

Global Call for International Experts

Economic Advisory Support for Climate Resilient Recovery Planning

SUMMARY OF PROCUREMENT

The NDC Partnership Support Unit is calling for international experts to support climate resilient recovery planning in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic. This support comes at a critical time when many countries are revising their commitments to the Paris Agreement in 2020, through the enhancement of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). While countries design stimulus packages and recovery plans in response to COVID-19, there is opportunity to ensure that national climate ambition is an integral component of short- and long-term recovery and economic growth strategies.

About the NDC Partnership

The [NDC Partnership](#) is a global coalition of countries and institutions collaborating to drive transformational climate action through sustainable development. Members of the Partnership 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, acting as a secretariat to the Partnership, is jointly hosted by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the UN Climate Change Secretariat.

Context

The COVID-19 global pandemic will have profound impact on country economies, many of which are just starting to be understood. In terms of national climate ambition, developing countries see several risks:

- Reduced climate spending due to the expense of COVID-19 responses, alongside capital flight, revenue loss, and increased debt.
- The quality, ambition and revision timeline of NDCs are at risk due to the challenges of collecting and validating data; maintaining communications and decision-making processes; and convening stakeholders.

In response to these threats, countries have identified several key opportunities to ensure that climate resilience and national NDC ambitions is a key part of economic growth in response to and post COVID-19. Through recovery plans and strategies, countries are seeking additional technical assistance, knowledge and expertise to integrate 'green growth' in efforts to build more resilient economies. Through this effort, countries are also banding together and eager to learn from each other, particularly on strategies for deploying special fiscal instruments for economic recovery. This list is being developed as a joint resource for the Support Unit and members of the NDC Partnership. For this technical assignment, applicants may be contracted directly by WRI, or by NDC Partnership members.

Further information on the NDC Partnership's Economic Advisory Support can be found [here](#). A webinar will be held on 11 June 2020 at 8:30am EDT (GMT-4) to answer potential questions from interesting applicants. Interested applicants are invited to register for the webinar [here](#). After the date of the webinar, FAQs will be added to the NDC Partnership's website for future reference.

Responsibilities

To fill these developing country needs and leverage opportunities of the times, the NDC Partnership Support Unit seeks to build a roster of international climate economists that can support national efforts to integrate climate ambitions as functions of economic recovery planning. While the specific activities of each economic advisor will vary country by country, there are two broad categories of advisory support that the NDC Partnership Support Unit seeks to fill: economic planning and recovery or climate finance and resource mobilization. Applicants will be responsible for one or the other set of activities.

Economic Planning Advisor

- Incorporating considerations of climate resilient growth in the immediate COVID-19 economic recovery response
- Developing a comprehensive economic recovery plan that aligns with the revision of the NDC (currently underway through 2020)
- Coordinating development partner support for COVID-19 recovery within the framework of the Partnership.

Climate Finance Advisor

- Work across line ministries to identify and develop climate financing initiatives, including low-carbon, climate resilient projects that can be readied for finance
- Support the development of a climate finance needs assessment and corresponding climate finance resource mobilization strategy
- Identify and develop solutions to create enabling environments for investment in key sectors, including agriculture, power, transport, oil and gas, water, waste and industry
- Strengthen existing, and formulate new de-risking mechanisms and instruments to support investments in green projects

Advisors will be embedded in Ministries of Finance/Planning/Economy for a period of up to 12 months full time. Due to COVID-19 movement restrictions, initial support may be provided virtually for selected advisors that are not based in a corresponding host country.

Qualifications

All applicants must be able to demonstrate:

- Technical expertise working with Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), including implementation
- Experience developing the capacity of governments related to the implementation of NDCs, utilizing local expertise
- Experience with a partnership-based approach where different organizations work jointly to deliver work in country.

For Economic Planning Advisor Roles

- Advanced degree in economics, public policy, business administration, finance, climate change, disaster risk management or a related field
- At least 10 years of professional experience, preferably in national economic planning or budgeting.
- Strong understanding of global environment and development issues that influence resource allocation by governments and development organizations
- Proven ability to network and develop partnerships across a range of stakeholders and manage complex multi-stakeholder strategies and plans

- Demonstrated experience in relationship management with senior leaders and high-level audiences
- Experience working with government stakeholders in national and/or regional policy development and implementation in climate change activities
- Experience across multiple contexts, and an understanding of international policy debates and challenges in climate finance and economics
- Excellent writing, presentation, and interpersonal communication skills across a range of stakeholders, including senior financial institution or governmental leadership

For Climate Finance Advisor Roles

- Advanced degree and experience in climate change, economics, finance, natural resources, livelihoods and/or environment
- Ten+ years professional experience in public and private sectors, ideally related to infrastructure or project finance or blended financing in development institutions, equity and impact funds, other financial institutions, and advisory firms
- Three+ years of substantial experience in business development, capital raising, and/or developing public-private partnerships with a successful track record in climate finance related activities across multiple contexts in a multi-cultural environment
- Experience working with government stakeholders in national and/or regional policy development and implementation in climate change activities
- Experience across multiple global contexts, and an understanding of international policy debates and challenges in climate finance and economics

JOINING THE ROSTER

Interested applicants are invited to submit the following information:

- Curriculum vitae
- Cover letter stating why you think you are the best candidate for the economic planning and/or climate finance advisor role(s)
- List of countries where the candidate has previously worked and experience per country
- Daily rate in USD
- Availability (including number of months from now and number of days per month)

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Completeness of all required elements to join the roster
- Experience with similar projects
- Applicant's technical expertise relevant to the stated qualifications of the global call
- Overall cost of the applicant's proposal and best value for money

Applicants will be matched to country assignments based on technical expertise relevant to specific country needs and previous experience in relevant regions or in specific countries. Applicants offering the best overall value will be selected. For this procurement, non-price aspects combined are considered to be more important than price.

WRI may, at its discretion, choose to discontinue this RFP without obligation to prospective applicants, or make multiple awards under this RFP.

By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, applicants are certifying that the following statements are true and correct, unless otherwise disclosed in their proposal:

- a. they are not bankrupt, being wound up, or having their affairs administered by the courts. They have not entered into an arrangement with creditors, do not have suspended business activities, are not subject of proceedings concerning those matters, nor or are they in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- b. they or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control over them have not been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a final judgement;
- c. they have not been guilty of grave professional misconduct; proven by any means which the Partnership can justify;
- d. they have fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established, and those of the country where the contract is to be performed, as applicable;
- e. they or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control over them have not been convicted for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organization or money laundering by a final judgement;
- f. they do not make use of child labor or forced labor, nor do they practice discrimination. They respect the right to freedom of association and the right to organize and engage in collective bargaining pursuant to the core conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO);
- g. they are not subject to a conflict of interest with regard to this procurement;
- h. they are not guilty of misrepresentation in certifying to the above information, as required as a condition of participation in the tender procedure.

Proposals will be rejected if any illegal corrupt practices have taken place in connection with the award.

Application materials must be sent to procurement@ndcpartnership.org by **30 June 2020 at 17:00 (EDT)**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.