate change opportunities concerning policies, modalities and project design and implementation requirements.
- With CFAN support, lead the design and facilitation of at least one in-country capacity building effort to support transfer of skills and knowledge to local staff in relevant ministries and government offices and other stakeholders where appropriate

Qualifications

- An advanced degree in Environmental Sciences, Climate Science, Economics, Economics, or any related field Environmental Management.
- Minimum of 5+ years of experience in climate finance, infrastructure/related finance, accounting, public finance management or related subject areas¹
- Demonstrated ability to design financial instruments and develop bankable climate finance projects from various climate funds.
- Experience with blended finance projects and/or in PPP transactions

- Experience in climate finance readiness, grant proposal writing and/or climate change capacity building or technology transfer
- Demonstrated experience in resource mobilization, stakeholder relationship building and collaboration with government agencies, donors and/international development partners, and non- government organizations.
- Experience with international climate finance institutions, particularly technical aspects of mitigation and adaptation activities
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Knowledge gained of the Caribbean experience is strongly preferred. Nationals are encouraged to apply.
- Willingness and ability to commit to in-country work for five (5) months and travel as required.

Special Conditions Associated with the Assignment

- **Estimated Timeline of Position:** The initial contract duration is for five (5) months with the possibility of extension depending on the availability of funding.
- **Location:** The successful candidate will be contracted full time to the Jamaica Social Investment Fund in Kingston, Jamaica, with travel to Member States as necessary.
- **Start Date:** The successful applicant will be expected to commence work immediately on appointment where appropriate.
- **Reporting:** The Advisor will be expected to deliver a monthly report (max 1-2 pages) to the JSIF and CFAN on progress, milestones, and lessons learned.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please submit a complete application package that includes CV, cover letter and daily remuneration expectation to Clarissa Lehne at clarissa.lehne@ndcpartnership.org, using the subject line 'Jamaica CFAN Advisor Application'. The deadline for applications is 14 November 2023

¹ CFAN prefers candidates to have at least 5 years of substantive work experience. As hiring circumstances and applicant pools are dynamic and context-dependent, the minimum years of experience is not a strict requirement and ultimately at the discretion of the member initiative leading the hiring process.