

ToR - Senior Economic Advisor in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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Duty Station: Home based, Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Contract Type: Consultant

Duration: 12 months, with possibility to extend

Context

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 Nationally Determined Contributions (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.

Country Context

With NDC Partnership support, St. Vincent and the Grenadines submitted its first NDC in June 2016. The country is still grappling with the impacts of volcanic eruptions in April 2021. Although it is still in the recovery phase, the country is determined to submit its revised NDC. A specific date for submission has not yet been set.

Functions / Key Results Expected

To assist SVG in developing a climate budget tagging system and to support the implementation of priority adaptation and mitigation actions outlined in the revised NDC for SVG.

I. Senior Economic Advisor

The Advisor will work in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and will be embedded, for at least one year, in the SDU. The advisor will report directly to the Director of the SDU.

The specific roles and responsibilities of the Advisor includes, inter alia:

- a. Develop a Climate and Gender Budget Tagging (CBT) System for SVG, considering expenditure from the public sector, private sector, and civil society organizations.
- b. Coordinate between government ministries and agencies, the private sector, and civil society organizations to ensure country ownership of the CBT system.
- d. Support the development of project proposals to access SVG's STAR allocation under the Global Environment Facility (GEF).
- e. Facilitate in-country capacity building efforts to support transfer of skills and knowledge to relevant stakeholders in government ministries and agencies, private sector, and civil society organizations.
- f. Support gender-responsive project initiation and planning activities, with a particular focus on renewable energy, energy efficiency, forestry and waste management which contribute to the implementation of the revised NDC for SVG.
- g. Provide technical support to the National Technical Advisory Committee on Climate Change (NTACCC) in tracking the implementation of the NDC for SVG.
- h. Serve as an active member of the NDC Partnership, including by representing the Partnership at events and external meetings, and by facilitating peer-to-peer learning and knowledge exchange

Institutional Arrangement

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Recruitment Qualifications

Education

- Advanced university degree in economics, finance, business administration or another related field.
- Bachelor's degree in related discipline in combination with an additional 2 years of relevant work experience may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree.

Experience Required

- At least 5 years of experience working in climate finance, preferably for a financial institution or development agency.
- Experience in developing climate budget tagging systems or related work.
- Experience in gender budgeting or working at national level with gender development projects.
- Proven experience with use of gender analysis of the economy.
- Experience accessing and structuring finance for climate investments.
- Experience working in developing countries, including SIDS, on climate change, gender equality, and other development issues.
- Excellent knowledge of gender and economic policy.

Asset

- Experience organizing and facilitating engagements, events, and stakeholder dialogues.
- Experience with international climate finance institutions, including inter alia, the GEF and GCF, particularly technical aspects of mitigation and adaptation activities.

- Experience with multilateral and bilateral development partners.
- Demonstrated ability to formulate project proposals in compliance with requirements of various climate finance funds, including, inter alia, the GEF, GCF and AF.

Language requirements

- Fluency in written and spoken English is required.
- Proficiency in Spanish is an asset.

TO APPLY

To apply for this consultancy position, please submit the following via e-mail to Isabel.Pasternack.5@ndcpartnership.org by April 9, 2024.

- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Cover letter explaining your approach to meet the deliverables (1 page max. in English)
- Expected daily remuneration in USD

We will consider applications as they are received. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted and final terms will be discussed upon selection. Please use the following format for the email subject line: Economic Advisor_CONSULTANT NAME. All CVs must be submitted in electronic format.