Terms of Reference (TOR) for an NDC Partnership
Senior Mitigation and Governance Advisor

ABOUT THIS POSITION

In 2018 and with NDC Partnership support, the government of the Dominican Republic developed a NDC Action Plan which identifies the key areas and needs for support the implementation of its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) across all sectors. Based on this Plan, the government has mobilized support and established a coordination mechanism for climate action between various stakeholders, ranging from government agencies to development and implementing partners and non-government organizations. With support from the NDC Partnership, the government of the Dominican Republic produced and submitted to the UNFCCC an updated, more ambitious Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), with additional measures and actions to adapt to, and mitigate climate change. In light of this development, the country aspires to produce an update and strengthening of its NDC Action Plan and transform it into a sectoral action roadmap with more robust indicators aligned with the 2020 NDC ambition, sectoral guidance on the way forward and additional support for implementation.

The role of the consultant is to support the National Council for Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism (CNCCMDL, in Spanish) in the update and enhancement of the Dominican Republic's 2020 NDC Action Plan (mitigation component). The consultant will also provide inputs on the design of an awareness-raising strategy of such Plan and the updated 2020 NDC.

Working on behalf of the CNCCMDL, the consultant will play a central role in ensuring the engagement and coordination of key state and non-state actors needed for the successful completion of the above-mentioned objective. Work planning and executing by the consultant shall give consideration to alternative scenarios on the potential obstacles for meetings and traveling stemming from the measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic or any other extraordinary events.

About the NDC Partnership

The NDC Partnership is a global coalition of countries and institutions collaborating to drive transformational climate action through sustainable development. Through the Partnership, members leverage their resources and expertise to provide countries with the tools they need to implement their NDCs and combat climate change to build a better future. The NDC Partnership Support Unit is jointly hosted by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the UN Climate Change Secretariat. For this project, the consultant would be contracted directly through WRI.

About the World Resources Institute

Founded in 1982, the World Resources Institute (WRI) is a global environmental think tank that goes beyond research to put ideas into action, by working with governments, companies, and civil society to build solutions to urgent environmental challenges. WRI’s transformative ideas protect the earth and
promote development because sustainability is essential to meeting human needs and fulfilling human aspirations in the future.

**SCOPE OF WORK AND ACTIVITIES**

The consultant will work as a senior advisor on climate change mitigation and governance at the CNCCMDL (National Council on Climate Change and CDM) of the Dominican Republic. In this role, they will support CNCCMDL in: a) crafting and leading the implementation of the update process of the country’s NDC Action Plan (Partnership Plan) based on the 2020 NDC (NDC-RD 2020); b) assisting the government in liaising with implementing and development partners providing, or interested in providing support to the implementation of the NDC Action Plan; c) supporting the government in identifying and proposing NDC implementation initiatives with a focus on mitigation; d) assisting the government and the NDC Partnership Support Unit in the preparation of LAC Climate Week 2021 to be hosted by the Dominican Republic.

**Activities**

1. Update, from a climate change mitigation perspective, the Dominican Republic's NDC Action Plan.
2. Support the coordination and follow-up of all climate change mitigation activities defined and supported by CAEP partner requests to implement the NDC Action Plan and other activities identified in the NDC-DR 2020 process.
3. In close coordination with the NDC Partnership facilitator, support the organization and preparation of required in-country exchanges and coordination between national and international stakeholders as part of the government-led NDC-RD 2020 process.
4. Support the government in the preparation of the Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week 2021 in the Dominican Republic.
5. Monitor and report periodically (monthly) on progress related to climate change mitigation activities and cross-cutting issues, in the update of the NDC Action Plan and the NDC-DR 2020 implementation process.
6. Provide inputs to the design of an awareness program aimed at authorities in the framework of the NDC-RD 2020 results and the NDC Action Plan.
7. Provide advice on the implementation of an awareness and engagement program for all relevant sectors and stakeholders (public and private) for the implementation of the NDC 2020 and the Action Plan.

**Location and duration of the contract**

The consultant will be based in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and will work on a full – time basis and under the supervision of the mitigation coordinator at the CNCCMDL and in close coordination with the in-country NDC Partnership facilitator. The contract duration is from 1 April to 30 November. The maximum value of this contract is USD 60,840.
REQUIREMENTS

Profile of eligible candidates

- Master’s degree, or its equivalent, in an area relevant to the task. An advanced degree in a relevant study field is an asset.
- Proven research abilities.
- A minimum of 10 years of hands-on experience on climate change and environmental management.
- Proven experience in the area of climate change mitigation, methods to estimate greenhouse gas emissions and use of emissions modeling tools. Specific experience in the Dominican Republic’s public sector institutions is an asset.
- In-depth knowledge of and the country’s Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), its UNFCCC country reports and processes, and Sustainable Development Goals.
- In-depth knowledge of the national plans, strategies, policies related to climate change in the Dominican Republic.
- In-depth knowledge of national development challenges in the Dominican Republic.

Skills

- Proven, business-level fluency in Spanish (spoken and written).
- English proficiency is an asset.
- Strong communication and relationship-building skills.
- Computer skills and experience in Microsoft suite, database management, cloud- and web-based communications, and at least one modelling tool for developing mitigation scenarios.
- Flexible and capable of working with minimal direction and supervision.
- Commitment to the CNCCMDL mission and values.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Candidates must submit

- Their curriculum vitae (CV), in English or Spanish.
- An economic proposal indicating the daily rate in US dollars for the implementation of the activities outlined in this TOR, in English or Spanish.
- Please use the following format for the email subject line: RD_MITIGATION.
- All CVs must be submitted in electronic format.

Qualified candidates are invited to send their application documents by March 15, 2021 by 18:00 h, time of Washington D.C., via e-mail to Estefania.Ardila@ndcpartnership.org. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.