

Climate Change Consultant for Maldives MAF Second Round

Terms of Reference

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

About 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. UNOPS supports the NDC Partnership and its Support Unit through the Water, Environment and Climate (WEC).

Country Context

In 2020, the Maldives took a significant step in its commitment to combat climate change by submitting an updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). This revised NDC outlines the Maldives' ambitious goals: a conditional reduction of emissions by 26% by 2030 compared to business-as-usual (BAU) levels, with an increased aspirational target of achieving net-zero emissions by 2030.

The Maldives became a member of the NDC Partnership in August 2016, further solidifying its dedication to addressing climate change. In recent developments, the NDC Partnership has been actively facilitating the development of Adaptation Investment Pipeline Projects through its Partnership Action Fund (PAF). Responding to the Maldives' specific needs, an in-country facilitator was appointed and stationed at the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Technology (MECCT) as of April 2023, reinforcing the nation's commitment to realizing its climate goals.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The primary objective of this consultancy is to develop a compelling and well-structured concept note outlining the proposed project for developing a low-carbon resilient fisheries production and processing sector in the Maldives. This concept note will be submitted to the Mitigation Action Facility (MAF) for the second round of the outline phase.

The consultant's key responsibilities will include:

- **Desk Review and Data Collection:** Conduct a thorough review of the existing concept note and gather relevant information on the energy consumption and requirements of the Maldives Industrial Fisheries Company Limited (MIFCO), including existing challenges, opportunities, and ongoing initiatives.
- **Stakeholder Consultations:** Engage with key stakeholders, including government agencies, to gather insights and perspectives on the proposed project. This information will be essential for completing the templates for the second round of MAF.
- **Financial Analysis and Budget Development:** Conduct a financial analysis and develop a detailed budget.
- **Emission Reduction Calculation:** Calculate the expected emission reductions from the project.
- **Template Completion:** Complete all the required templates for the MAF second round.

KEY DELIVERABLES

The consultant will be expected to deliver the following outputs:

- A complete set of templates for the second round of concept note submission.
- A detailed financial proposal.
- A concise presentation summarizing the key aspects of the concept note for stakeholder engagement.
- Any other necessary activities to ensure the submission of the concept note for the second round.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

The consultant should have the following qualifications and requirements:

- A bachelor's degree or equivalent in climate change, environmental management, international development, Public Policy or a related field.
- At least five years of relevant experience in providing logistical and technical support to climate change or development projects or programs, preferably in Maldives or the region.
- Excellent knowledge of the NDC process and the Paris Agreement, as well as the national and international climate change and development landscape in Maldives.
- Strong communication and coordination skills, with the ability to work effectively with a diverse range of stakeholders, including government officials, development partners, civil society, private sector, etc.
- Excellent of energy sector modelling.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and other relevant software and tools.

TIMEFRAME AND DUTY STATION



The consultancy is expected to be carried out over 20 days, starting from 1st July 2024 to 31st July 2024.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Evaluation Criteria

The following elements will be the primary considerations in evaluating all proposals submitted in response to this TOR:

- Completion of all required elements;
- The extent to which the consultant's proposal fulfills WRI's stated requirements as set out in the TOR;
- Experience with similar projects;
- Overall cost of the consultant's proposal;
- Debarment and sanctions – WRI will not consider proposals from consultants that are presently debarred by the U.S. government or named on any restricted parties lists;
- Sustainability – WRI values sustainability and all other factors being equal, will favor a proposal to more sustainably perform the work.

The candidate offering the best overall value will be selected. For this procurement, price and non-price aspects are considered to be of approximately equal importance.

Selection Process

No proposal development costs shall be charged to WRI. All expenses are to be borne by the bidders. WRI may award to the bidder offering best value without discussion. However, WRI reserves the right to seek bidder clarifications and to negotiate with those bidders deemed to be within a competitive range.

WRI may, at its discretion and without explanation to the prospective consultants choose to discontinue this TOR without obligation to such prospective consultants or make multiple awards under this TOR. Contracts will not be awarded to consultants debarred by the US government or named on restricted parties lists.

TO APPLY

Qualified candidates are invited to send their application documents by **c.o.b., Monday, 15 July 2024** in electronic with the format to Syeda Hadika Jamshaid , Partnership Specialist, hadika.jamshaid@ndcpartnership.org

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: subject '**Maldives Consultant Application_NAME**'. All applications must be submitted in electronic format.