Request for Proposals: funding portfolio based on the 2021 – 2025 NDC Action Plan
Dominican Republic

BACKGROUND

Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are at the heart of the Paris Agreement and the achievement of its long-term goals. Launched at COP22 in 2016 in Marrakesh, the NDC Partnership aims to enhance cooperation so that countries have access to the technical knowledge and financial support they need to implement their NDCs. International support for fast and effective NDC implementation in the context of the Partnership implies new forms of coordination and collaboration.

The Dominican Republic, a member of the NDC Partnership since 2018, submitted an updated version of its NDC to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). In it, it covers additional subsectors and broadens the portfolio of mitigation and adaptation measures to deliver on the country’s resilience and emissions reduction targets by 2030.

In 2021, the Dominican government requested support from Partnership members to update of its NDC Action Plan, a tool intended for international support coordination as well as for mainstreaming of the NDC in sectoral and territorial planning. The update reflects the support and action needs arising from stronger ambition. The process is led by the NDC Partnership Focal Points – the National Council on Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism (CNCCMDL) and the Ministry of the Economy, Planning and Development (MEPyD) – is coordinated with other key institutions such as the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, line ministries and has been supported by NDC Partnership members such as The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the World Bank. The government expects to finalize and launch the Plan during the first semester of 2022.

Working in close coordination with the NDC Action Plan team, the government and the NDC Partnership Support Unit, this consultancy will support the development of analytical products to strengthen the implementation of, and attract funding for, the Dominican Republic’s NDC Action Plan.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF WORK

Purpose

The analytical products outlined in the table below are expected to inform and assist i) strategic effort prioritization by the government, included for public investment decisions ii) resource leveraging and fundraising by government leading institutions for the implementation of the NDC Action Plan; iii) awareness-raising efforts across public and private institutions which are expected to initiate in Q3 2022 with support from the NDC Partnership.
Objectives and Scope

The key objective of this work is to create a funding portfolio based on the NDC Action Plan’s outcomes and outputs. The portfolio’s framing and structure should be based on attributes that respond to strategic information needs from key implementing partners such as public investment decision-makers, donors, implementing partners and private sector investors or stakeholders, for instance: funding or investment readiness, capacity-building impact, transformational impact, impact on gender equality, direct mitigation and adaptation outcomes, and others.

The main outcomes of the work will be presented in a format that is appealing and accessible to this audience.

DELIVERABLES

All deliverables will be produced in Spanish. Deliverables 3 c) and 3 d) will also be produced in English.

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<td>Workplan and concept note outlining the steps envisioned to achieve the consultancy’s objectives.</td>
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<td>A timeline of activities and sub-activities, in a tabular format, accompanied by a two-page concept note outlining the approach that will be taken to develop the consultancy’s deliverables.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Categorization, tagging and ranking of outcomes and related outputs of the NDC Action Plan, based on key attributes for funding and investment decision-making.</td>
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<td>A methodological framework to tag and rank outcomes and related outputs of the NDC Action Plan, employing attributes that are of interest for partners (donors, investors and implementing partners) when making funding or investment decisions.</td>
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<td>The analysis should include a description of the methodology for the definition, and final selection of categories and attributes to tag and rank the NDC Action Plan’s outcomes and outputs against. These should ideally be identified in consultation with selected partners / investors and may include topics such as funding or investment readiness, capacity-building impact, impact on gender equality, and others.</td>
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<td>The above should be comprised in one report of no more than 20 pages, plus annexes.</td>
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<td>Activity portfolio for investors and donors</td>
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<td>The application of the proposed methodology should result in a basic categorization and ranking of the outcomes and outputs of the NDC Action Plan into</td>
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classes and ratings that respond to key issues looked at by partners when making decisions on funding and investment.

The final package of deliverables should include:
a) A final report with a detailed description of i) the steps and results of the application of the methodology developed in the previous stage; ii) an analysis of its limitations, iii) and recommendations for future improvement.
b) All underlying data / analysis compiled and coded in a separate database.
c) A portfolio of NDC Action Plan outcomes and outputs (results of the analysis) intended for investors and donors, including design and layout in line with the parameters provided by the NDC Partnership Support unit. The document should not be longer than 10 pages.
d) A presentation in the Microsoft PowerPoint template to be provided by the NDC Partnership Support Unit of between 15 – 20 slides, which includes the key elements the portfolio.

**DURATION**

During the period of 1 March to 20 May 2022, the firm will work for a total of 57 effective working days and is expected to submit deliverables according to the schedule above.

**BUDGET**

The NDC Partnership will consider proposals up to USD 40,000 inclusive of labor and qualifying expenses. Allowable costs include consultant salaries, project-related supplies, research expenses, communication expenses, and travel expenses.

**SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS**

**Requirements**

**Experience:**
- A minimum of three years’ demonstrated experience in the development of knowledge and analytical products on sustainable development, environment, and climate change,
- Experience working with international development organizations, or at a policy research entity;
- Experience working with financial institutions is desirable;
- A good understanding of the political, economic, and social context in the Dominican Republic is preferred; and
- Strong report writing skills.
Language:

- Spanish and English

Proposal Content

Prospective consultants should submit:

a. A statement of interest describing the proposed team, the CVs of team members, how they meet the requirements, and how they will be assigned to the implementation of tasks described above;

b. A brief narrative proposal for delivering the scope of work (up to three pages), including the proposed methodology and work plan, key questions to help guide the work on each of the major elements of the evaluation; and

c. One example of a similar assessment, along with two references from a previous assessment;

d. A proposed budget with breakdown of costs.

Submission Deadline and Selection Process

The NDC Partnership invites proposals for the execution of this analytical product for submission by 28 February, 17:00h EST to Estefania.Ardila@ndcpartnership.org.