

NDC Partnership – Analysis of NDC Enhancement Results from the Global Call

Request for Proposals, December 2024

BACKGROUND

By 2025, countries need to submit ambitious [Nationally Determined Contributions](#) (NDCs 3.0) that align with the goals of the Paris Agreement and reflect the outcomes of the first [Global Stocktake](#) (GST). Addressing the ambition, implementation and finance gaps identified in the GST requires a coordinated effort to support countries in developing NDCs 3.0 and aligning these commitments with Paris-compatible long-term targets and development pathways through their Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategies (LT-LEDS).

In response to this need for enhanced ambition in NDCs 3.0 and importance of alignment with LT-LEDS, the NDC Partnership launched the Global Call for NDCs 3.0 & LT-LEDS in 2022 to facilitate access to expertise and dedicated resources for member countries to align, update and enhance their NDCs 3.0 and LT-LEDS in line with the Paris Agreement goals.

The Support Unit seeks a vendor to review the results of the support provided to countries through the Global Call, including how it has translated into more ambitious NDCs 3.0, and summarize best practices and lessons learned to inform future NDC ambition raising efforts. The vendor will deliver the following: a methodology to assess the impact of support provided through the Global Call on enhanced ambition of the NDCs 3.0; if and how this ambition has been supported through development of robust LT-LEDS; application of the methodology against all countries receiving support through the Global Call; and a public facing Best Practice Brief summarizing the results.

ABOUT THE GLOBAL CALL

The Global Call builds on the success of the [Climate Action Enhancement Package](#) (CAEP), which deployed more than USD 55 million to support nearly 70 developing country members to raise the mitigation and adaptation ambition of their 2020 NDC updates. The Global Call creates synergies between NDCs 3.0 and LT-LEDS processes, decisions and institutional arrangements while making their interconnections clear and actionable. It supports countries through complementary NDC and LT-LEDS tracks, enabling an immediate increase in ambition and guiding forthcoming updates and enhancements under the Paris Agreement by leveraging the expertise and resources available across the NDC Partnership to identify and strengthen the linkages between NDCs 3.0 and LT-LEDS.

The Global Call facilitates access to expertise and dedicated resources from Partners to help countries to align, update and enhance NDCs 3.0 and LT-LEDS. Through the Global Call, countries can leverage Partnership support to:

- Assess, plan and develop NDCs 3.0 and LT-LEDS;
- Align NDCs 3.0 and LT-LEDS using the most effective methods available;

- Mobilize technical assistance that matches country needs with partner initiatives; and
- Access on-demand technical specialists to enhance NDC and LT-LEDS development process.

Country Members can request support through the Global Call to develop their NDCs 3.0, develop or refine LT-LEDS and align these two instruments — jumpstarting transformational policies. These requests for support are circulated by the Support Unit to the Partnership members, for them to respond to with offers of targeted technical assistance and finance.

Developing Country Members can submit (multiple) requests for support on a rolling basis until the third quarter of 2025. They can access support under multiple streams or place subsequent requests on a rolling basis as they progress from one stage of LT-LEDS and NDC development to the other.

SCOPE OF WORK

The purpose of this RFP is to detail the ways in which countries have enhanced their NDCs 3.0 with Partnership support, including the identification of lessons learned and best practices. This includes development of an accurate and detailed description of the kind of activities the Global Call has supported and criteria to measure NDC enhancement, including with regards to the outcomes of the GST and links to long-term planning through an LT-LEDS.

As of December 2024, more than 60 countries have requested support through the Partnership for the development of their NDCs 3.0 to be submitted in 2025 and more than 45 have sought support for the development of their LT-LEDS. Of those countries, 38 have requested support for both NDC 3.0 and LT-LEDS development and alignment. More countries are expected to submit requests for support through September 2025. This work will be completed in two phases: Phase 1) analysis and initial best practice brief covering all countries requesting support up to September 2025 (to be delivered in October 2025), and Phase 2) analysis and final best practice brief covering all country NDC 3.0 submissions (to be delivered in Q1 2026).

Work will include:

Assessment of enhancement raising efforts for NDC 3.0 under the Global Call

- Propose and validate a taxonomy of actions supported by the Global Call, including for NDCs 3.0, LT-LEDS and alignment across the two, and map support provided;
- Work within the Partnership’s already defined analytical framework focused on [Ambition, Quality and Process](#) to qualify and assess NDC enhancement, (comparing each country’s NDC 3.0 with its previous NDC), making improvements to better draw out specific elements on implementability and investability. Ensure comparability with [previous analysis completed](#).
- Identify opportunities to best leverage or incorporate the framework from the [NDC 3.0 Navigator](#);
- Include analysis of links to the country’s LT-LEDS;
- Generate lessons learned on how to improve the credibility and investability of NDCs and LT-LEDS.

- Develop indicators (and sub-indicators) to capture the specific enhancement efforts countries are carrying out with Partnership support (e.g. integration of specific outcomes from the first Global Stocktake, addition of new sectors, addition of new gases, shortening of timelines, more robust data, addition of adaptation actions, costing of NDCs, shift from conditional to unconditional);
 - Specific indicators should also be developed for whole-of-society approaches, including themes for gender equality, youth engagement, and just transitions. Analyses could measure adoption of holistic whole-of-society approaches throughout development of NDC, utilization of expert support in NDC development, and inclusive stakeholder engagement practices, among others. Analyses will integrate baseline comparisons with previous NDC, utilizing data collected in 2021 and best available resources.
 - Carry out analysis of NDC enhancement in countries supported through the Global Call, based on the analytical framework above. Analysis will include desk research and interviews with countries and partners.
 - Capture results in an internal database that can be used to conduct national, regional and sectoral analysis and to measure impact of the Global Call based on the indicators developed above;
 - Draft a public facing Best Practice Brief summarizing the results of the analysis above and key learning. Delivery of the Best Practice Brief should include sufficient time for at least two rounds of feedback from the Support Unit.

DELIVERABLES

- Methodology to understand the outcomes of Global Call support, including how it has translated into enhanced NDC ambition.
- Complete database with results from the analysis of countries supported through the Global Call against the above methodology.
- Initial public facing Best Practice Brief summarizing the assessment of enhancement raising efforts for NDCs 3.0 and LT-LEDS for all Global Call support delivered by September 2025 (max 30 pages).
- Final public facing Best Practice Brief summarizing the assessment of enhancement raising efforts for NDCs 3.0 and LT-LES for all Global Call delivered by January 2026 (30 pages max).

TIMELINE

Deliverable	Deadline
Kick off workshop between vendor and Support Unit	18 February 2025
Inception report detailing methodology outline	3 March 2025
Methodology and indicators finalized	3 April 2025
Analysis of Global Call support and country NDCs	3 April – 15 October 2025
Complete database including Phase 1 data	October 2025
Best Practice Brief based on Phase 1 data	October 2025

Complete database including Phase 1 and 2 data	February 2026
Updated Best Practice Brief based on Phase 1 and 2 data	March 2026

REQUIREMENTS

The selected vendor will be able to demonstrate capacity in similar work, particularly:

- Significant experience in project management and delivery mechanisms;
- Understanding of both qualitative and quantitative data analysis methods;
- Expertise in climate finance topics including, but not limited to cost-benefit analysis, private sector engagement, investment assessment strategies and feasibility analysis for implementation;
- Experience working on NDC development and implementation, as well as Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) and other development strategies;
- Experience working with developing countries on climate action;
- Experience working with partnerships or coalitions;
- Knowledge of key stakeholders and initiatives in the climate change space;
- Experience in developing analytical frameworks and methodologies;
- Experience in leading consultations with senior officials in government and organizations;
- Excellent understanding of the UNFCCC, the Paris Agreement and NDCs;
- Ability to conduct interviews and review material in English, French and Spanish;
- Experience is developing succinct knowledge products for policy audiences.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

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

- Completion of all required elements;
- Quality of the written proposal;
- The extent to which the vendor’s proposal fulfills the stated requirements as set out in the RFP;
- Experience with similar projects;
- Ability to complete the activities within the set timelines;
- Overall cost of the vendor’s proposal and best value for money;
- Debarment and sanctions – WRI will not consider proposals from vendors 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 bidder offering the best overall value will be selected. For this procurement, price and non-price aspects are considered to be of approximately equal importance.

Prospective vendors should submit the materials below, limiting their submissions to a maximum of 20 pages.

- An overview describing the proposed team and how it meets the above requirements, as well as a description of how you would deliver the scope of work, including an initial proposed methodology and workplan, as well as timeline;
- Description of process for regular exchange with the NDC Partnership Support Unit (e.g. weekly check-ins, in-person meetings, etc.);
- CVs of relevant staff engaged in project delivery with information on what makes them a good fit for this project;
- Examples of and references (name, organization, email) for similar previous work;
- An account of how the work and/or organization is environmentally sustainable;
- A detailed budget with a breakdown of costs.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Please submit proposals and relevant documents by 31 January 2025 in electronic format to:

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WRI may, at its discretion and without explanation to potential suppliers, elect to abandon this RFP without obligation to such potential suppliers or to award multiple contracts under this RFP.