

Development of an NDC implementation framework for Malawi's updated NDC (2020-2025)

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OVERVIEW

Malawi has finalised and submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) its revised NDC. Despite its status as a least developed country (LDC) with one of the lowest per capita emissions rates worldwide, Malawi's updated NDC, which draws upon the National Climate Change Management Policy (NCCMP) and other national strategies and policies, therefore proposes an ambitious and wide-ranging set of measures which can significantly reduce Malawi's GHG emissions compared to a business-as-usual (BAU) scenario of economic development and emissions growth over the next two decades. A detailed assessment of identified GHG mitigation options for Malawi estimates a total emissions reduction potential of around 17.7 million tCO₂e in 2040 against the BAU scenario emissions in the same year of 34.6 million tCO₂e, equivalent to a reduction of 51 per cent. Malawi's adaptation contribution prioritizes ten strategic adaptation options relating to three pillars, namely: (i) institutional framework, (ii) knowledge, technology and financing and (iii) resilience of the most vulnerable.

During the NDC revision process, an NDC implementation plan was concurrently drafted by Carbon Counts and ICLEI Local Government for Sustainability with support through the NDC Partnership coordinated Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP). The draft plan will need to be finalized to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the updated NDC. Malawi's Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) at the Ministry of Forestry and Natural Resources in coordination with other relevant institutions need an implementation framework for the updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) which puts together programmes, projects and activities which contribute to the implementation of NDC priorities. The NDC implementation framework will capture specific programs and projects for each measure/priority identified in the updated NDC for the period between 2020/21 to 2024/25, specifying the timeframe, expected results, performance indicators, estimated or known budget, potential sources of funding and the responsible entity. Following a well-structured logic model, the framework will track how the achievements of a series of programs/projects/activities contribute to the achievement of higher-level outcomes and higher-level results.

To support the finalization of an implementation framework, EAD is looking to recruit a short-term national consultant. The consultant will work alongside the NDC coordinator as well as with the

government technical team established to support in the development of the Malawi's updated NDC implementation framework.

Objective

The main objective of the consultancy is to develop a 5-year (From 2020/21 to 2024/25) implementation framework for Malawi's updated NDC.

Specific Tasks

1. Review the draft NDC implementation plan to align it with Malawi's submitted revised NDC.
2. Coordinate with EAD to organize and host consultations with government sector experts, sub-national officials, development partners and other stakeholders to elaborate specific programs, projects, activities for implementation and needs for support.
3. Consolidate relevant investment plans, implementation strategies and other documentation into a singular logical framework, reflecting outcomes, outputs and indicators for NDC implementation.
4. Support incorporation of gender and youth considerations in activities, key performance indicators, outputs, and outcomes of the NDC implementation plan.
5. Coordinate with relevant institutions to cost the planned NDC related activities.
6. Map existing and planned support from partners contributing to NDC/climate and development action. Use this information to identify and document support gaps for NDC implementation.
7. Facilitate the validation of the NDC implementation framework through broad stakeholder engagement.
8. Migrate the NDC implementation framework into an online tool that can be used to track and record NDC implementation activities, support gaps and progress toward achieving NDC outputs and outcomes.

Deliverables

1. Draft NDC implementation framework, based on revised NDC priorities and existing investment plans and implementation strategies;
2. A final project mapping that can be fed into and inform identification of support gaps in the NDC implementation framework;
3. A final NDC implementation framework based on a results framework.
4. Migration of the NDC Implementation Plan to EAD Websites, and NDC Partnership's online platform for ease of access, update and navigation.

DURATION

The duration of this consultancy will be 45 working days, distributed efficiently by the consultant over 3 months to ensure successful completion of high-quality final deliverables that are approved by EAD, and Stakeholders.

REPORTING

The consultant will work closely with the technical team established to work on the NDC implementation framework under the supervision and guidance of the Head of Climate Change Environmental Affairs Department, Ministry of Forestry and Natural Resources. The consultant will also coordinate closely with the in-country NDC facilitator supporting EAD. The consultant will report government approved deliverables to the NDC Partnership Support Unit.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in climate change, environment, natural resources or development or other related fields.
- At least 7 years of relevant working experience in the areas of climate change and natural resources.
- Experience with international climate action and financing, including frameworks of the UNFCCC and nationally determined contribution (NDC).
- Experience facilitating stakeholder dialogues.
- Extensive experience in logical frameworks and results-based planning, including project identification and investment preparation. Experience with online platforms will be added advantage.
- Experience with climate finance and resource mobilization with multi-lateral and bilateral development partners.
- Substantial knowledge of and experience working the relevant government institutions in Malawi would be desirable.
- Fluency in English.

APPLICATIONS

To apply, please submit CV and cover letter to margaret.barihaihi@ndcpartnership.org copying john.ssemulema.5@ndcpartnership.org by **15 January 2022**, with the subject 'Malawi NDC implementation plan Application'.