

Terms of Reference:

Mozambique – Senior Climate Advisor

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ABOUT THE NDC PARTNERSHIP

The NDC Partnership is a global coalition that works with national governments, international institutions, and civil society, to fast-track climate and development action. To date, the Partnership's membership brings together more than 120 countries—developed and developing—and more than 85 institutions to create and deliver on ambitious climate action. Through the Partnership, members leverage their resources and expertise to provide countries with the tools they need to implement their NDCs to combat climate change and build a better future.¹

In 2015, the world endorsed the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These historic accords presented countries with an unprecedented opportunity to align the climate and sustainable development agendas to spur economic growth and improve the livelihoods of all people. Nations signal their commitments to the Paris Agreement through Nationally Determined Contributions (or NDCs) - each country's strategy to cut its own greenhouse gas emissions and build resiliency against the negative effects of a changing climate. One of the unique value propositions that the NDC Partnership brings through its in-country work is leveraging the support from a consortium of partners towards a common objective set by the government. The Partnership, through its Country Engagement process, engages directly with ministries and other stakeholders to assess climate related needs and identify opportunities for collaboration around these needs—across sectors, regions, and international partners. Through targeted and coordinated technical assistance, members of the Partnership support countries with, for example, policy and strategy formulation for NDC mainstreaming, development of NDC implementation plans and resource mobilization, NDC revision and enhancement, or green economic recovery post-pandemic.

BACKGROUND

Under the overall coordination of the Ministry of Land and Environment (MTA), Mozambique has taken significant steps towards the implementation of its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) in compliance with the Paris agreement. Mozambique's NDC under the Paris Agreement prioritizes adaptation to climate change and highlights an ambitious mitigation commitment plan to reduce around 40 MtCO₂eq from 2020 to 2025, depending on the support of development partners in providing financial, technological and capacity-building resources to the Government and Civil Society institutions.

¹ The NDC Partnership is hosted by the World Resources Institute in Washington DC, US; UNFCCC in Bonn, Germany; and UNOPS.

Although Mozambique is one of the countries most affected by climate change, paradoxically it receives considerably less climate funding than many similar countries. The government has recently taken significant cross-cutting actions to gain access to additional climate finance. The success of these cross-cutting actions will depend on collaboration between ministries, development partners, financial institutions and civil society organizations.

In this context, the Ministry of Land and Environment intends to hire a Senior Climate Advisor to support its leadership and coordination role in climate change with a view to effectively realizing the country's adaptation and mitigation ambitions.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Senior Climate Advisor will be integrated into the National Directorate of Climate Change, supporting the Sixth Minister and will work closely with the relevant directorates, the National Directorate for the Environment (DINAB), the National Directorate for Forests (DINAF) and the Directorate for Territorial Planning.

The Senior Climate Advisor will perform the following tasks and responsibilities:

Component 1: Enhanced coordination and dialogue

Provide high-level support to the Minister of Land and Environment to strengthen national coordination efforts for the implementation of Mozambique's climate ambitions, including through harmonization and dialogue with:

- Ministries and in particular the Ministry of Economy and Finance, MIREME, MADER, MIC, MTC, INGD, government institutions and others
- Development partners, climate financiers and other relevant actors in the climate space, including the private sector

Specific tasks include:

- Guide the Sixth MTA on the critical points in the management of national climate issues and interface with the international conjuncture;
- Support the development of key national climate plans and strategies, including the second NDC, ensuring their compatibility with the conditions of access to various sources of climate finance and ensuring the buy-in of key partners and stakeholders;
- Maintain an in-depth knowledge of current trends across the climate ecosystem,
- Identification of opportunities for collaboration and partnerships;
- Support for the definition of agendas and preparation of concept notes for relevant high-level dialogues, panels and round tables;
- Support and advice in the implementation of follow-up actions; Propose inter-ministerial coordination approaches to climate change such as the GIMC, scientific committee on climate change among others from the central to the local level;
- Liaise with climate-related organic units to ensure coordination and integration of MTA climate policies;

- Promote bilateral and multilateral agreements between the MTA and new strategic cooperation partners such as the countries of the South-South cooperation, and the countries of Asia Minor with models of adaptation to the CM applicable to Mozambique among others.

Component 2: Mobilisation and Preparation of Climate Finance Projects/Programmes

- Provide advisory support to relevant directorates, ministries and government institutions for the development of climate-resilient and low-carbon sectoral projects and programmes;
- Identify climate finance opportunities and mechanisms for the implementation of climate-resilient and low-carbon sectoral projects and programmes;
- Facilitate information sessions on climate finance opportunities and mechanisms;
- Facilitate commitments to climate funders.
- Advise the MTA on the best strategies for mobilizing climate resources and support the MTA in project design.

Component 3: Policymaking and policy reforms to promote climate-resilient and low-carbon development

- Advise on the formulation of the new Climate Law or Environment and Climate Change Law, including appropriate institutional arrangements for the effective and efficient realisation of Mozambique's climate ambitions
- Identify and evaluate relevant policy options and reforms to catalyze low-carbon and climate-resilient investments in Mozambique;
- Monitor international political debates and trends related to climate;
- Prepare briefing notes and facilitate internal information sessions on relevant policy development;
- Contribute to the progressive increase of Mozambique's involvement and influence in the UNFCCC and other international climate policy forums, including by leading the preparation of a strategy for engagement in the UNFCCC and supporting the preparation of engagement plans at the COP – in collaboration with the MTA's climate change and international cooperation directorates, MEF, MIREME, MADER and other sectoral ministries;
- Ensure the institutionalization of climate change issues in national planning;
- Participate in the preparation of annual reports on CM for the CM, Assembly of the Republic and in national and international events on climate change; such as the sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, COPs;
- Issue opinions on strategic issues of Climate Change to the MTA;
- Propose inter-ministerial dialogues for integrated and joint planning for national climate resilience;
- Define national strategic priorities in climate action;
- Contribute to the definition of the roadmap that the country should serve in the energy transition process to capitalize on the available opportunities and demand in the region.

Reporting:

The Senior Climate Advisor will report directly to the Minister of Land and Environment and the National Directorate of Climate Change depending on the issues.

Qualifications

- Master in Climate Change, Biodiversity Management, Environmental Management, Natural Resources Management, Development Economics or Finance, Public Administration or Law.
- Proven ability to network and develop partnerships between a range of stakeholders and track record of managing complex multi-stakeholder strategies and plans.
- Strong understanding of climate policy debates and the international climate finance architecture;
- Knowledge of Mozambique's context of national plans, strategies and policies related to climate change is necessary and experience of other national contexts is desirable.
- Excellent writing, presentation and interpersonal communication skills with a range of stakeholders, including senior financial institutions or government leadership.
- Fluency in Portuguese and English.

Professional Experience

At least ten (10) years of professional experience in public or private institutions with a special focus:

- Counseling work at senior level;
- Multilateral and national governance processes related to climate change and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs, national adaptation plans)
- Work with government stakeholders in the development and implementation of national and/or regional policies on climate change-related activities;
- Preparation and implementation of multi-stakeholder work plans;
- Design and formulation of multiannual sectoral programmes and implementation plans;
- Mobilization of resources.

Skills

- Ability to meet objectives and deadlines with quality and consistency;
- Ability to achieve agreed objectives and deal with challenges in a constructive manner;
- Take responsibility for meeting objectives, overcoming obstacles, setbacks and uncertainties;
- Ability to initiative and lead processes with a strong ability to quickly learn new topics;
- Ability to analyze complex technical documents (including data) and make them concise and relevant;
- Ability to present complex conceptual ideas in practical terms to third parties.
- Ability to adapt communication to the specific audience.

The position will be based in Maputo, Mozambique.

TO APPLY:

Interested consultants should submit a current curriculum vitae, cover letter (no more than one page) and proposed daily rate by **c.o.b., 22 September 2023** to:

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