

Updating and Refining the Partnership Plan for Namibia

Terms of Reference for National Consultant

Background

The Government of the Republic of Namibia ratified the Paris Agreement to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above preindustrial levels. In support of the Paris Agreement, Namibia submitted its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2015, and an updated NDC in 2021. The NDC is considered a national policy with the overall objective of putting the country on a low carbon climate resilient pathway and aimed at assisting the country to contribute towards the achievement of the global temperature goal without compromising its development needs.

The NDCs cover interventions in the areas of renewable energy including green hydrogen, low-carbon electricity, lowering deforestation, food security, climate smart agriculture, clean cooking, climate services, clean air, mass transportation, electric vehicles, water security, among others. The initial NDC estimated a total reduction of GHG emissions of 89% against 2010 base year with limited and comprehensive financial support, respectively. The investment requirement for the fifty-eight (58) actions is estimated at US\$ 33 billion over a 10-year period. Namibia has committed 10% toward the implementation of the NDC and the remaining US\$ 29.7 investment is expected to come from international sources, including multilateral sources and the private sector. Already, some major public sector investments in Namibia support the achievement of the NDCs and should be leveraged on.

To effectively and efficiently implement the NDC, the Government of the Republic of Namibia joined the NDC Partnership on February 6, 2017. The Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) is the focal point for the Partnership in close collaboration with the National Planning Commission (NPC) and the Ministry of Finance (MoF). In September 2018, the Government developed and endorsed the NDC Partnership Plan. The NDC Partnership Plan built political momentum for NDC implementation, while elaborating priority sectors and actions for achieving the country's commitments to the Paris Agreement.

The NDC Partnership Plan identifies priority areas set by the government for implementation of its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement. The Plan takes into account ongoing activities, but more importantly, monitors the commitment by development partners to deliver on their responsibility in supporting the global south to fight climate change. The priority areas set by the Government, and supported by the global development community, private sector, and other role players, include:

- Development of frameworks for effective climate change governance at national level;

- Strengthening financing of projects that contribute to emission reduction and enhancing the country's resilience against the adverse impacts of climate change;
- Tracking progress toward greenhouse gas emission reduction targets;
- strengthening coordination across national and international stakeholders to fast-track decisions and interagency collaboration.

With a newly updated NDC (submitted in 2021 and revised in 2022), Namibia is also in the process of developing plans for implementation – including the NDC Implementation Strategy and Action Plan, with support delivered from the GIZ through the Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP). Already, an international consultancy firm has started working on the development of this Action Plan, set to be released by mid-October 2022. In line with the Action Plan, Namibia seeks to seize this opportunity as well to update the Partnership Plan and intends to recruit an expert with strong institutional understanding of national climate plans and policies, climate financing mechanisms, and private sector networks, for this update process. The national consultant will work closely with the international consultants developing the NDC Implementation Strategy and Action Plan.

Objective the assignment

The main objective of this assignment is to support the Government in updating and refining the current the NDC Partnership Plan in line with the updated NDC for 2021 – 2030. The assignment will build on the National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, as well as the NDC Implementation Strategy and Action Plan that is currently under development. The Partnership Plan will identify activities that have been implemented between 2015 and 2020, update the current list of technical assistance and project financing needs, based on review and identify and prioritize activities that still need support.

Scope of Work

The national consultant will be required to update and refine the current NDC Partnership Plan through stakeholder engagement, including with sectors, development partners, and the financial sector through targeted interviews and workshop(s). Specific activities of the consultancy includes the following:

- Undertake stakeholder mapping including the identification of potential assistance or any form of relevant contribution to the effective and efficient implementation of the NDC.
- Hold interviews with the key stakeholders to collect data needed for a comprehensive Partnership Plan.
- Conduct consultative workshops with the stakeholder for wider inputs solicitation.
- Estimate the cost of needed support using existing estimates from related sector investment plans, project budgets, proposals for finance, and in close consultation with the MoF and MEFT.
- Identify possible systemic synergies wherever feasible

Expected Outputs and Deliverables

The national consultant will support the international consultant in the preparation and submission of the following reports and products/deliverables, considering the above scope of work and detailed requirements.

#	DELIVERABLE	Deliverable Description	Responsible party	Date
1.	Data collection to inform the updating and refining of the current NDC Partnership Plan as well as the development of the NDC Implementation Strategy and Action Plan.	Hold consultation with key stakeholders to collect data and information which inform the development of the NDC Partnership Plan, including status of existing projects and activities within the 2018 Partnership Plan, identification of new activities that are priority for implementation from the sectors	National consultant	19 September 2022
2.	Updated NDC Partnership Plan	Update the existing NDC Partnership Plan through data collected from consultations with sector representatives from government institutions, development partners and other key stakeholders	National consultant	30. September 2022
3.	Align the updated NDC Partnership Plan to the NDC Implementation Strategy and Action Plan	Align the results based matrix of the Partnership Plan with the M&E framework for the NDC Implementation Strategy and Action Plan	National consultant	14 October 2022

Relevant Resources:

The update of the Partnership Plan will make use of existing information and policy documentation, including key resource not limited to:

- The Revised Namibia's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)
- Sector Background Reports; drafted NDC Cost-Benefit Analysis Report
- NDC Investment Strategy
- The Constitution of Namibia, and Namibia's Vision 2030 and its Medium-Term Plans (MTPs)
- Report on High-Level Panel on the Namibian Economy
- Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF)
- Relevant Sectoral documents
- Namibia's 5th National Development Plan (NDP5)
- National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (NCCSAP 2013-2020)
- National Policy on Climate Change (2011)
- Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC 2015)
- National GHG Inventory system

- 1st 2nd and 3rd Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC
- 1st 2nd,3rd 4th National Communications to the UNFCCC
- Previous review of the NDCs and the proposed targets for the AFOLU sector
- NAMAs in development
- V&A studies
- Relevant UNFCCC decisions
- Other national strategies and policies, such as the Harambee Development Plan II, including the Economic Recovery Plan
- Other relevant publications/references (both national and international).
- Project mapping – on going and planned investments /projects – what is funded & funding gaps
- NDC stocktake report 2019/2020
- Gender-relevant documents / guidelines / analysis

Minimum required qualifications and competencies for the consultancy

The refining and updating of the current NDC Partnership Plan requires a high level of technical/professional expertise and creativity, therefore NDC Partnership in coordination with the Government of Namibia through the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) is currently looking for a well-qualified national consultant to support the execution of this assignment , with the following expertise:

- Master's Degree in Climate Change, Environmental Studies, or relevant field with at least 08 years' experience in relevant activities. PhD will be an added advantage.
- Experienced and able to demonstrate in strategic planning and action planning processes, and understanding of the NDC process and a clear interpretation of the relevant UNFCCC decisions, other relevant international processes and national strategies, policies, and operational documents
- Significant experience in GHG Inventory work, and related climate data and information, and in the identification and undertaking of adaptation, mitigation, technology, capacity building and climate finance analyses, including development of bankable projects and business models;
- Methodology and practice of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation project design, and Climate finance and mainstreaming principles;
- Experienced in developing the sector specific climate action, long-term strategies, implementation framework and plan, and working with senior government officials at various level
- Knowledge in the preparation and processes of National Communications, Biennial Update Reports, National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC);
- Fluency in English, all delivered documents must be of such a quality, that no further editing shall be required

Project Governance

The service recipient, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism through the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) will lead in the coordination and implementation of the consultancy, in coordination with the NDC Partnership Support Unit and the GIZ CCIU Programme.

The national consultant is expected to maintain good communications with both the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism and NDC Partnership Support Unit throughout the period of delivery, informing them of scheduled stakeholder meetings in advance and submitting agreed progress reports and deliverables timely.

The national consultant will be expected to continually engage the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism and NDC Partnership Support Unit in calls and/or in-person meetings to update on project progress (at an inception meeting, regular update-meetings, and a final de-briefing meeting). The Consultancy might involve travel and logistical arrangements, to facilitate the necessary consultative processes and consultations. Where possible, consultations should be organised in a virtual format, but logistics and travel costs for at least one national consultative workshop should be included in the financial proposal.

The Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) and NDC Partnership Support Unit will provide all necessary contact details and background information and will engage in proactive steering of the refining and Updating of the current NDC Partnership Plan in order to ensure an interactive and well-managed updated NDC Partnership Plan.

Timelines.

The assignment will be for a duration of 30 to 35 days, starting from middle to September to end of October.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should send their current curriculum vitae (including daily rate), and cover letter to:

- Margaret Barihaihi (margaret.barihaihi@ndcpartnership.org)
- John Heermans (john.heermans@ndcpartnership.org)

Application materials are due by September 16 at 1700 EST.